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A Revolutionary Triumvirate: Abigail Adams, Phillis Wheatley, and Mercy Otis Warren

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Further Reading

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When Women Lost the Vote: A Revolutionary Story (Museum of the American Revolution, Philadelphia), <https://www.amrevmuseum.org/virtualexhibits/when-women-lost-the-vote-a-revolutionary-story>