

**Mrs. Emily P. Collins.**

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The Equal Rights club of Hartford has just celebrated the eightieth anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Emily P. Collins, who sent the first petition to the New York legislature (in 1849) asking for the right of suffrage for women. She was the organizer of the first female suffrage society in Ontario county, N. Y., in 1848, and from that time she has devoted her life to the interest of equal suffrage. Mrs. Collins was the founder and one of the first presidents of the Equal Rights club in this city and is one of the foremost supporters of ~~woman suffrage in Connecticut.~~ She was born in Bristol, Ontario county, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1814, being the daughter of James Parmelee, who served in the Revolutionary army. He was a native of Killingworth, Conn., and served in the Connecticut forces.

Mrs. Collins was educated at Lima seminary and taught school in her early days. Her first husband was Charles Peltier of the regular army. Dr. P. D. Peltier of Hartford, a prominent homeopathic practitioner here, is a son by this first marriage. Her second husband was Simri Collins of South Bristol, N. Y., who was a lawyer by profession. During the civil war she had two sons, Dr. P. D. Peltier and E. Burke Collins, in the Union army. In 1864, after the battle of New Market, in Virginia, she joined her son, Dr. Peltier, at Martinsburg, where he was post surgeon, and served as a nurse in the Union hospitals during the campaign in the Shenandoah.

Mrs. Collins has resided in Hartford for a number of years since the war and has been a leading factor in suffrage agitation and work. She is a woman of marked ability and one of the readiest speakers among the Connecticut suffragists.—Hartford Letter.

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