Bridget “Biddy” Mason (1818-1891) was born an enslaved person, but she won her freedom and used it to help others. Biddy Mason shared her goodwill all over Los Angeles and she was often practicing her philanthropy or conducting business in and around downtown. She spoke fluent Spanish and frequently dined at the Pico House. Biddy is one of many historical Angelenos who have shown that hard work and kindness are what make our city great!