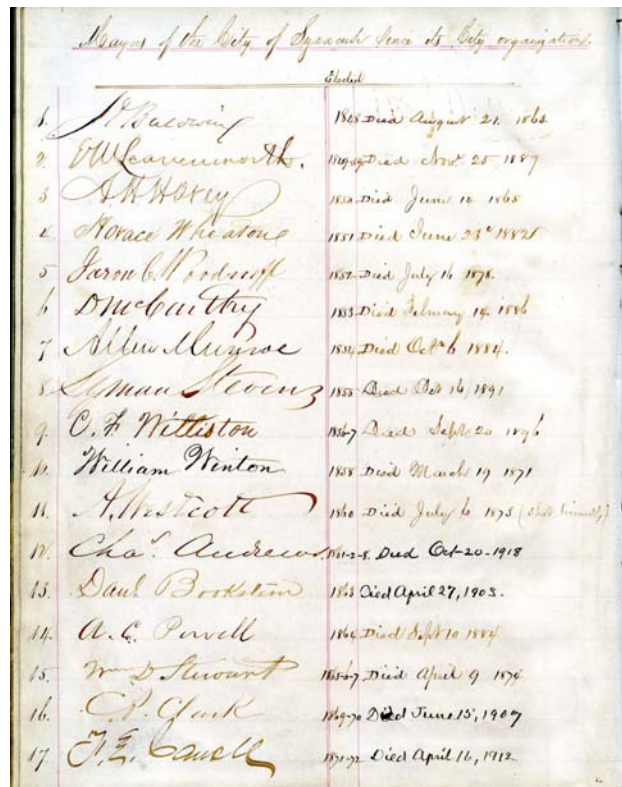


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**FIRST FEMALE SIGNATURES IN 162 YEARS  
 SYRACUSE MAYOR AND ONONDAGA COUNTY EXECUTIVE MAKE HISTORY**



In the tradition of Women’s History Month, on March 9, at 1:00 PM, history will be made at the Onondaga Historical Association (OHA) when Mayor Stephanie Miner and County Executive Joanie Mahoney become the first women in 162 years to sign the Mayors’ Autograph Book.

The book, which is housed at the OHA, contains the signatures of every mayor from Harvey Baldwin, Syracuse’s first mayor who signed the book in 1848, to Matthew Driscoll, Syracuse’s 53<sup>rd</sup> mayor who signed in 2003. The book also contains the

signatures of Onondaga County's first, and only, two County Executives, John Mulroy and Nick Pirro.

Obviously, in the 162 year history of Syracuse mayors and the 48 year history of Onondaga County Executives, there has never been a woman in either position until Joanie Mahoney's inauguration in 2008 and Stephanie Miner's in 2010. Consequently, there has never been a woman's signature in the Mayors' autograph book until March 9, when *both* signatures will make local history.

The brief ceremony is free and open to the public, though seating is limited, so reservations will be required. Please call Karen at 428-1864, ext.312 to reserve your seat for this historic event.

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