



Impact Statement

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Brass, nickel, copper sculpture with string and paper, 3.5 x 2 x 1 inches

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Unsung Hero: Sarah Bradlee Fulton

History is often told by powerful men, but behind many defining moments are women whose stories are never told and remain unheard, for a long time, and sometimes even forever. Sarah Bradlee Fulton, had this happen to her, even though she had done many great things during her life that showed her true bravery and selflessness. Hundreds of years later, she is still inspirational, with each of her stories showing how much she did in her lifetime. Her lack of recognition in history shows that being a woman, no matter how much you accomplish, doesn't allow you to get the honors you deserve. Instead of learning about Fulton, we learn only about the powerful men women help. In Fulton's instance, the powerful man she helped was George Washington and the moment in history she made successful was the Boston Tea Party. I was inspired by Sarah Bradlee Fulton because she helped with so many things in history but isn't talked about. I want to share her story so that she can finally be recognized for the amazing role she played in a pivotal time in our country's history.

Sarah Bradlee Fulton, the "Mother of the Boston Tea Party," helped the Sons of Liberty during the Boston Tea Party in many ways. One way she helped was by disguising them. These disguises helped them not get caught when throwing the tea in the water when revolting against the British. She also supplied wood, purchased by her husband, for the Continental Army. When the British attempted to steal it by pulling it away with an oxen, she grabbed the oxen by the horns, turning the team around. The British soldiers threatened to shoot her, but she still defied them, saying, "Shoot away!" The British were shocked by her bravery leaving behind the wood that she then delivered to the American troops. Finally, she was a courier during the American Revolution. Her most courageous act was when, in 1776, she crossed dangerous enemy lines to get a letter to George Washington. Originally her husband was supposed to go, but she said that she should go since a woman would be less suspicious.

The sculpture I made is a metal tea bag to honor Fulton as the "Mother of the Boston Tea Party." Each side of my sculpture displays the different stories of her bravery. The one side shows the Boston Tea Party with a ship with people on it and tea crates in the water in the background. In the foreground, Sarah Bradlee Fulton runs, holding the American flag and a letter on the other hand, while delivering the letter to George Washington. She wears a dress, a symbol of how women aren't meant to do the hard stuff that's meant for men so they should just stay home in their dresses and cook and clean. The other side of the tea bag displays Fulton attempting to get the firewood from the British and holding the oxen by the horns, showing her true bravery

and selflessness. Also hanging from the tea bag is a string connected with the tag representing her getting the letter for George Washington, so it says "To: George Washington." The different sides of the tea bag show her heroic actions that had a huge impact on history, and they display her true bravery and selflessness.

Sarah Bradlee Fulton's stories will influence my actions in everyday life, about wanting to try my hardest to make a difference in any and every way I can. I hope I can share this artwork with people so more people can see the things she has done in her life, but no one knew about it. She is such an inspiring person, with all her stories and everything she's done, so it's very unfortunate that no one has learned about her.