Justina Laurena Warren Ford Allen married to Alfred H. Allen, was Colorado’s first licensed, black physician, as well as the first in the entire Rocky Mountain West region. She was instrumental in breaking down race and gender barriers in the medical profession.

Dr. Ford was born in raised in Knoxville, Illinois, receiving a degree in medicine from Hering Medical College in Chicago. In 1902, she moved to Denver for the allure of a “pioneer town,” setting up practice in gynecology, obstetrics, and pediatrics in Five Points. Initially denied access to Denver General Hospital, Dr. Ford began delivering babies in homes, arriving by horse and buggy, bicycle, streetcar, car and driver, or taxi. She delivered over 7,000 babies during her 50 years of medical practice.

Dr. Ford was powerful in her pursuit, perseverance and dedication to provide medical assistance to anyone in need, regardless of race, gender, culture, or ability to pay. She was a true humanitarian.

Among her awards and honors are:

- The renaming of the Warren Library in East Denver to the Ford-Warren Library (1975)
- Human Relations Award from the Cosmopolitan Club (1951)
- Named “Colorado Medical Pioneer” by the Colorado Medical Society (1989)
- Her home and office was moved to 3901 California Street and restored in 1983. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 and now serves as the Black America West Museum and Heritage Center.

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