

# WASHINGTON WOMEN IN STATE GOVERNMENT

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## P R E F A C E

THIS BOOKLET IS PUBLISHED IN THE HOPE IT WILL INTEREST MORE AND MORE WOMEN TO THE VITAL JOB WHICH FACES ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS— THE DEVELOPMENT OF BETTER GOVERNMENT FOR ALL THE PEOPLE. OUR GOVERNMENT IS WHAT WE— THE VOTERS— MAKE IT. UNLESS WE ARE INTERESTED ENOUGH TO MAKE IT WORK RIGHT, IT WILL NOT WORK FOR US.

IN THIS BOOK WE PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WOMEN IN OUR STATE WHO HAVE WORKED AT GOVERNMENT BY SERVING IN PUBLIC OFFICE.

MANY MORE ARE ACTIVE WITHOUT RUNNING FOR OFFICE THEMSELVES. THESE TOO, WE HONOR, BUT THERE ARE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS MORE WHO HAVE NO INTEREST IN GOVERNMENT— THESE WE WANT TO AWAKEN TO A SENSE OF THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP GOVERN THEMSELVES.



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## DEDICATION

*This volume is respectfully dedicated to the memory of one of the most loved and admired figures in the political history of our state, Belle Reeves, who served as a member of the Washington State Legislature for 16 years and as Secretary of State for ten years.*

*Words in praise of Belle Reeves would add but little to the luster of her name, suffice it to note that ten years after she became the first woman in the state's history to hold a high state office, she left it-- in death-- with even greater love and acclaim than when she first took over.*

*Fittingly enough Mrs. Reeves first came to Washington in 1889, the year it became a state. She was first elected to the legislature in 1922 and served in eight sessions until 1938 when she was appointed by Governor Clarence D. Martin to fill the un-expired term of Ernest Hutchinson. In 1940 she was elected and received the third highest vote of any candidate in the state. In 1944 she was re-elected, this time receiving the largest number of votes of any state candidate.*

*Mrs. Reeves passed away on January 2, 1948 and a fitting tribute when the first State Funeral ever to be held took place in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.*

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Secretary of State

1938~1948



## HISTORY OF WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN WASHINGTON

Throughout the 1870's there was persistent agitation for woman suffrage and as early as 1854, Arthur A. Denny had offered an amendment to the election bill conferring the ballot upon white women. Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway of Oregon was the spearhead of the movement and she conducted a vigorous speaking and writing campaign throughout Oregon and Washington. In 1871 the Washington Territorial Legislature reacted by passing a bill stating: "That hereafter no female shall have the right of ballot or vote at any poll or election precinct in this Territory until the Congress of the United States of America shall, by direct legislation upon the same, declare the same to be the supreme law of the land."

Mrs. Duniway attended the constitutional convention of 1878. Here is the story in her own words: "A Constitutional convention had met in Walla Walla, Washington Territory, in June, 1878. It was composed of a delegation of fifteen gentlemen, and its business, as is usual in such deliberative bodies, was the creation of an initiative constitution to be ratified, or rejected by a referendum vote of the legal electorate. Acting upon the invitations of Hon. and Mrs. H. P. Isaacs, Hon. and Mrs. Philip Ritz, Judge and Mrs. Thomas H. Brents, Judge and Mrs. Mix and others, I visited the convention and was permitted to present a memorial in person, praying that the word "male" be omitted from the fundamental law of the incubating state. But my plea (like that of Abigail Adams on a like occasion on the otherside of the continent a century before) failed of acceptance at the polls; though through a close vote--it stood eight to seven--and men went on as before, saying as they did in the beginning of our struggle, "Women do not wish to vote; if they want the ballot let them ask for it." *Editors note (After the convention had turned down woman suffrage as an intregal part of the proposed constitution it was submitted to the voters of the territory as a separate article but was badly defeated.)*

In 1879, the Legislature approved "An Act to Establish and Protect the Rights of Married Women, "by which all laws

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imposing civil disabilities upon a wife were abolished, but which carefully asserted, "that this shall not confer the right to vote or hold office upon the wife."

By 1883, agitation for woman suffrage had reached the point where the Legislature on November 23 passed an act specifically defining the legal electors of the Territory and declaring: "Wherever the word 'his' occurs in the chapter aforesaid, it shall be construed to mean 'his or her,' as the case may be." Women therefore had the right to vote at the general election of 1884, to hold office and to serve as jurors. Women voted again in 1886, but in 1887 the Territorial Supreme Court took away the privilege. The Court's opinion stated that women were not competent to serve as jurors notwithstanding the act which had been passed declaring that women were "qualified electors" and therefore entitled to serve.

The issue of woman suffrage had reached a climax with the Territorial Supreme Court decision of February 3, 1887 denying women the franchise. The people of the Territory were definitely divided on the matter, but the advocates of woman suffrage were able to secure the passage of a new act by the Legislature designed to meet the Court's objections to the old law. Governor Semple approved the act although he was subjected to a severe bombardment of letters, press releases and resolutions from the opposing forces. The law as approved did not have an opportunity to become effective, however, since the State Constitution, which omitted woman suffrage, went into effect before the Territorial legislation could go into force. The Constitution was submitted to a vote of the people on October 1st and was approved 40,152 in favor to 11,879 against. As in the case of the Constitution of 1878, two separate articles were submitted to the voters, one extending the right of suffrage to women and the other prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic, malt, or spirituous liquors, except for medicinal, sacramental or scientific purposes. Both measures were lost at the October election.



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The State had been growing more progressive in politics for several years and during Governor Hay's administration the Legislature passed a number of measures for which progressives had been agitating for some time. The most notable measure passed by the 1909 Session was the proposed constitutional amendment for woman suffrage, which was adopted by the voters at the general election of 1910.

### AMENDMENT 5

Art. 6 was amended by striking from said article all of sections one (1) and two (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the following, to be known as section one (1):

Sec. 1. Qualification of Electors--All persons of the age of twenty-one years or over, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections: They shall be citizens of the United States; they shall have lived in the state one year, and in the county ninety days, and in the city, town, ward or precinct thirty days immediately preceding the election at which they offer to vote; they shall be able to read and speak the English language.....

*(This 5th Amendment is identical to 2nd Amendment to State Constitution with the exception of the word "male" following first word "all." Fifth Amendment extending voting franchise to women by deletion of word "male" making the first two words reading "all persons.")*

## The Superintendent of Public Instruction



**MRS. PEARL WANAMAKER** (Non Partisan) has established a distinguished record in the public life of the State of Washington. She was first elected a member of the House of Representatives in 1928 and served in the sessions of 1929, 1933, 1935 and the special session of 1934. She was elected to the State Senate in 1936 serving in the legislative sessions of 1937 and 1939. In 1940 she was elected Superintendent of Public Instruction and has served in that capacity ever since.

Mrs. Wanamaker was a member of the post-war Educational Mission to Japan to study the educational system. She is a member of the United States Commission for UNESCO and was advisor to the United States delegation to UNESCO at its first conference held in Paris in 1946. She is a member of the Advisory Committee of the Legislative Commission of the National Education Association, President of the State Board of Education and Chairman of the State Board of Vocational Education.



## CHRONOLOGY

- 1913--Josephine Corliss Preston (R), Walla Walla County  
*First woman elected to a state office. She became  
State Superintendent of Schools in 1913 and served  
until 1929.*
- Frances Axtell (R), Whatcom County - House  
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- 1919--Frances M. Haskell (R), Pierce County - House
- 1921--Anna K. Colwell (R), Snohomish County - House
- 1923--Reba J. Hurn (R), Spokane County - Senate  
*First woman to be elected to the state senate.*
- Jessie Bullock Kastner (Farmer-Labor), Pierce  
County - House
- Mrs. H. J. Miller (R), Snohomish County - House  
Mrs. Frank (Belle) Reeves (D), Chelan County - House  
Mrs. Maude Sweetman (R), King County - House
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- 1933--Lulu D. Haddon (D), Kitsap County - House  
 Esther M. Lanz (D), Pierce County - House  
 Florence W. Myers (D), Whitman County - House  
 Mrs. Belle Reeves (D), Chelan County - House  
 Mrs. Pearl Wanamaker (D), Island County - House
- 1935--Mary U. Farquharson (D), King County - Senate  
 Kathryn E. Malstrom (D), Pierce County - Senate  
 Violet P. Boede (D), San Juan County - House  
 Linea L. Edlund (D), King County - House  
 Lulu D. Haddon (D), Kitsap County - House  
 Marie F. Keen (D), Cowlitz County - House  
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 Violet P. Boede (D), San Juan County - House  
 Gene L. Bradford (D), King County - House  
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 Kathryn E. Malstrom (D), Pierce County - Senate  
 Pearl A. Wanamaker (D), Island County - Senate  
 Julia Butler (D), Wahkiakum County - House  
 Kathryn Fogg (D), King County - House  
 Mrs. Thomas E. Kehoe (D), Spokane County - House  
 Ella Wintler (R), Clark County - House
- 1941--Mary U. Farquharson (D), King County - Senate  
 Agnes M. Gehrman (R), Pacific County - Senate  
 Lulu D. Haddon (D), Kitsap County - Senate  
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- 1943--Lady Willie Forbus (D), King County - Senate  
Agnes Gehrman (R), Pacific County - Senate  
Kathryn E. Malstrom (D), Pierce County - Senate  
Georgiana Behm (D), Snohomish County - House  
Violet P. Boede (D), San Juan County - House  
Julia Butler Hanson (D), Wahkiakum Co.-House  
Emma Taylor Harmon (D), King County - House  
Gertrude L. Johnson (D), Kitsap County - House  
Mrs. Thomas E. Kehoe (D), Spokane County - House  
Jeanette Testu (D), King County - House  
Ella Wintler (R), Clark County - House  
Mrs. Jurie B. Smith (D), King County - House
- 1945--Lady Willie Forbus (D), King County - Senate  
Violet P. Boede (D), San Juan County - House  
Julia Butler Hansen (D), Wahkiakum Co. - House  
Mrs. Thomas E. Kehoe (D), Spokane County - House  
Miss Blanche Pennick (D), Grays Harbor Co.-House  
Emma Abbott Ridgway (D), Skagit County - House  
Mrs. Jurie B. Smith (D), King County - House  
Pearl G. Thrasher (D), King County - House
- 1947--No women in the Senate  
Agnes M. Gehrman (R), King County - House  
Julia Butler Hansen (D), Wahkiakum County - House  
Miss Ella Wintler (R), Clark County - House
- 1949--No women in the Senate  
Eva Anderson (R), Chelan County - House  
Violet P. Boede (D), San Juan County - House  
Julia Butler Hansen (D), Wahkiakum County - House  
Mrs. Vincent F. Jones (R), King County - House  
Grace Kelley (D), Grays Harbor County - House  
Emma Abbott Ridgway (D), Skagit County - House  
Jeanette Testu (D), King County - House
- 1951--No women in the Senate  
Eva Anderson (R), Chelan County - House  
Julia Butler Hansen (D), Wahkiakum County - House  
Mrs. Vincent F. Jones (R), King County - House  
Gladys Phillips (R), Grays Harbor County - House  
Emma Abbott Ridgway (D), Skagit County - House  
Jeanette Testu (D), King County - House  
Miss Ella Wintler (R), Clark County - House



## WOMEN IN THE LEGISLATURE

**ANDERSON, EVA** (Republican) Representative from the 12th District of Chelan County, was born in Surprise, Nebraska, in 1889 and is 61 years of age. She holds B.A., M.A. and Ph.D Degrees and was County Supt. of Schools of Douglas County. She is an Educator, Writer and Housewife. She was married in 1915. She is affiliated with the Eastern Star, Soroptimist, A.A.U.W., American Association of Pen Women, Delta Kappa Gamma.



**HANSEN, JULIA BUTLER** (Democrat) Representative from the 18th District of Wahkiakum County, was born at Portland, Oregon, in 1907 and she is 43 years of age. She was first elected to the House in 1938 and has served seven terms. In 1939 she was Chairman of the Elections Committee; in 1941-43 and 45, Chairman of Education and for 1949 was Chairman of Roads and Bridges. Mrs. Hansen received her A.B. Degree in 1930 from the University of Washington. She served on the City Council at Cathlamet for six years. A housewife and writer, she was married in 1939 and has one son, David Kimball age four.

**JONES, MRS. VINCENT F.** (Republican) Representative from the 46th District from King County, was born at St. Helena, California, in 1900 and is 51 years of age. She is a graduate of Washington Central College of Education and is affiliated with the Women's Federated Club, P.T.A., Congregational Women's Church Group, Music and Art Group. She was married in 1923 and has two children, Lyle and Virginia.



**PHILLIPS, GLADYS (MRS. LESTER E. O'DAY)**, (Republican) Representative from the 21st District of Grays Harbor County, was born at Aberdeen in 1912 and is 38 years of age. She will be serving her first term in the House having been elected in Nov. 1950. She was educated in the public schools of Aberdeen; University of Washington with a B.A. and LL. B. Degree is now an Attorney at Law. She is a member of Washington State Bar Association, American Bar Association and American Judicature Society. She was married in 1947.

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**RIDGWAY, EMMA ABBOTT** (Democrat) Representative from the 40th District of Skagit and San Juan Counties, was born in Seattle, and was first elected to the House in 1944. In 1945 she was Chairman of the Colleges and Universities Committee. Received her B.A. Degree from the State College of Washington and her M.A. Degree at Columbia University. Belongs to the American Legion Auxiliary, P.E.O. Sisterhood, Alpha Chi Omega (Social Sorority) Pi Lambda Theta (honorary education), Phi Kappa Phi, an honorary scholastic. She has been Vice-Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee for a number of years. Mrs. Ridgway is a theatre manager and resides in Sedro-Woolley. She has one son, Hugh Ralph Ridgway.

**TESTU, JEANETTE** (Democrat) Representative from the 34th District of King County, was born in Pierre, S. D. She is a Normal School graduate and is a former school teacher. She was first elected to the House in 1942 and during the 1949 Session was Chairman of the Transportation Committee. She was National Democratic Committeewoman from the State of Washington. Married in 1920, she has three children, Jeanne Marie, Joseph and Geraldine.



**WINTLER, ELLA** (Republican) Representative from the 17th District of Clark County was first elected in 1938 and re-elected again in 1942, 1946 and again in 1950. She has served three sessions and one special session. She has been Chairman of Forestry, State Lands & Buildings in 1943 and the same in 1947. She has been a member of the Vancouver Planning Commission. She was born in Vancouver. She attended the University of Washington and has an A.B. and A.M. Degree. Miss Wintler is an Eastern Star, White Shrine and member of the Business and Professional Women's Club.



WOMEN LEADERS IN THE  
 REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES  
 NATIONAL

Democratic Vice-Chairman -	Mrs. India Edwards Illinois
Republican Assistant Chairman -	Mrs. Gifford Mayes Idaho

STATE OF WASHINGTON

Democratic National Committeewoman -	Mrs. Alice Hogan West Pasco
Democratic State Vice-Chairman -	Mrs. Maude Hobbs Tacoma
Republican National Committeewoman -	Mrs. Neal Tourtellotte Seattle
Republican State Vice-Chairman -	Mrs. Marion Schulte Spokane

C O U N T Y

WOMEN CHAIRMEN

Democratic		
Lewis County	Mrs. Pearle S. Tucker	Chehalis
Wahkiakum County	Julia Butler Hansen	Cathlamet
Republican		
Lincoln County	Mrs. George Main	Harrington
Whatcom	Mrs Irwin Lecocq	Lynden

## WOMEN VICE-CHAIRMEN

*Sec. 1, Chapter 178, Laws of 1943: "The officers of each county committee and the officers of the state committee must include a chairman, and a vice-chairman who shall be of the opposite sex from the chairman."*

### Democratic Women Vice-Chairmen

Adams	Mrs. A. B. Davis	Lind
Asotin		
Benton	Mrs. Hazel Clary	Kennewick
Chelan	Emily Scrupps	Wenatchee
Clallam	Bertha Church	Port Angeles
Clark	Betty Rice	Camas
Columbia	Vacancy	
Cowlitz	Edna Allgire	Longview
Douglas	Mrs. Irene Speaker	Waterville
Ferry	Edna Tatton	Kewa
Franklin	Jean Mathias	Pasco
Garfield		
Grant	Ruth Wall	Quincy
Grays Harbor	Mrs. Frank West	Aberdeen
Island	Mrs. Alma Hamby	Stanwood
Jefferson	Helen Bloomingdale	Port Townsend
King	Flo Beck Kellogg	Seattle
Kitsap		
Kittitas	Mrs. A. J. Alexander	Cle Elum
Klickitat	Mrs. Elmer Nelson	Bickleton
Lewis	<i>(The Chairman is a woman)</i>	
Lincoln	Ruth Gately	Harrington
Mason	Mrs. Charles R. Savage	Shelton
Okanogan	Lola Goss	Malott
Pacific	Mrs. Louisa Nelson	Raymond
Pend Oreille	Mrs. Lillian Barendt	Cusick
Pierce	Mrs. Maude Hobbs	Tacoma
San Juan	Mrs. Earl Hoffman	Shaw Island
Skagit	Mrs. Amelia Gordon	Mount Vernon
Skamania		
Snohomish	Mrs. Goldie Ericson	Everett
Spokane	Elizabeth Whittaker	Opportunity
Stevens	Ruby Dubois	Colville
Thurston	Beatrice Fisher	Olympia
Wahkiakum	<i>(The Chairman is a woman)</i>	
Walla Walla	Mrs. W. F. Crowe	Walla Walla
Whatcom	Mary Selander	Bellingham
Whitman	Mrs. J. O. Patterson	Pullman
Yakima	Miriam Himmelsbach	Yakima



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Asotin	Mrs. C. E. McNeill	Clarkston
Benton	Mrs. Dean W. Loney	Kennewick
Chelan	Mrs. Leo C. Antles	Wenatchee
Clallam	Mrs. Ed Fitzgerald	Port Angeles
Clark	Mrs. Percy Lawhead	Vancouver
Columbia	Mrs. Loren Dumas	Dayton
Cowlitz	Mrs. George Harrison	Longview
Douglas	Mrs. Guy Coe	Wenatchee
Ferry	Mrs. Robert Patterson	Republic
Franklin	Mrs. Lela Kirchner	Pasco
Garfield	Mrs. R. Eugene Williams	Pomeroy
Grant	Bernardines Frick	Marlin
Grays Harbor	Miss Letha Wagner	Satsop
Island	Mrs. Marie Ruggles	Stanwood
Jefferson	Mrs. Stanley Mackey	Quilcene
King	Agnes Gehrman	Seattle
Kitsap	Mrs. Katherine Davis	Port Orchard
Kittitas	Mrs. J. O. Thomas	Ellensburg
Klickitat	Mrs. Mary Bush	Goldendale
Lewis	Mrs. Eleanor P. Jones	Chehalis
Lincoln	<i>(The Chairman is a woman)</i>	
Mason	Mrs. Florence Weeks	Shelton
Okanogan	Mrs. Ben Prince	Oroville
Pacific	Mrs. Arthur Kramer	Long Beach
Pend Oreille	Sadie Halstead	Newport
Pierce	Mrs. J. Peter P. Healy	Tacoma
San Juan	Mrs. Florence Green	Doe Bay
Skagit	Mrs. Fred Stafford	Anacortes
Skamania	Mrs. Grace Locke	Washougal
Snohomish	Anna Pullen	Granite Falls
Spokane	Mrs. Robert Steiwer	Spokane
Stevens	Mrs. Mary Jamieson	Rice
Thurston	Mrs. C. J. Norton	Olympia
Wahkiakum	Vacancy	
Walla Walla	Mrs. Jean Shallow	Walla Walla
Whatcom	<i>(The Chairman is a woman)</i>	
Whitman	Mrs. Thos. Williams	St. John
Yakima	Mrs. Mac Hertrich	Yakima

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- Bradford, Gene L.* (D), Snohomish County - House - 1937
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1937; 1939; 1941
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- Gehrman, Agnes M.* (R), Pacific County - Senate - 1941;  
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- Haddon, Lulu D.* (D), Kitsap County - House - 1933; 1935  
Senate- 1937; 1939;  
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- Kelley, Grace* (D), Grays Harbor County - House - 1949; ex- 1950
- Lanz, Esther M.* (D), Pierce County - House - 1933
- Malstrom, Kathryn E.* (D), Pierce County - Senate - 1933; 1935; 1939; 1941; 1943 Head of Social Security Department from January 1945 to January 1949.  
(*First woman to be elected to the Senate on the Democratic ticket and the first woman to hold an appointive position as head of the Social Security Department.*)
- McQuesten, Ida* (R), Pierce County - House - 1929; 1931
- Miller, Mrs. H. J.* (R), Snohomish County - House - 1923; 1925
- Myers, Florence W.* (D), Whitman County - House - 1933; 1935; 1937
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(*First woman elected to a state office.*)
- Reeves, Belle (Mrs. Frank)*, (D), Chelan County - House - 1923; 1925; 1931; 1933; 1935; 1937 and 2 extra sessions  
And while still a member of the Legislature was appointed Secretary of State by Clarence D. Martin on Feb. 7, 1938 and she was elected in 1940 and elected in 1944 and served until her death on Jan. 2, 1948. (*Mrs. Reeves only woman to become Secretary of State.*)

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- Smith, Mrs. Jurie B.* (D), King County - House - 1943;  
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1939 Superintendent  
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Partisan*)
- Williams, Ina P.* (R), Yakima County - House - 1917
- Wintler, Ella* (R), Clark County - House - 1939; 1943;  
ex-1944; 1947; 1951 and 2 extra sessions of 1951





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