

NM HERstory Symposium: Heritage and Innovation

“She Who Shaped New Mexico”

NM Social Studies Curriculum Project

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Do you recognize these women of New Mexico?



She Who Shaped New Mexico

We map the stories of the courageous women who shaped New Mexico and its culture. Through our historical markers, we educate, inspire and empower new generations of women who travel our roads.



**NEW MEXICO
HISTORIC WOMEN
MARKER PROGRAM**

SOAPSTone Analysis

Speaker: Whose voice is telling the story? Who produced the material/who is the speaker or author?

Occasion: What is the time, place, situation, and context in which the author is writing or writing about?

Audience: Who is the intended audience for the piece?

Purpose: Why is the author writing? Why was the document created? What is the author's purpose?

Subject: What is the document about? What is the main idea?

Tone: What is the feeling or manner of expression used by the author? What conclusions do you draw?

Little Sister Lozen

Speaker	<p>Howard Bryan was an author in Ohio before moving to New Mexico and becoming a well-known journalist and writing many books about the state.</p> <p>Marcia Keegan is a photographer of all 19 New Mexican pueblos and a friend of Howard Bryan</p> <p>Brenda Wilkinson was an archaeologist for the Bureau of Land Management in New Mexico for 28 years.</p> <p>Kim Suina is a Cochiti Pueblo researcher and author.</p>
Occasion	Lozen was born in the 1840s and fought alongside her brother (and Warm Springs Chief) Victorio, his successor Nana, and later Geronimo. She was a respected warrior and medicine woman, and excelled in all aspects of raiding. The authors might have chosen to write about her because she was a respected female warrior and could be considered a women's activist.
Audience	This could be directed to people who want to know more about the resistance of Apache reservations, Geronimo and his predecessors, or examples of female warriors in history.
Purpose	The purpose of this article is to inform people about a lesser-known character in Geronimo's story. The authors explain the primary source information by showing how historians argued about the events in Lozen's life.
Subject	Lozen was born in the 1840s to the Warm Springs Apache tribe. She was 21 years younger than her brother and Warm Springs Chief Victorio. Throughout her life, Lozen became a respected warrior and medicine woman and was said to be able to determine the location of the enemy with raised hands. She also acquired many names including "Little Sister",



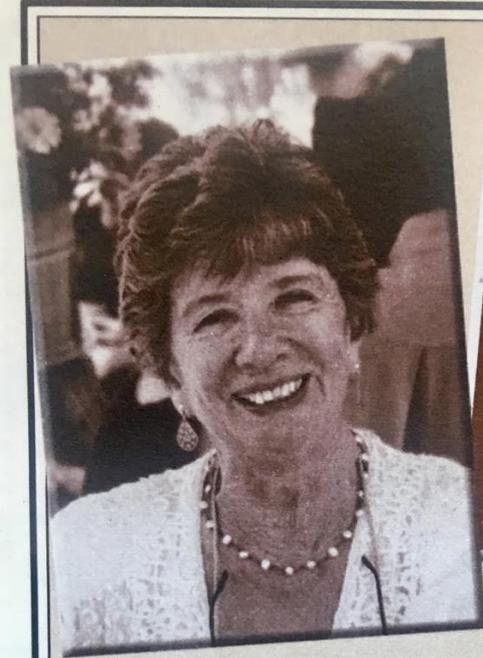
...the role of the women commanding recognition as well as respect as the brave saviors of a strike on the verge of defeat is a singular and remarkable episode in New Mexico's labor history. Their action served as a catalyst for a quicker evolution of a civil rights movement among Mexican-Americans in the area.



**Ladies Auxiliary of Local
890 (1950-51)**

Mela Leger

In an environment that was full of adversity, Mela persevered. She developed model programs and became the cornerstone as well as anchor for New Mexico's bilingual education. Her work was part of the cultural resurgence and recovery in New Mexico that has preserved the state's multi-cultural mix. She contributed to the reinforcement of New Mexico's sense of identity.



MELA LEGER-BILINGUAL EDUCATION PIONEER
(1928-2006)

At four, Manuelita de Atocha (Mela) Lucero Leger read Spanish language newspapers to her blind grandfather in Colonias. Although New Mexico's constitution protects Spanish-speaking students, school children were often punished for speaking Spanish. As a pioneer in bilingual education, Mela changed that by founding one of the nation's first bilingual multi-cultural schools, developing curriculum, training teachers and helping write the historic 1973 Bilingual Education Act.

The "New Mexico Historic Women" Marker Initiative
and

the Family of Mela Leger

Cordially Invite You to a Roadside Marker Dedication

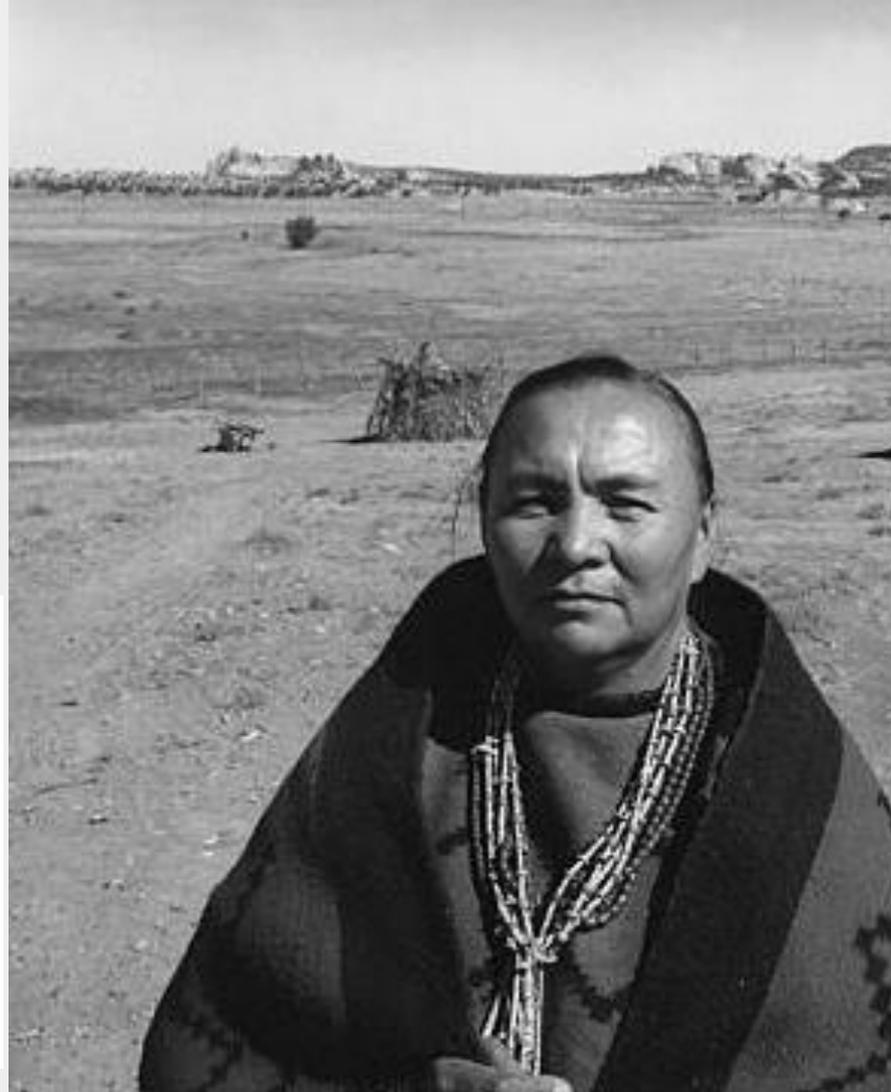
Honoring

Mela Leger

1928-2006

Dr Annie Dodge Wauneka (1910-1997)

Dr. Annie Dodge Wauneka was a politician and public health activist who worked tirelessly to reconcile differences between Western and Navajo traditions in healthcare, especially in the fight against tuberculosis.



Ida O. Jackson



The African-American community in Clovis had earlier appropriated rooms in a local Baptist church to create a school for black children, and Jackson accepted a teaching position at the school. Initially, she taught only two students, but that number steadily grew, in part from Jackson's own efforts to encourage students to attend school.



Additional sources I utilize for this scholarship include:

- NM PBS - short videos are especially effective, include guiding essential questions or a note taking outline
- Guest speakers/recorded mini-lectures - available through many organizations
- State and National archives and libraries - digitized collections are useful, easy to access, and provide excellent primary source exploration
- Local museums and libraries - in person and online resources
 - Furthers community connection

Women of New Mexico researched by SWW honors students



Doña Teresa de Aguilera y Roche (circa 1623 - unknown)

Cleofas M. Jaramillo (December 6, 1878 - 1956)

Emiteria "Matie" Martinez Robinson Viles (March 3, 1888 - January 14, 1961)

Soledad Chávez Chacón (August 11, 1890 - August 4, 1936)

Florinda Naranjo Ortiz (1900-1939)

Dorothy McKibbin (December 12, 1897 - December 17, 1985)

Workshopping Fiesta y Cena in class







Doña Teresa de Aguilera y Roche

Soledad Chávez Chacón

Emiteria “Matie” Martinez Robinson Viles

Cleofas M. Jaramillo

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Service Learning Model

- Investigation: identifying a need
- Preparation: getting ready for the service, gathering materials and information
- Action: performing the service
- Demonstration: showcasing the learning experience

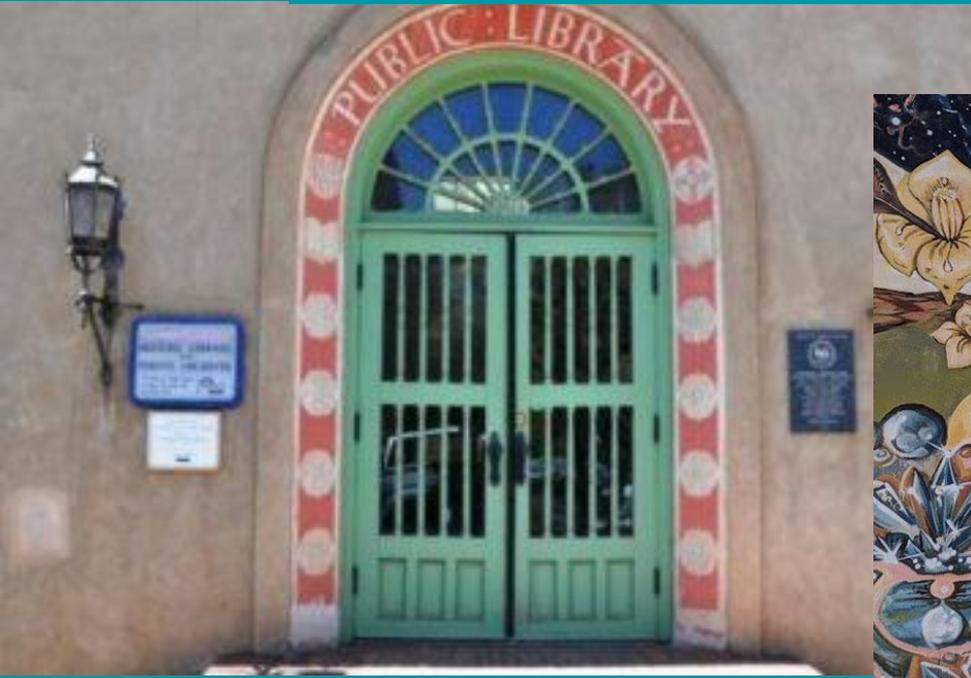


NM Historic Women Marker Program is a celebration of women in our multicultural history. It highlights their contributions in the arts, education, business, government, science, military, healthcare and as early settlers. The marker program, founded by the International Women's Forum of New Mexico, provides a unique and welcoming space for showcasing women in our state's history. We seek to encourage collaboration and dialogue among multiple generations to explore our history. Our goal is to evoke new ways of honoring women and stimulate a sense of honor and pride in New Mexico.

Our vision is to inspire and empower new generations of women and our mission is to mark the courageous journeys of women who shaped New Mexico.

nmhistoricwomen.org

Spaces that inspire Women who inspire









LA BAJADA GRADE NEAR SANTA FE N.M. ©

1599: Doña Eufemia, wife of Royal Ensign Diego de Sosa Peñalosa

1600: Doña Francisca Galindo and children traveling with her husband Capt. Antonio Conde de Herrera

1600: Isabel de Olvera, mulatta, free woman, not bound by marriage or slavery

1659: Doña Teresa de Aguilera y Roche with her husband the newly appointed governor

1693: Maria Romero, mulatta, head of household of 6

1693: Juana Ortiz, Española, widow, head of household of 4

1693: Juana Lujan left with her parents during Pueblo rebellion and returns to New Mexico a single parent

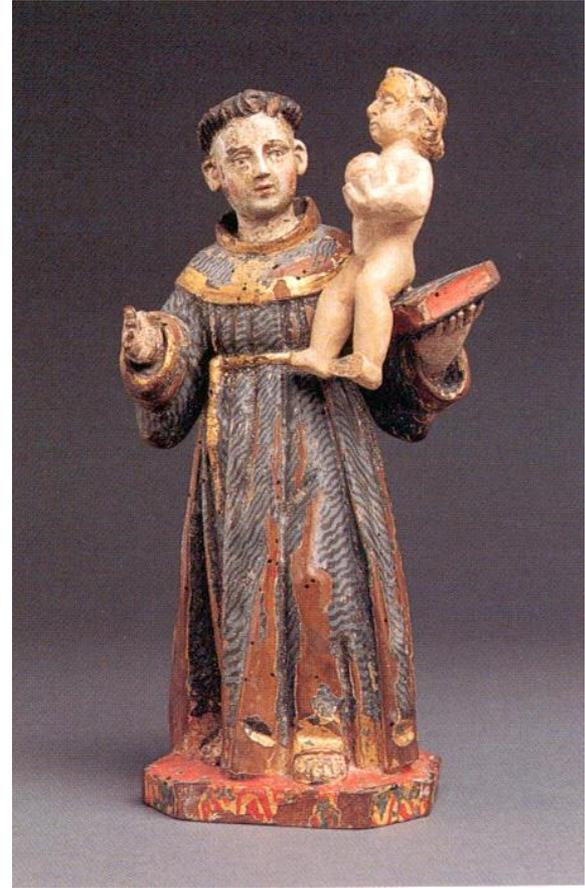
1695: Manuela Negrete and Francisca Ventura, mestiza















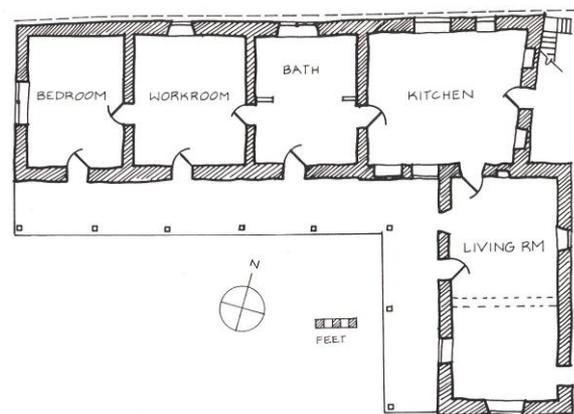
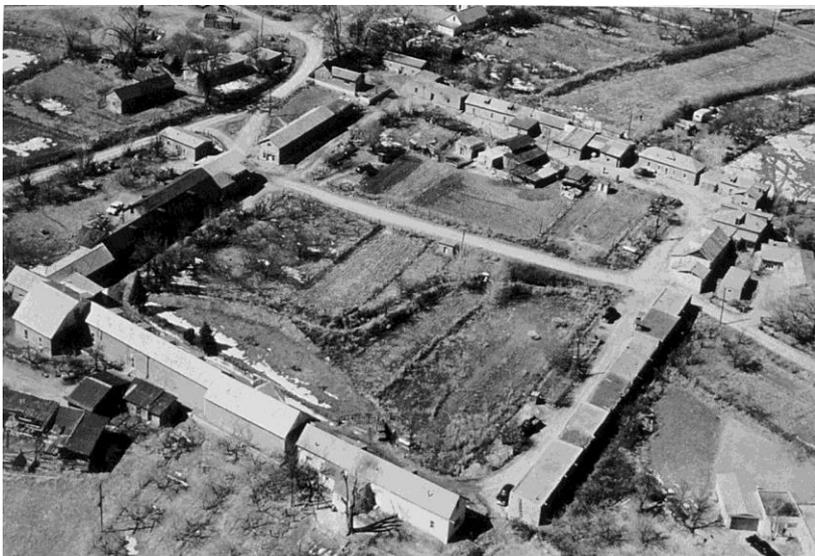
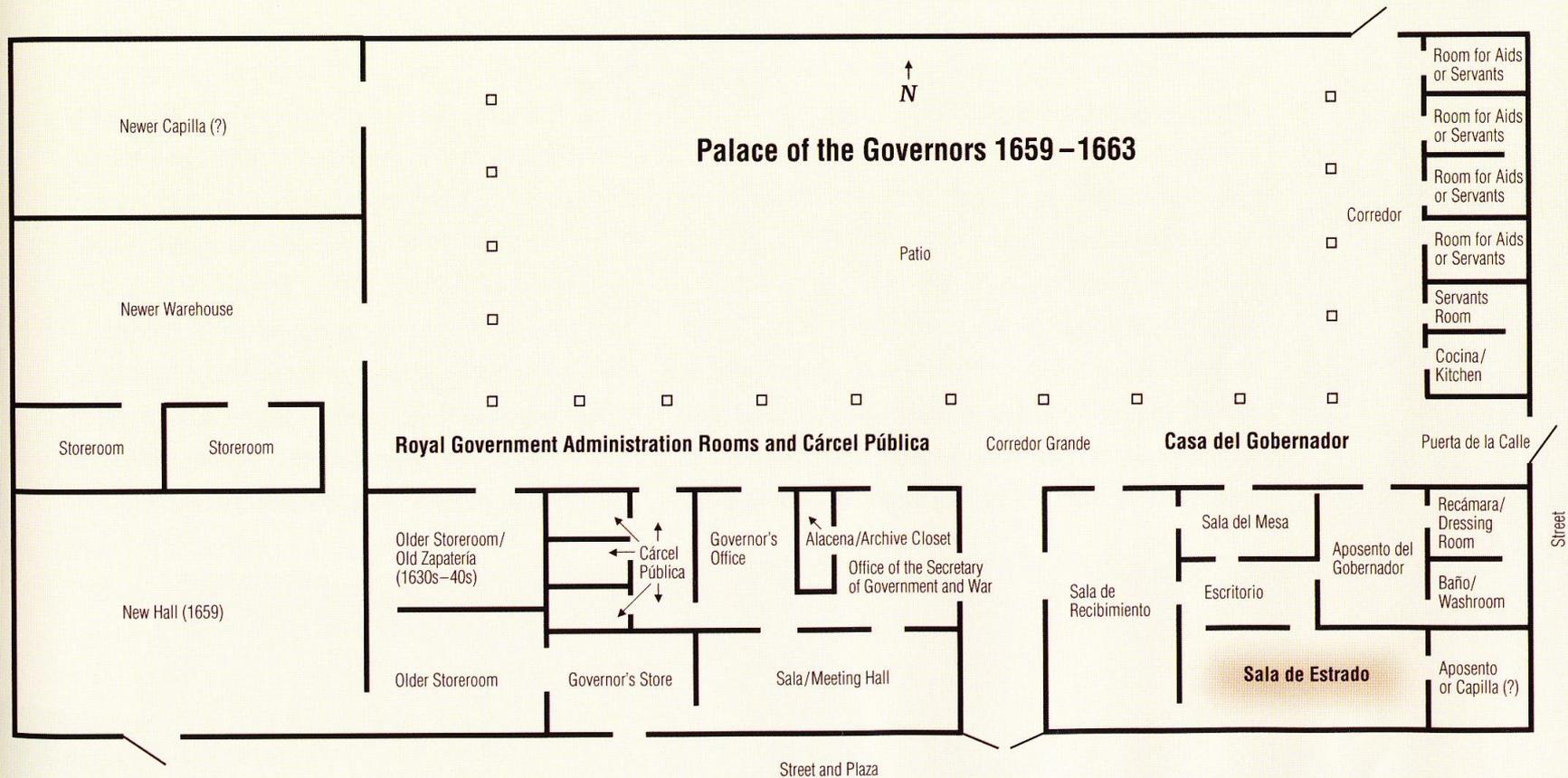
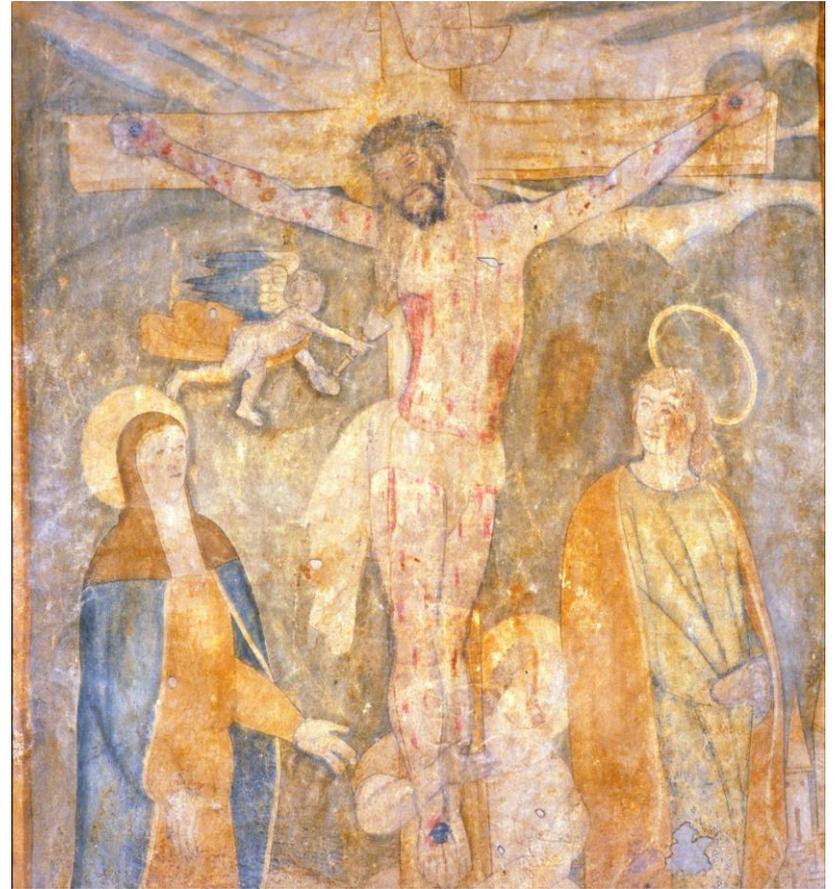


Figure 27. The floor plan of the Jácquez house has a typical arrangement of rooms. One interior adobe wall has been removed and several windows and doors have been added or altered in the kitchen and living room.







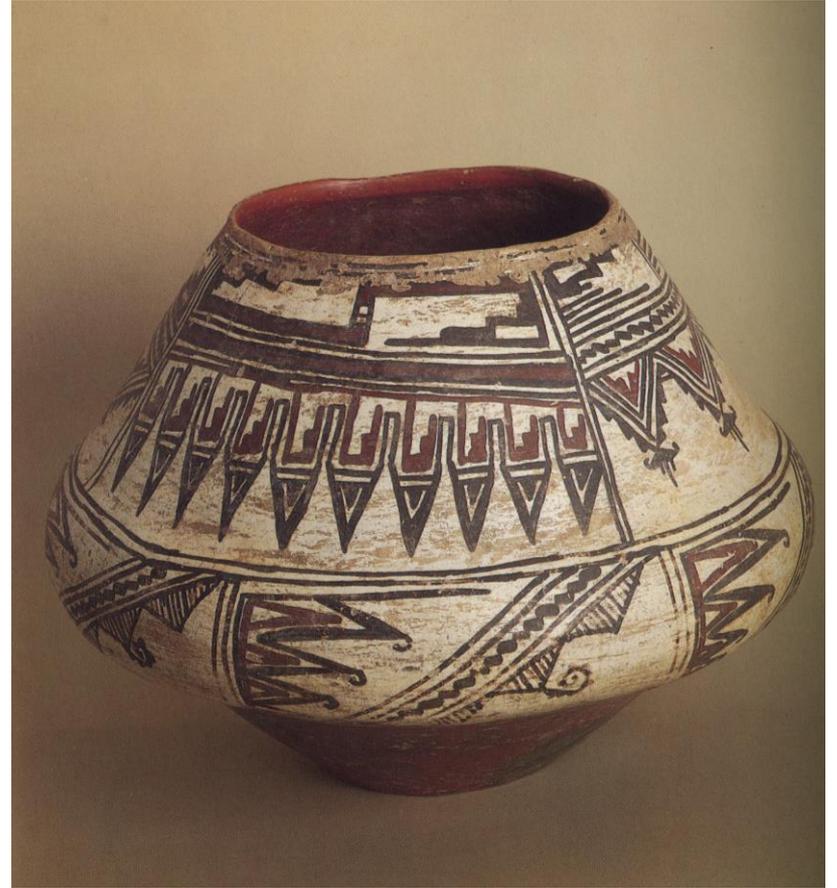




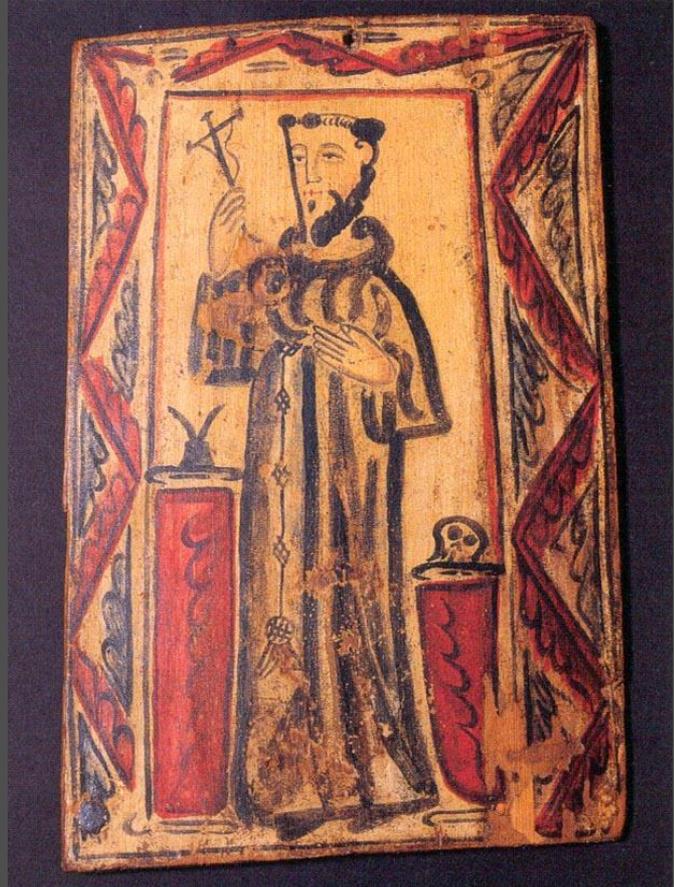








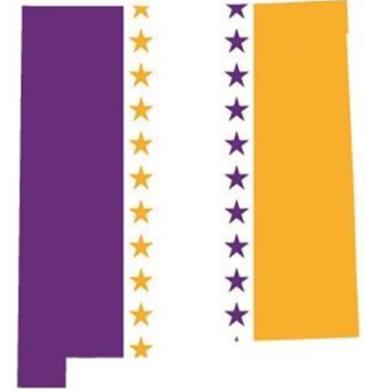






New Mexico's

Woman Suffrage Campaign and the Ongoing Work for Equal Rights

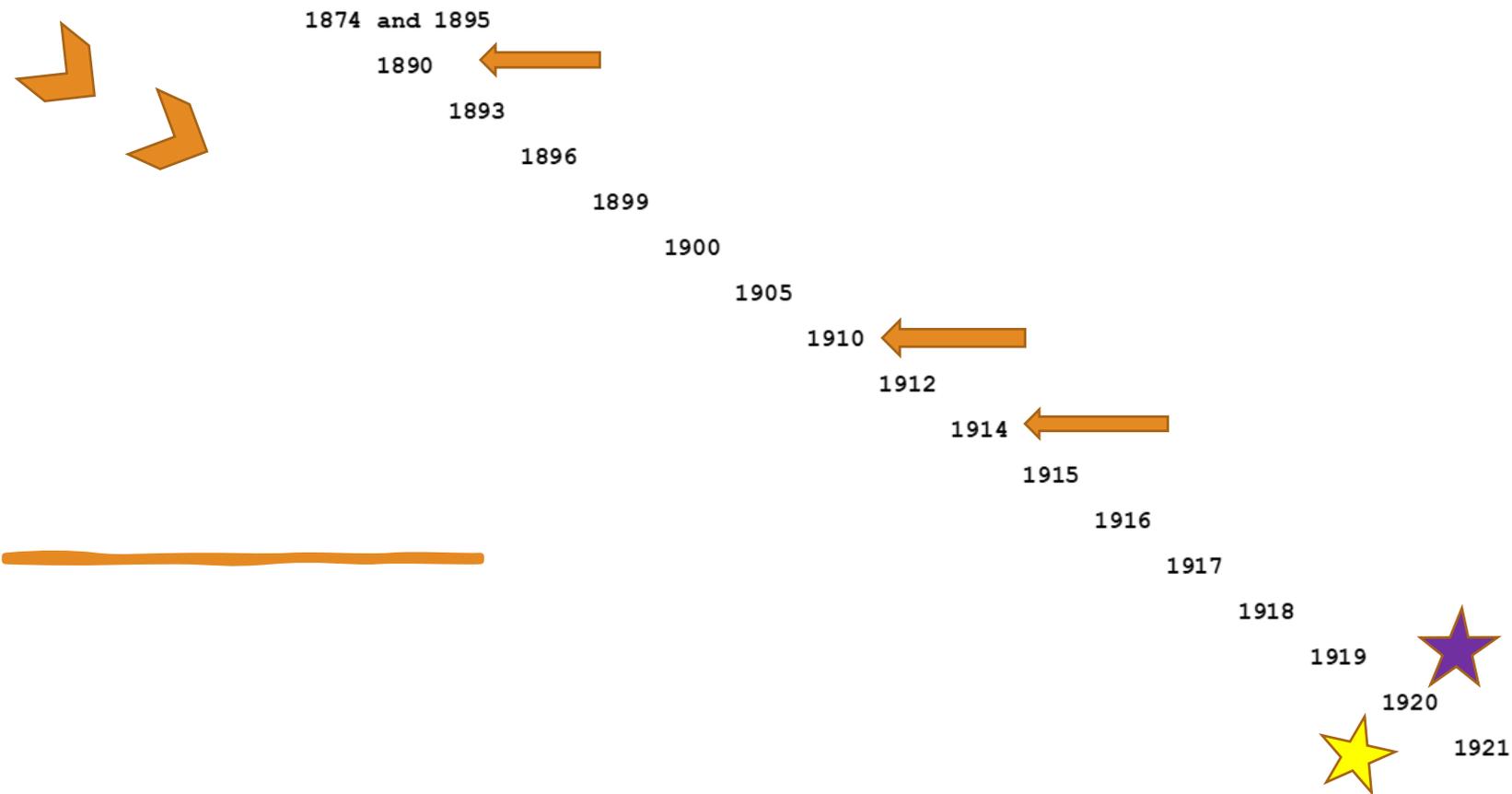


Marijke's Buttons ~ photo B. McGuire

Sylvia Ramos Cruz, M.D.

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League of Women Voters of New Mexico
New Mexico Humanities Council

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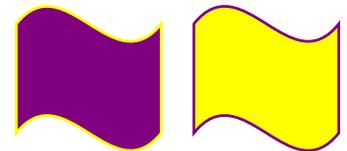
The March for Woman Suffrage in New Mexico



Vote for Women Las Vegas, NM 1916

Who are these women?

Courtesy Kathryn Bennett,
printed in The New Mexican, August 18, 2012



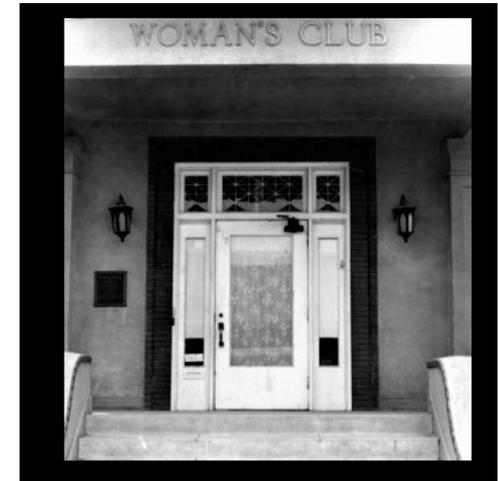
Woman's Clubs in New Mexico - 1911



- ~ Albuquerque Woman's Club
- ~ Clovis Woman's Club
- ~ Lake Arthur Mother's and Teachers Club
- ~ La Mesa Woman's Club
- ~ Las Cruces Woman's Improvement Association
- ~ Portales Woman's Club
- ~ Santa Fe Woman's Board of Trade and Library Association
- ~ Santa Fe Literary Club
- ~ Tularosa Ladies Earnest Working Club
- ~ Artesia Woman's Club
- ~ East Las Vegas Woman's Club
- ~ Lakewood Woman's Club
- ~ Las Cruces Wednesday Club
- ~ Portales Mother's Club
- ~ Roswell Woman's Club

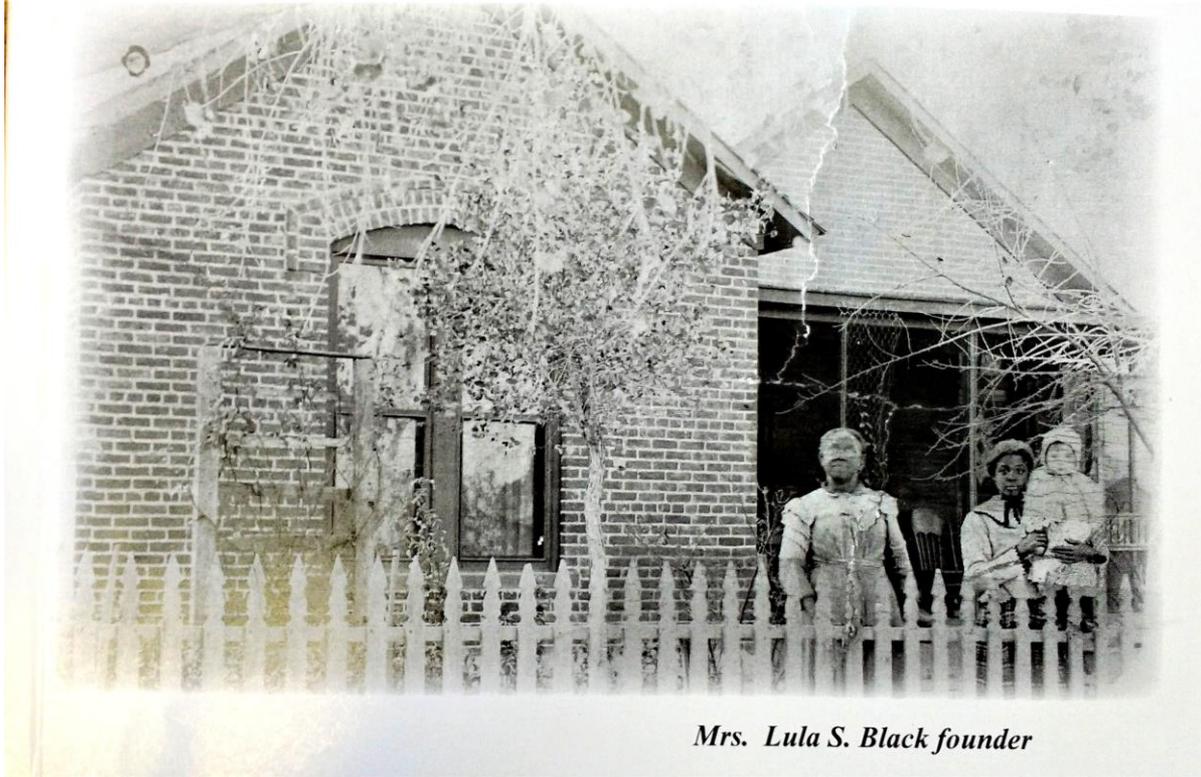


Silver City Woman's Club 1909



Albuquerque Woman's Club 1903

Courtesy Historic Albuquerque, Inc.



Mrs. Lula S. Black founder

Mrs. Lula S. Black

**Home Circle Club
Founder 1914**



**“Intellectual,
Social and Moral
uplift”**



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Ada McPherson Morley

1852- 1917

Her life's work:

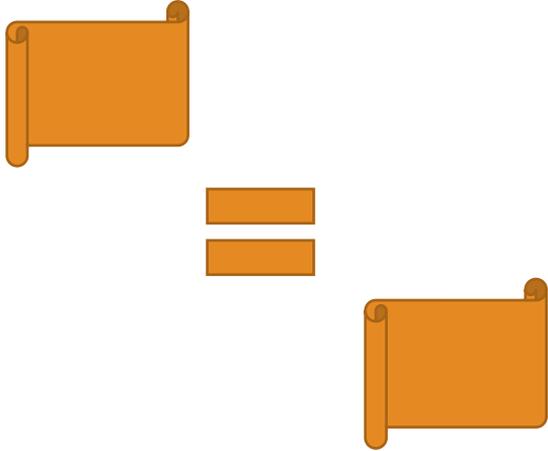
**The emancipation of women
through Enfranchisement**



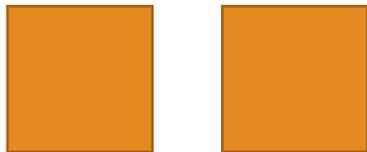
Disenfranchisement is a
disgrace.

Cora Armstrong Kellam

1872-1930



**Lifelong Dedication—
Woman Suffrage and Equal Rights**



Maude E. McFie Bloom

1880-1973

**A life of scholarship
and quiet activism**

Courtesy of Dr. John Porter Bloom



MANY HATS!



The meeting of the W. C. T. U. last Friday changed somewhat from prepared program, as it was given over mostly to "Mother Thew" who took charge of the devotional service, and gave her experiences.

Mrs. Alice B. Thompson recited charmingly "The Old Man's Idyl."

Mrs. Lansing Bloom from Las Cruces spoke as a guest.

Refreshments were served.

El Paso herald 20 April 1910

SUFFRAGETTES AT EXECUTIVE MANSION.

Mrs. W. E. Lindsey was hostess at the executive mansion on Thursday afternoon to the Suffrage league with **Mrs. Walter** presiding. It was an interesting gathering which opened by each giving a "suffrage" news item. **Mrs. Lansing Bloom** conducted a silent debate on "Your Best Reason for and Your Best Reason Against Suffrage," each member submitting a written reply. **Mrs. Francis C. Wilson** followed with a report on Dr. Shaw's Indianapolis address: "Why We Must Have Complete Democracy at Home." **Mrs. Laughlin** told about "New York's School for Women Voters."

Albuquerque morning journal
05 May 1918

Mrs. Addess Hill of Albuquerque, has written **Mrs. H. L. Wilson**, librarian of the school of American Archaeology, for an outline of the study of archaeology and very interested a class in Albuquerque on the subject. The New Mexico Archaeological society now has the following members in Albuquerque, who would likely form the nucleus of an auxiliary society in the future: **Mr. and Mrs. Amado Chavez**, **Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Woodley**, **Dr. E. J. Alger**, **Rev. and Mrs. Lansing Bloom**, **J. P. Houghy**, **Atanacio Montoya**, **R. Griswold Morley**, **Mrs. T. J. Newhall**, **Evston J. Spaulding**, **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stepin**, while **Dr. Lucie H. Boyd** is a member of the managing committee of the School of American Archaeology.

Albuquerque morning journal
08 Feb. 1914

Magdalena Organizes Red Cross. The Magdalena chapter of the American Red Cross commences organization with 185 members today afternoon in the Casino theatre. Canvass for membership was made by the organizers before the meeting. **Mrs. Lansing Bloom** was elected chairman of the chapter, to be assisted by **Mrs. Alonzo Garcia**, **Killinger**, **Falconer** and **Mayo**. **Mrs. Holt** was made secretary.

Plans were made for the course in first aid and nursing, and **Mrs. Fox** a trained nurse from Kelly, has offered to instruct the classes and give the lecture every Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Irene Pender, daughter of **William Pender**, and a trained nurse of Magdalena has volunteered for active service at the front.

New Mexico state record
27 April 1917

SANTA FE OCCUPIED WITH ACTIVITIES OF COMMENCEMENT.

PAGEANT ON LAWN OF HIGH SCHOOL AND EXERCISES BY EIGHTH GRADE, ATHLETICS, GUNDS PLAY AND EXHIBITS

In the first Presbyterian church, approximately decorated with quantities of fragrant spring blossoms. **Rev. J. W. Hankins**, of Cass City, Michigan, delivered the eloquent bicentennial sermon to the graduating class at the Santa Fe High School last Sunday evening, sung at his theme "The Source of Power."

Special selections by the choir under the direction of **Mrs. Lansing Bloom** and **Mrs. Evelyn M. Drake**, consisted, were reviewed. **Superintendent J. E. Wolf**, the graduating class and faculty attended the services in a body.

New Mexico state record
24 May 1918

Garden Party at Executive Mansion. Governor and **Mrs. W. E. Lindsey** on Monday evening were hosts at a reception given for the teachers attending the county institute in session here. The hour for the reception was set early so as to have the guests enjoy the spacious lawns and gardens, affluence with lawns and performed with flowers of many varieties. In the east the **Decorative** masses of the Road of Christ mountain, reaching their apex at an altitude of 12,400 feet and still covered with snow, sent down cool breezes and framed in gray and brilliant a picture as they have ever looked upon. More than 200 people were gathered on the ward and enjoyed the evening to the full. From the executive mansion floated strains of music, vocal and instrumental. Young ladies in Hoover costumes danced and sang "The Hoover song." The boy and girl Scouts in their uniforms assisted in serving cake and fruit punch. At the tables set on the lawn were **Mrs. Ashley Ford**, **Mrs. J. Wagner**, **Mrs. I. Hamilton Rapp** and **Mrs. N. B. Laughlin** assisted by **Miss Gladys Bergers**, **Delores Ferguson**, **Helen Hays** and **Nora Henderson**. In the musical program were: **Mrs. Lansing Bloom**, who sang the superb "America's Dedication Hymn," with fine effect; **Miss Barton Thayer**, who sang beautifully "Home is Sweet," and "Hymn," **Miss Hattena Beckner** gave Beethoven's "Larghetto," **Miss Elvira Gonzalez** sang "La Godolinda," **Miss Amelia Montoya** - **Mrs. J. E. Wolf**.

Albuquerque morning journal
23 June 1918

PAN-HELLENIC SOCIETY. Tuesday afternoon members of national Greek letter societies met with **Mrs. Lansing Bloom** in social and business session. **Mrs. Bloom** was chosen president and appointed a committee to prepare a constitution. The local society will meet every second Thursday afternoon for a social time and will also engage in civic and charitable work. Six National Greek Letter fraternities were represented at the meeting on Tuesday afternoon. There are quite a number of women in Santa Fe who are college and university graduates and who belong to National Greek Letter societies.

Albuquerque morning journal
16 March 1919



A PLAY, TWO STORIES AND A POET.

Madam Ida Serven, who spent the summer in Santa Fe with the **Cassidys**, writes from her home in New York city for permission to produce the New Mexico play written by **Mrs. Lansing Bloom** (Maud McFie) of Santa Fe at the Ely School for Girls near Philadelphia. It had been the intention to give the play its premiere next summer in the new museum, but Madame Serven found its appeal so general that she desires its first presentation to be by the Spanish class at the eastern school.

Mrs. Austin has in the Decem-

Albuquerque morning journal
19 Dec. 1920

Mrs. Lansing Bloom (Maude McFie Bloom)

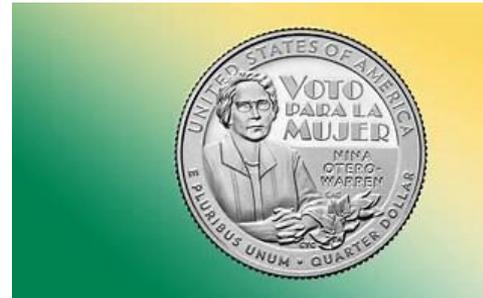


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Adelina Otero Warren

1881 – 1965

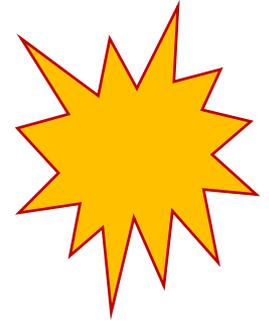
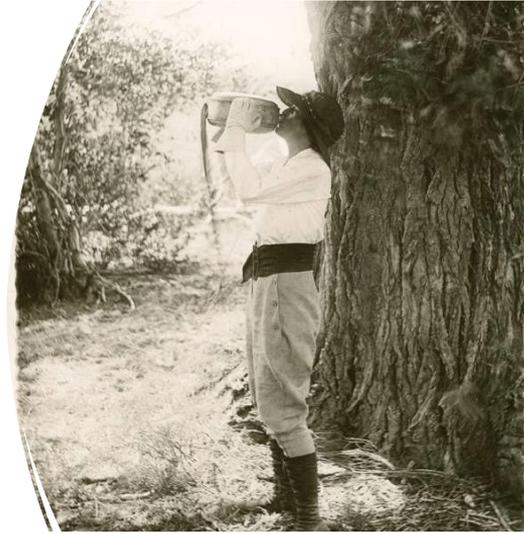
**Nuevomejicana
at ease in the house of Politics**



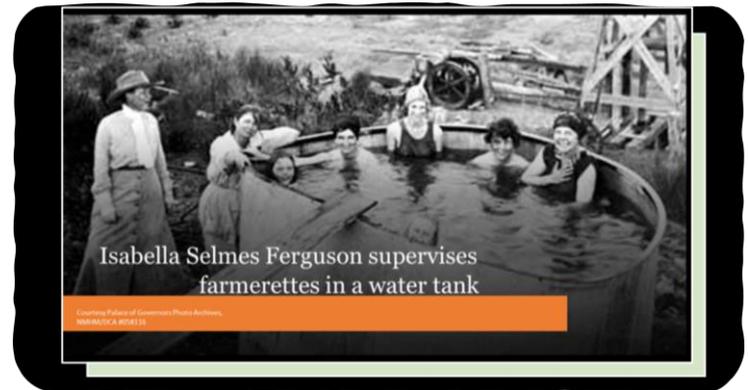
Isabella Selmes Munro-Ferguson 1886-1953

**An independent woman
for all seasons**

**“peculiar blend of eastern establishment
aristocracy and frontierswoman.”**



courtesy Palace of Governors
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Aurora Lucero White Lea

1896–1963

*Brought the voices of Hispanas
to the table of Suffrage*



Miss Aurora Lucero

NM Normal University
Bulletin No23 1911



Courtesy Palace of Governors Photo Archives,
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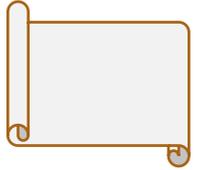
Suffragist deputation and Senator Thomas Catron 1915



NM Women in Public Life – 1919

Among the causes they advocated for and won:

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- Raised age of consent from 10 to 14**
 - Husbands could not dispose of community property w/o consent of wife**
 - School suffrage for women**
 - Creation of juvenile courts**
 - Provisions for the care of dependent and neglected children**
 - Creation of Child Welfare and Girl's Welfare Boards**
 - Passage of the Prohibition Amendment**
 - Formation of State Department of Health**

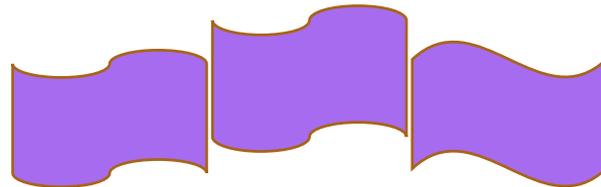


Soledad Armijo Chávez Chacón

1890-1936

**New Mexico Secretary of State
1923 - 1927**

(acting Governor of New Mexico 1924)



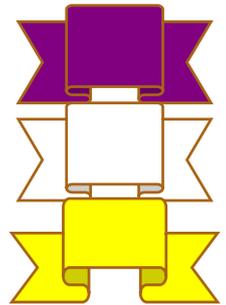
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Dan Chavez papers on the History of NM Government,
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History of Woman Suffrage (Vol 6 1900-1920)

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B, Anthony and Matilda Joslyn Gage

“In every state as soon as women were enfranchised there were improvements in laws relating to their welfare, and that of children.”

“Women now have in a general sense equality of rights, although in every state they have learned or will learn that this is not literally true and that further effort will be required , but now, as never before; they are equipped for accomplishing it.”





Alice Paul in 1920

Equal Rights Amendment

Written by Alice Paul in 1923

Ratified by Virginia, the 38th state needed, in 2020

Equality
of rights
under the law
shall not
be denied
or abridged
by the United
States or by any
state on account
of sex.



ERA When?
Peggy Plumb 2015

Women active in New Mexico during the campaign to ratify the state and national Equal Rights Amendment (some of the many)

- *Virginia Ahern- League of Women Voters**
- *Cathy Albright – Albuquerque NOW**
- *Anne Bingaman- Professor UNM**
- *Peggy Bowen- NM Equal Rights Legislation Committee**
- *Consuelo Kitzes Burrell - NM state senator**
- *Jean Frakes – Woman’s Liberation Movement in Albuquerque**
- *Clara Hawkes – Santa Fe NOW**
- *Gladys Hansen - NM state senator**
- *Sherry Sandlin - AAUW**

- *Frances Williams- Equal Rights, Civil Rights, Human Rights Advocate**



New Mexico Constitution

~ Article 2, Section 18

No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law; nor shall any person be denied equal protection of the laws.

Equality of rights under law shall not be denied on account of the sex of any person.”

Amended 1972



**It seems to me important to the idea of true democracy—
to my country— and to the world eventually—
that all men and women stand equal under the sky—**

Georgia O’Keeffe to Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt 1944

**“There is a system of discrimination...
extending to the entire globe...
based on the presumption that men and boys
are superior to women and girls...
This false premise provides a justification
for sexual discrimination in almost
every realm of secular and religious life.”**

President Jimmy Carter

A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence and Power

Simon & Schuster 2014

What can the ERA do?

Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

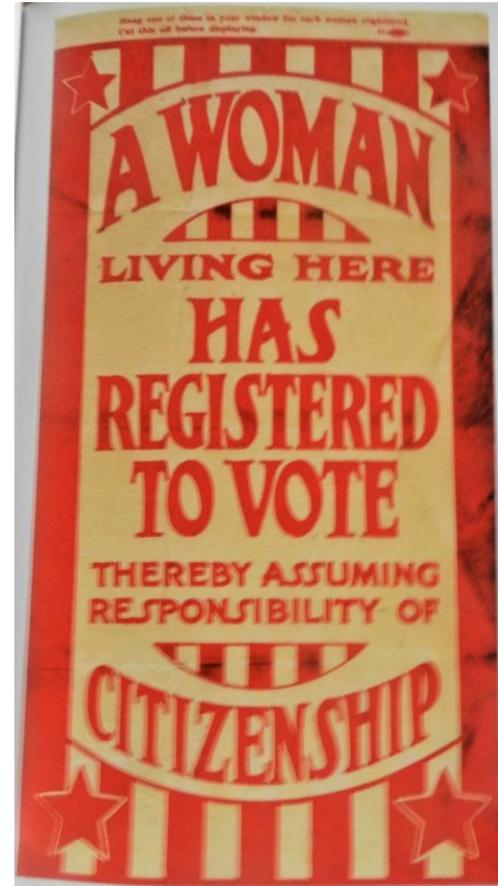
- *Enshrine women's rights as equal to men's in the Constitution (246 years later)*
- *Give courts a new standard and strong statement of sex equality*
- *Ensure that cases of sex-based discrimination receive the highest level of judicial scrutiny- just as cases of discrimination based on race, religion and place of national origin receive*
- *Require the federal *government and each state to review and revise all laws and official practices to eliminate all discrimination based on sex*

“The oppression of women is a direct outcome of political and economic decisions supported by a cultural ideology of female inferiority and accompanied by a parallel ideology of male superiority supporting a structure of male power and privilege.”

Mary White Stewart, Ph.D

**A Woman
Living Here
Has
Registered
to Vote
Thereby Assuming
Responsibility of
Citizenship**

Sign for Window 1920





**Democracy should
begin at home.**

The Great Crusade
National Women's History Project