RURAL VOICES ON THE PATH TO WOMEN'S RIGHTS

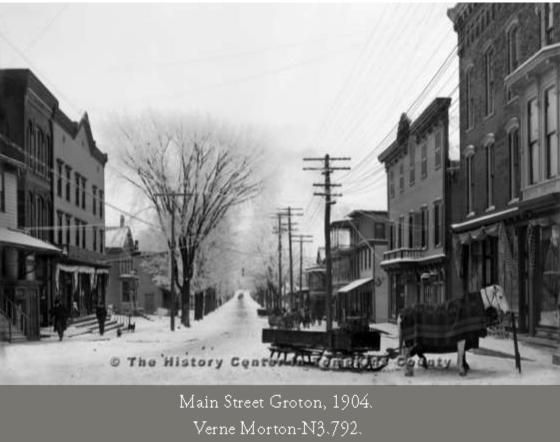
TOWN OF GROTON

KATE M. SHOEMAKER BALDWIN



Kate M. Shoemaker Baldwin

Kate M. Shoemaker was born December 27, 1858, in Pennsylvania. She married Dr. Alva M. Baldwin on March 17, 1880. She had been his student in Pennsylvania at the Lycoming County Normal and Classical Institute. The next day following their marriage they relocated to Groton, making their home at 123 Church Street, the first house south of the Congregational Church. They had two sons. Kate was the founder, charter member, and the first President of the Columbian Club (February 27, 1892). In 1898 she founded and was the first President of the Groton Political Equality Club. A few years later she and Emily Benton Page, founded the East Groton Political Equality Club. She was active in the women's suffrage movement representing Groton at meetings of Tompkins County Suffrage Association. In 1900 Kate was one of a group of women who worked to establish St. Ambrose Episcopal Church in Groton. Kate was also a member of the Board of Education from 1900 to 1922. She was a Charter Board member for the Groton Home for Aged People which began about 1919 and where she lived for her final few years. Kate died in 1955 (age 97) and is buried in Groton Rural Cemetery along with her husband who died in 1914.(age 64).



Verne Morton-N3.792.

Merchants provided hitching rails for country folk to tie up their horse

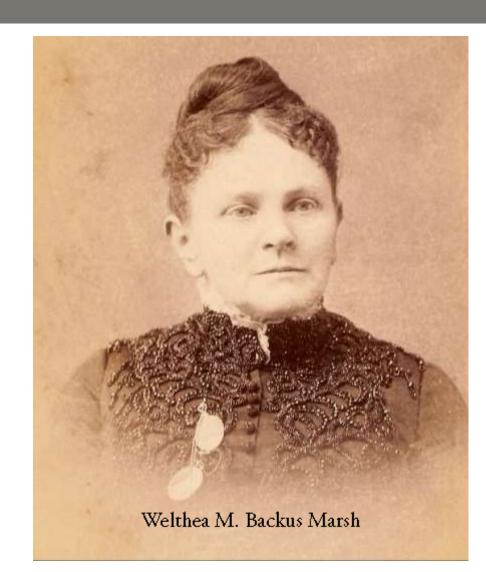
teams when they came to town for sundries and supplies. On this frosty

morning, three teams await drivers, passengers, and purchases. Pedestrians

and a dog make their way up the opposite sidewalk, passing store window

displays and a clock featuring a set of "spectacles" to show the time and what's available inside.

WELTHEA M. (BACKUS) MARSH



Born Mary Welthea Backus January 2, 1841, in Groton, NY, Welthea was educated in a one-room school. She completed her education at the Groton Academy, graduating in 1860. On December 3, 1862, Welthea married Dexter Hubbard Marsh. Dexter was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Groton (May 1865). They had three children: Florence Lillian Marsh, Carrie S. Marsh, and a son who died two days after his birth. As President of the Groton bank, Dexter died November 28, 1895 while on a business trip to Chicago, Illinois. Upon his death, Welthea was elected President of the Groton Bank on January 14, 1896 continuing as President through mid-January 1901. (She is the only women President of this bank and was the 4th in the state, and 8th in the nation.) She had also taken control of Dexter's interests in the Crandall Manufacturing Company (as Director and President), and the Groton Carriage Company (as Director and Treasurer). In her business capacity, she signed her name as W.M. Marsh. Prior to and during these business endeavors, Welthea was active in the Groton Columbian Club (an organization still active to date). Other activities included the Groton Political Equality Club, the Congregational Church, and the Groton Thimble Club. Welthea and her daughter, Lillian, were active members for women's suffrage. Welthea died at her home on Williams Street on October 23, 1909 after suffering from breast cancer. She is buried in Groton Rural Cemetery.

TOWN OF GROTON: 1920 POPULATION FOR TOWN OF GROTON (INCLUDING THE VILLAGE) 4,122 ENROLLMENT OF 290 WOMEN VOTERS 1919-1920 (ON FILE AT THE HISTORY CENTER IN TOMPKINS COUNTY)

Allen, Flora Alley, Lida B. Andrews, Louise R. Atwood, Edna C. Austin, Mary A. Avery, Clara Avery, Effie Avery, Jennie Backus, Alice B. Baitshaltz, Frances Baldwin, Florence M. Baldwin, Jennie E. Baldwin, Kate M. S. Barney F. Louise Barry, Margaret Bassette, Marcia L. Beach, Ethel Beattie, Emma L. Benedict, Lillian Bennett, Juanita Benson, Marjorie Bisgrove, Satie Blaisdell, Carrie Blanchard, Ella C. Bliss, Kate H. Bowman, Belle Bourne, Margaret M. Bradt, Cora Bradt, Erma S. Brown, Ella Brown, Minnie A. Brown, Netta Buck, Blanche Buck, Emily A. Burchard, Leda A. Cajar, Mary Campbell, Anna Carter, Laura E. Carye, Nora Champlin, Minnie Childs, Hattie Clark, Grace L.

Clark, Lena

Clark, Lucia M. Clark, Mary M. Clement, Addie Clement, Amy Clough, Jennie Coggshall, Jennie Conger, Allie Conger, Florence Conger, Florence C. B. Conger, Jennie E. Conger, Leona Conklin, Anne R. Connors, Anna Cooper, Ashley B. Corcoran, Helen Corning, Madge E. Corwin, Mary Costello, Julia S. Counterman, Jane Court, Dora E. Court, Helen L. Crain, Grace D. Crossley, Anna B. Culver, Nina M. Cummings, Adelia Cummings, Hattie E. Cummings, Lenna H. Cutter, Clara Cutter, Edith Darling, Amelia E. Darling, Amy T. Dates, Clara M. Dates, Etta B. Davidson, Jane E. Detzer, Laura Dimon, Mary L, Donohue, Grace Doughty, Alliene Dutcher, Anna Erving, Marjery M. Evans, Hattie

Exton, Sara

Farling, Bertha

Finn, Mabel H. French, Lydia F. Fuller, Ella Gale, Ella Gale, Inez M. Gaston, Etta Gates, Dela O. Gifford, Sophia Gilchrist, Margaret R. Gillen, Bertha L. Gillen, Rosa J. Givens, Grade M. Gleason, Mildred Gleason, Stella Gobel, Alice Gobel, Etta Green, Theodora Greenleaf, Ethel Griswold, Cora Guthrie, Hattie Hall, Edith Hall, Mame Halladay, Della Halladay, Emma Halladay, Olive M. Halsey, Nina Hamill, Nellie C. Hamill, Ella Hamill, Florence R. Hamilton, Agnes R. Hare, Georgia Haring, Cora Harris, Hattie M. Harris, Nancy Hart, Cora Hatch, Allie Hatch, Lanah R. Hatch, Minerva Hatch, Minnie Hazen, Lavinia Heffron, Dora Hibbard, Carrie M.

Hibbard, Elcerna

Hicks, Ethel Hicks, Helen A. Hicks, Juline E. Hill, Katherine Hillyard, Mary Hoagland, Ada Hodge, Edna Hoff, Eunice L. Homer, Bessie U. Hopkins, Bertha Hopkins, Emily Hopkins, Elnora M. Horn, Edna Houser, Lillie B. Howe, Mandie Hugunine, Jessie Hyde, Libbie Jackson, Nellie T. Janorsky, Margaret Jennings, Mary Johnson, I. Dorothy Karn, Alice Kattan, Elsie Keirns, Belle Kellam, Ruth Ketchum, Sarah King, Mildred Kip, Florence A. Knapp, Melva Kostenbader, Dora A. Kostenbader, Maude A. Lakey, May LaMont, Alice H. Landon, Mata R. Lane, Beulah S. Lane, Mary L. Langdon, Alice Langford, Crystal Lawrence, Florence Lawrence, Kate Leach, Louise Leach, Margaret Loop, Ada

Lovelace, Mary A. Mackey, Betsey Marquis, Josephine Marquis, Kate Marshall, Muriel Mathers, Ella McClintock, Florence McCormick, Margaret McElheny, Alice McElheny, Mabel McMahon, Blanche McMahon, Lillian M, McMasters, Mabel Merrill, Vivian Mespell, Anna Metzgar, Emily Metzgar, Eva Metzgar, Ida A. Moe, Ella A. Moe, Helen Moe, Louise Moe, Mary J. Monroe, Bertha Montfort, Mary L. Moran, Katherine L. Morgan, Bertha Morton, Ordelia Nickerson, Sophia Ogden, Lillian Orcutt, Mary E. Ostrander, Hattie Page, Emily B. Pennoyer, Ada Perry, Sara G. Personius, Bertha Peters, Minnie Petrie, Cornelia Pettis, Emma J. Picard, Eleanor Pierce, Florence Potter, Marian Predmore, Sylvia Price, Mary H.

Reynolds, Eva G. Rhodes, Emma W. Rhodes, Mary S. Rice, Sarah Richford, Ellen Richford, Lena M. Ring, Mildred H. Rogers, Cassie Roloson, Nola Rounseville, Mina Scott, Evelyn Searles, Ruth Sears, Kate E. Sebring, Carolyn Sebronic, Barbara Sharpstein, Jennie M. Shea, Marie Shea, Nora M, Shumaker, Mary H, Simpson, Flora Smith, Amanda T. Smith, Calphurnia Smith, Ella Smith, Emogene Smith, Flora D. Snell, Ida A. Sobars, Ettie Spaulding, Nellie L. Springer, Florence C. Stedman, Harriet L. Steinberg, Ethel Stevens, Carrie Stevens, Elizabeth W. Stevens, Jennie Stewart, Helen Stickles, Katherine M, Stickles, Mary A. Stinard, Lena G. Stoddard, Ella Stoddard, Leola Stoddard, Pearl E. Stoughton, Edna Sutliff, Lula

Swartz, Esther Tallmadge, Alice Tanner, Nellie E. Tarbell, Frances Tarbell, Frances D. Tarbell, Marietta Teeter, Hattie Thomas, Grace L. Tilton, Etta Townley, Ella Townley, Louise Upson, Lua VanBuskirk, Rose VanBuskirk, Ruth M. VanMarter, Jane VanMarter, Leona A. Warner, Alida C. Waterman, Marie Watrous, Pearl C. Weaver, Emma Webster, Anna Wells, Hattie Wilcox, Alice Wilcox, Lena Wilmot, Helen V. Wilson, Ethel Wilson, Mary Wood, Lillian Yates, Caroline B. Youngs, Effie M Youngs, Estella T. THE POST STANDARD Syracuse, New York Monday morning, September 9, 1912

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SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

CONVENTION NEXT WEEK

GROTON, Sept. 8,—Local suffragettes are making arrangements for the Tompkins
County Suffrage Association convention, which will be held here next Thursday. There are two suffrage clubs here: the Groton Political Equality Club and the East Groton Political Equality Club

The convention will be held in Odd
Fellows Hall. The opening session at 10:00
o'clock. The feature will be the address by
Mrs. May Morgan, one of the prominent
workers of the state. There will also be reports
from the various clubs of the county and some
musical numbers.

