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Mary Rollins worked at the National Bureau of Standards from 1929-1938, specializing in the identification of papers and fabrics and their conformance to industry standards. She spent the remainder of her career at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where she became an international authority on using electron microscopy for textile research.
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Sister Mary Seraphine Bennett, pictured here in 1970, is using a remote terminal at the National Bureau of Standards (NBS) to keyboard data into a computer. Bennett had a Ph.D. in mathematics, and took a one-year course in computer science offered by Hood College (Maryland) and NBS. The goal of the program was to provide small colleges access to computers. Dr. Bennett went on to teach computer science and mathematics at Mount Saint Agnes College (now Loyola University Maryland) and the University of Baltimore.

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