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The centennial anniversary of the opening of the Brooklyn Bridge was enthusiastically celebrated this past May in New York.

This commemoration marks, however, not only a victorious feat of design and engineering, but also a victory of the human spirit. This so important human element is beautifully illustrated in the work of Emily Warren Roebling, wife of Washington Roebling, Chief Engineer for the Brooklyn Bridge. Through her undying devotion and enthusiasm, Mrs. Roebling contributed greatly to the Brooklyn Bridge project.

The story of Emily Roebling's life has been of great interest to Dr. Marilyn Weigold, Professor of History, Assistant Chairman: Dept. of History, Economics, Political Science at Pace University, White Plains, New York. Dr. Weigold's article for *Newport History*, "Building Brooklyn's Bridge: The Newport Scenario," represents a portion of her extensive research of Mrs. Roebling in connection with a full-scale biography. This article for *Newport History* recounts Mrs. Roebling's struggle with the Bridge Authority and nicely captures the breadth of her character and the full dimension of her devotion to her husband and as well as to her own ideals.

— J.A.R.

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