Chinatown's Angry Angel: The Story Of Donaldina Cameron

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The White Devil’s Daughters by Julia Flynn Siler, recounts the story of the crusading women (and a few men) who helped rescue thousands of young Chinese slaves between the 1870s and the 1930s. The most famous figure in that fight was a Presbyterian missionary named Donaldina Cameron, whose tireless efforts saved thousands of Chinese women and girls from sexual slavery and labor bondage. In that horrific practice, which flourished in the city from the arrival of the first Chinese immigrants during the Gold Rush until the 1930s, girls in China were kidnapped, tricked or sold by their parents and shipped to San Francisco, where they were forced to become prostitutes or household slaves. In July of 1869, Donaldina Cameron was born. She would go on to be known as the “Angry Angel of Chinatown” for rescuing more than 3,000 Chinese immigrant girls and women from indentured servitude in San Francisco. Read more about her in this article expanded by User:Hughesax from Dr. Marilynn Johnson’s spring 2013 course about the history of the American West at Boston College. Since improving this article, this student editor’s contributions have been read by more than 7,000 people! Jami Mathewson Program Manager.
Donaldina Cameron was born in the Victorian era, but behaved like Wonder Woman when conducting dashing raids to recapture girls and Mother Theresa in her selfless, loving care for her "daughters." She gave her life to physically and spiritually rescuing enslaved girls and women. I wish Donaldina Cameron was commonly known among Californians. She was a true hero to women who were initially unprotected by Caucasian law and society because they were Chinese, and regarded as little more as slave vaginas, tied to a bed, by Chinese men.

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