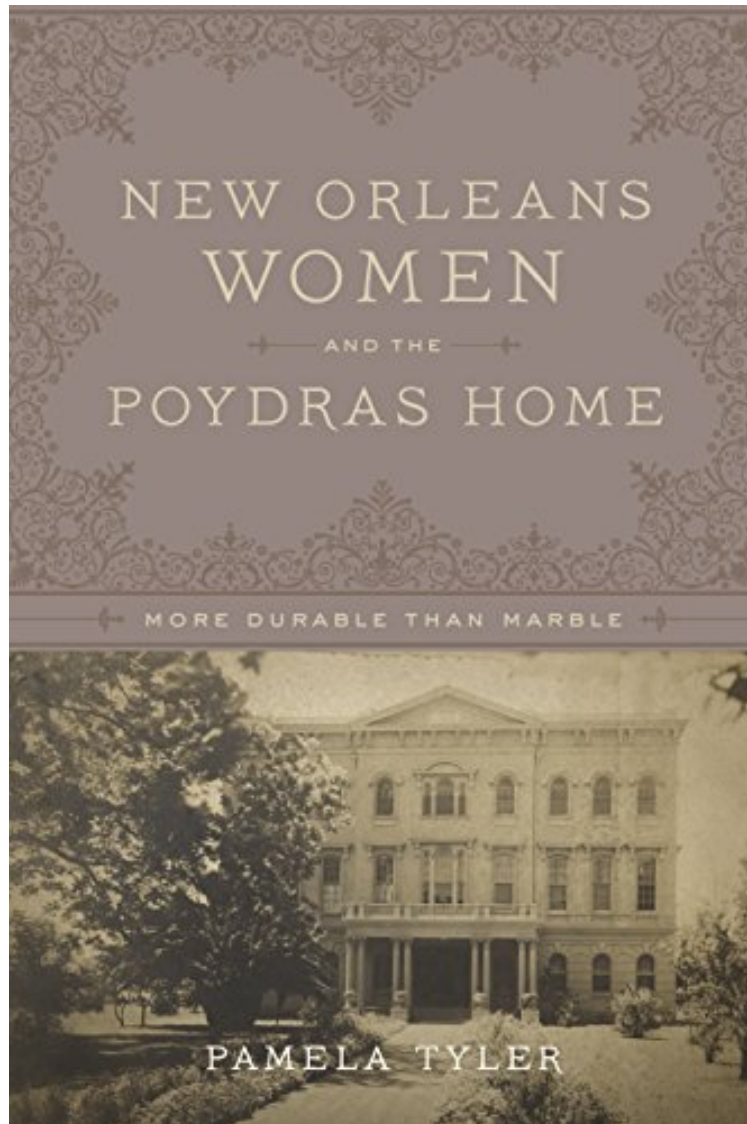


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FrاندانوI was raised in Poydras Home from 1943 until 1956 when the home was closed to needy children. Very disappointed in the lack of pictures. I could have contributed some. The date on one picture (girls by the wagon) is incorrect. It states 1940. I am in that picture and am at least 6 or 7 years old. I still strongly resent that such a great place for raising displaced children was closed to make a money making institution for wealthy seniors .2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A triumph of institutional history!By R. Eric PlattPamela Tyler is to be praised for crafting an immensely detailed history of the New Orleans Poydras Home! Her book is an engaging, well-crafted example of institutional history that successfully does what all organization-specific research should doarticulate weave the topic within the multi-layered context of society. The story of the Poydras Home is one of strength, resilience, and successful female leadership. This is a much-needed book that furthers our understanding of early childhood care via orphanages, eighteenth and nineteenth century religious belief and instructional practices, and the often difficult to grasp core aspect of organizational longevitythe need to adapt. Readers will be fascinating by the overarching history and more than pleased with Tylers careful dissection of the Poydras Home before, during, and after Hurricane Katrina.

A two-hundred-year-old institution, the Poydras Home -- originally the Poydras Asylum -- stands as an exemplar of woman-led charitable organizations. In a thorough and engaging narrative, Pamela Tyler offers the first complete history of this remarkable New Orleans establishment from its founding as an orphanage for young girls to its present-day operation as a retirement community and assisted-living facility. Throughout, Tyler paints a vivid picture of the many women who faced down the challenges of war, disease, natural disaster, social unrest, and restrictive gender ideals to realize the mission of the Poydras Home.Drawing on previously unreleased archival material, Tyler documents how the institution's benefactor, Julien Poydras, used his immense wealth to support a haven for impoverished girls, and how the dedicated women of the Poydras board pursued that ambition through more than just residential services. Tyler reveals that the majority of the Poydras "orphans" had one living parent, and it was dire poverty and a dearth of social services in New Orleans that drove single parents, usually mothers, to place their daughters in the asylum. Further research demonstrates that the Poydras went beyond simply providing a shelter for the children of distressed parents; volunteer managers worked to shape their charges' character through an emphasis on morals, education, and the fundamentals of housewifery. Following the institution from its antebellum origins to Reconstruction, through the Progressive era, and into the obsolescence of children's homes in the mid-twentieth century, Tyler highlights the impacts of both national affairs and daily life on the charity. This rich history winds through the last fifty years as the Poydras Home boldly and successfully changed its mission to provide care for elderly men and women. The result of years of research, *New Orleans Women and the Poydras Home* is a sweeping social history that recognizes the determination of women caregivers and the thousands of lives they benefited.

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