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Editor of the American
Magazine

Dear Sir,

I am reading
with much interest the
series of articles in your
Magazine by Ida M.
Tarbell on "The American
Woman".

I write to ask if you
intend to place in the
series Mrs. Paulina
Wright Davis - who was
a friend and co-worker
with Mrs. E. Leady Stanton

and Susan M. Anthony.

She was a wonderful
and beautiful woman.

Being the cousin of
my mother I knew her
well, and also knew
much about her that
my mother related true.
Especially of her con-
trolling a furious mob
that had surrounded her
house in Utica, ^{N.Y.} & search
or demanding 'to search'
for a runaway slave
woman she was believed
& have in hiding.

She was alone, her
husband - Mr. Wright -

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being away from home,
 It was right - and
 During the day, Horatio
 Seymour, then Mayor
 of Utica, had refused
 to give her any guard
 or protection - he being
 an intense pro slavery
 man & democrat.

The mob was muttering
 and ready to break out
 into any violence when
 in the darkness, the front
 door opened wide, and
 a beautiful young
 woman appeared holding
 a light above her head.

She told them in
 ringing tones that she

knew what they wanted -
 that the house was her
 own, & that they should
 enter it only over her
 dead body!

And there she stood
 immovable - glaring.
 It must have been
 like the Angel of the
 Lord with his flaming
 sword that turned every
 way - guarding.

The mob - looked -
 and looked - and died
 in silence & melted
 away - She was left alone
 in silence & safety -

And the slave was in her

cellar!

I have two interesting pictures of her taken in later life - and if you should care to use them would be glad to lend them to you. She left no children, and I think her family has quite died out - and I know of no sources of information about her other than myself - except the descendants of the other women of her time with whom she was so long associated.

She was a friend of the sculptor - Paul

Akers - and many other
artists - A friend also of
Walt Whitman's.

Her second husband - Mr.
Davis - was a man of
wealth - but she kept
her interest in the cause
of women as long as
she lived.

If you care to pursue
the subject, you can
address ^{me} as at the head
of my letter.

Yours very truly

(Miss) Paulina Pope.