

Farmington Women who voted in NYS in 1917

ETHEL LILLIAN STEARMAN GARDNER

- Born 13 June 1893, died March 1967
- Married to Charles R. Gardner in 1914
- Resided at Homestead Acres farm on Hook Road in Farmington
- Had four children-Walter,Grace,Harry, and Shirley
- Educated in public schools, graduated high school.
- Methodist by birth, later joined Quaker church
- Member of WCTU, Grange, Friendly Aide Society
- Buried in North Farmington Cemetery

ROSALIE DOTY GARDNER

- Born 15 September 1860 , died 17 November 1930
- Descendant of Edward Doty, signer of Mayflower Compact
- Married Edward J. Gardner
- Farm on Hook Road
- Had two children: May and Lindley J.
- Member of Grange, WCTU
- Attended Friends Church-Quaker
- Buried in North Farmington cemetery

ALICE LUCINDA SMITH HOAG

- Birth 21 July 1939, died 10 August 1924
- Married Myron L. Hoag in 1866
- Quaker
- Member of Grange

MARION EVA HOAG ALLEN

- Birth 12 May 1879, died 4 December 1961
- Parents – Myron and Alice Hoag
- Sister to Nora Hoag Allen
- Married Lewis F. Allen in 1899
- 9 children-Leora,Willard,George,Florence,Mildred,Herbert, Margaret,Nelson & Seward
- Member of Society of Friends (Quaker)
- Involved with Grange (Golden Sheaf), WCTU and Friendly Aide Society
- Buried in North Farmington Cemetery

NORA EMMA HOAG ALLEN

- Born in 1869, died on December 6, 1948
- Oldest daughter of Myron and Alice Hoag
- Married William S. Goodsell in 1915, no children
- Seamstress
- Member of WCTU and Friendly Aide Society
- Attended South Perinton Methodist Church
- Buried in Palmyra cemetery

LUCY POPENHUSEN

- Born 23 March 1893, died ?
- Popenhusen translates to “paper house”
- Parents - Freidrich and Dorothea Popenhusen migrated from Mecklerburg, Germany about 1882
- Brother was Frederick
- Never married
- Earned income by selling wrapping paper and greeting cards
- Family left the Lutheran church due to disagreement over alcohol, joined Quaker Friends church
- Member of Grange, WCTU, Ladies Aid Society
- Buried in North Farmington cemetery

LILIAN KATKAMIER POPENHUSEN

- Born 1871 died 1960
- Married to Frederick Popenhusen
- Sister-in-law to Lucy Popenhusen
- Sister to A.B. Katkamier who owned internationally known Iris Farm in Pumpkin Hook
- Farm was on Sheldon Road.
- Two children – Myron and Karl
- Member of Grange, WCTU and Ladies Aid Society
- Attended Quaker Friends church

BERTHA PEGELOW POPENHUSEN

- Born 19 November 1885, died 1967
- Married to Edward Popenhusen
- Cousin to Mary Pegelow Popenhusen
- No children
- One year after marriage, Edward died in a farm accident. Bertha inherited his farm on Allen Padgham Road. Her cousin Mary Pegelow Popenhusen and husband Fred lived with her. Fred continued the farm operations.
- Known for her homemade quilts
- Member of Grange, WCTU and Ladies Aid Society
- Attended Friends Church, was Quaker
- Buried in North Farmington cemetery

MARY PEGELOW POPENHUSEN

- Born _____, died _____
- Family migrated from Mecklerburg, Germany but did not meet Popenhusen family until they arrived in Farmington
- Married to Fred Popenhusen
- Two children – Lewis and Emily
- Member of Grange-conducted a mother's meeting in 1915 where topic was woman suffrage (Fairport Herald, 12 May 1915), WCTU and Ladies Aid Society
- Attended Friends church (Quaker)
- Buried in North Farmington cemetery

ABIGAIL P. PRITCHARD ROMEISER

- Born 30 May 1874, died 18 April 1960
- Parents-James and Eliza Gardner Pritchard
- Married to Bernard H. Romeiser
- Three children-Herman, Floyd and 1 daughter (Mrs. Thomas Gillespie)
- Member of Methodist Church
- Buried in South Farmington cemetery

MARY LOUISE WALTON ROMEISER

- Born 7 November 1880, died 2 March 1954
- Married to Conrad James Romeiser
- Six children-Edith, Lester, Earl, Earnest, Robert & Conrad
- Buried at South Farmington cemetery Chapel

CAROLINE “CARRIE” ALLEN PADGHAM

- Born 4 November 1880, died
- Youngest child of Ellery and Mary Jane Briggs Allen
- Married Gilbert Padgham
- Charter member of Grange
- Member of Eastern Star
- Attended Friends Church (Quaker)
- Buried in North Farmington cemetery

HELEN GERTRUDE SLOCUM HERENDEEN

- Born 1873, died 1949
- Married to Joseph “Jobie” Morey Herendeen
- Seven children-Jane Effie, Arthur, Francis, Margaret, Joseph, George, James
- Grange member
- Farm located on County Road 8
- Attended Friends Church (Quaker)
- Buried in North Farmington cemetery

MINNIE MAY GAYLORD HERENDEEN

- Born 1894, died 1950
- Daughter of Charles and Mary Bortle of Auburn NY
- Married Richard Wilkinson Herendeen
- Farm located on Herendeen Road
- Nine children-Mary Alice, Thomas, James Frederick, Richard Jr., Charlotte, John & Joseph (twins), Robert Morey, and David Lapham
- Member of the Grange
- Attended Friends Church (Quaker)

SARAH PATTISON GARDNER BETZ

- Born 11 August 1864, died 25 March 1958
- Youngest daughter of Thomas and Henrietta Robbins Gardner
- Married Edward Christain Betz
- Two sons-Herman Edward and Leo Francis
- Member of Friends Church-Quaker
- Sarah and Edward ran the small general store in Pumpkin Hook until 1937.
- Education unknown but Sarah could read and write
- Buried in the North Farmington Cemetery

MINNIE EGGERT HOLTZ

- Born 20 January 1866, died 13 November 1932
- Daughter of Elmer and Minnie Burmeister Eggert from Germany
- Married to John Holtz
- Minnie and John owned the farm on Holtz Road
- Nine children born between 1887 and 1909
- Member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Farmington
- Possible Grange member
- Buried in North Farmington cemetery

FREIDA BASTIAN HOLTZ

- Born 1891, died 1960
- Daughter of Theodore and Christina Behn Bastian. Theodore was one of the people who helped establish the St. John's Lutheran church in Pumpkin Hook.
- Married to William Holtz
(Son of John and Minnie Holtz)
- Owned 100 acre farm on corner of County Road 8 and Holtz Road in Farmington
- Children-3 daughters and 2 sons
- Attended St. Johns Lutheran church in Pumpkin Hook
- Buried in North Farmington cemetery
- Grange member

PHOEBE HATHAWAY.....REFORMER

- Born in 1812, died 1902
- Youngest child and only daughter of Isaac and
- Brother Joseph Comstock Hathway was president of Western NY Anti-Slavery Society.
- First president of the Western NY Female Anti-Slavery Society
- One of 5 women who organized the anti-slavery fair to raise funds for the cause
- Involved in establishing the “Birds Nest” school in Farmington based on Emily Howland’s principles for educating free black women. The Edmondston sisters were first taught there.
- Member of the contributing committee at the Cazenovia Convention for anti-slavery.
- Quaker family, granddaughter of original pioneer Isaac Hathaway
- Among her personal friends were Frederick Douglas, Ann Adams
- Letters exist: Frederick Douglas, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Isaac and Amy Post and Emily Howland
- Had a stroke in 1857 which slowed her efforts in the suffrage movement but she continued to write
- Never married
- Lived in the same house (Pumpkin Hook) her entire life-house still exists on Allen-Padgham Road
- Her will states “*If no descendants, it is my wish that a fund shall be expended for the education of such needy women.....*”

Wilma,

I have enclosed information on 17 of the women who voted in 1917 (there are of course many more). The families of these women graciously provided the information. A few were amazed that their grandmother voted because they say she “was a quiet little lady”!

Many of the Farmington women belonged to the same organizations (WCTU, Grange, Friendly Aide Society) and church (Quaker). They were long time friends or were related to one another.

Please note that the common denominator among the women who voted in 1917 was the Grange. The Grange supported enfranchisement and publicly advocated for women’s right to vote. Before 1917, the Grange sent an edict to all branches suggesting that they support the “cause”. They ran ads in local newspapers encouraging the vote. The Grange believed that a farmer’s helpmate (woman) role was as important as the farmer. Women were treated as equals.

Many of the women descended from early settlers.....we know that in the Quaker religion that a woman was given the same respect as the men. Some were ministers and many of the early suffragists were Quakers. They joined the Temperance Society in 1833, became involved in the Female Anti-Slavery Society and then supported the vote issue. (Phoebe Hathaway’s sister in law (her youngest brother Jared’s wife) was cousin to Susan B.)

There are so many interconnections within the families in Farmington! Sometimes, I feel like pulling my hair out deciphering the family ties!

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this project!

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