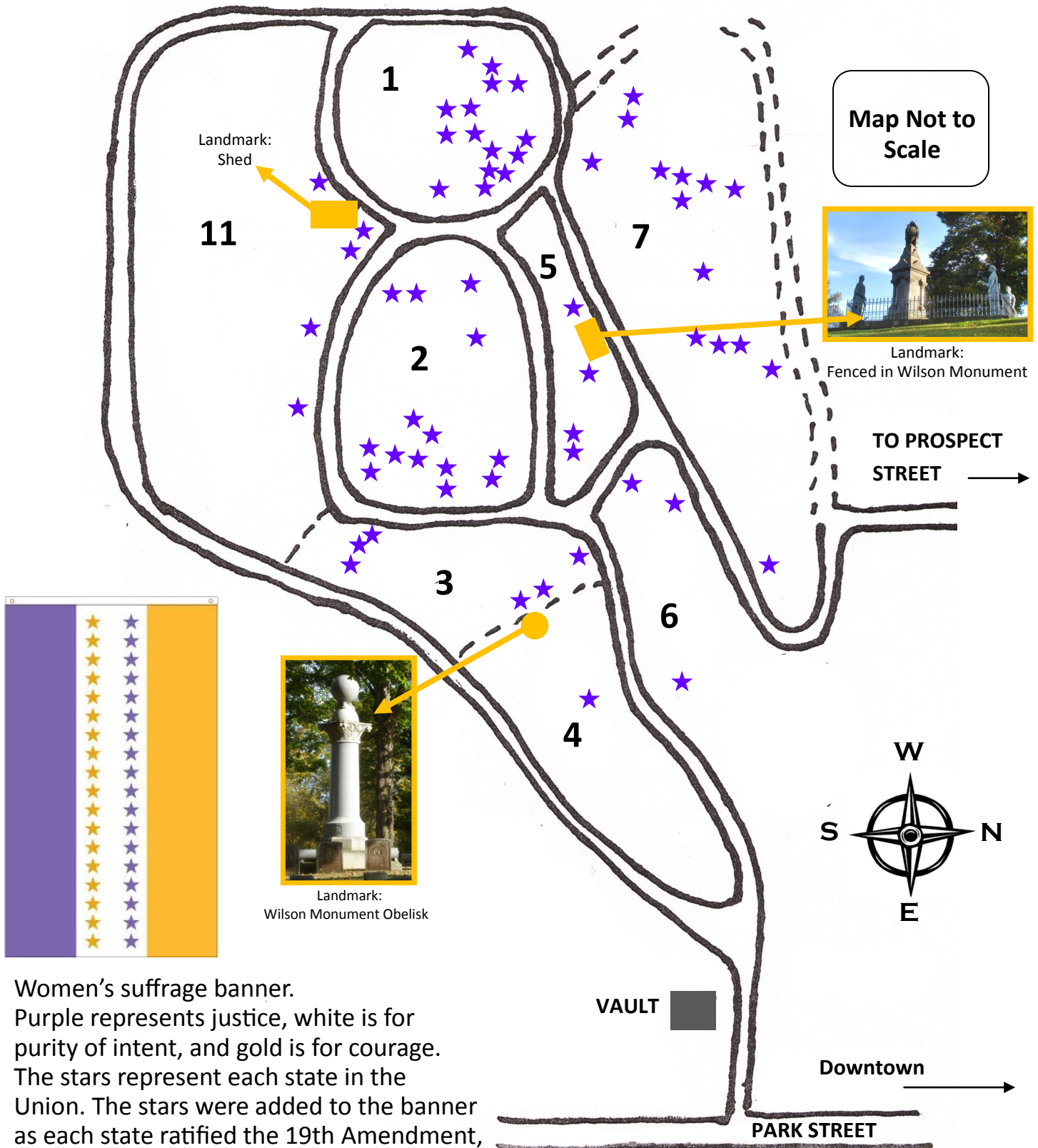


SUFFRAGIST TOUR OF ARCADE RURAL CEMETERY

Political Equality Club members' graves are indicated by purple stars. See pages 4-9 for the women's names & other personal information, listed alphabetically by section.



Women had to convince men, the ones with the right to vote, to cast their vote for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to give the women the same right. Women had long been members of various organizations—social groups, church groups, civic groups—so forming one that was solely about winning the right to vote could take advantage of the networks women had already established.

On the evening of the 12th of May, 1905, Harriette May Mills, State Organizer of the Political Equality Association of New York State, visited Arcade and organized a Political Equality Club (PEC) of fifteen members for this town.

Meetings rotated among members' homes. Roll call was handled in a very creative way: when your name was called, you would respond by answering whatever the response was that week. Examples: the latest suffrage news; current events; names of noted actors; famous women and why they became famous; naming great natural wonders; names of trees; quotations from Shakespeare.

Arcade Herald Oct. 1915 Pro-suffrage ad

Mr. Voter:

Don't you believe your wife, mother, sister or daughter is more intelligent and capable of exercising a right of franchise than the many emigrants who come to this country?

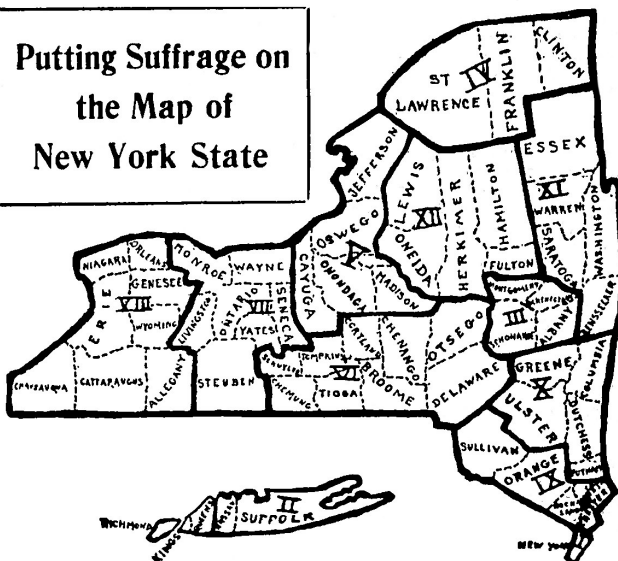
Don't you think she is more interested in the government, in the welfare of the schools, children, roads, and every public question than they are?

If So Vote for Woman Suffrage on Tuesday next

Twelve States have already granted woman suffrage.

Do you want New York to show that the men consider their women less intelligent than other states?

Putting Suffrage on
the Map of
New York State



PEC groups were part of a nation-wide campaign to win the vote. Each state was divided into Campaign Districts—see New York State's districts, left. Each district had a complete and distinct organization of its own, under the direction of a District Chairman, with a full list of officers from treasurer to press chairman. They canvassed voters, held "suffrage schools," presented speakers, all in an effort to educate the public so that no one would be uninformed on the issue.

ARCADE POLITICAL EQUALITY CLUB STATISTICS

- At least 136 women from the Arcade area were members of the Arcade Chapter of the Political Equality Club (PEC) between 1905 and 1917, the year women in New York State won the right to vote.
- 62 PEC members are known to be buried in Arcade Rural Cemetery
- Some of the women moved away later or are buried with relatives outside this area
- Several PEC members are buried locally in Sandusky, Freedom, Yorkshire, Delevan, Curriers and Sardinia
- Average year of birth: Early 1865
- Average year of death: Late 1941
- Oldest: Hattie Browne, born March 15, 1841
- Youngest: Floy Sherman, born 1894
- First to die: Grace Weast, January 2, 1908
- Last to die: Katherine Barnes, November 22, 1982, age 97
- The Arcade Political Equality Club formed in 1905
- Suffrage vote in 1915 lost statewide, but won in Arcade, 299-270
- Many of the husbands held elected office, e.g. town supervisor, village president (mayor); two of the husbands served in the State Legislature, but their wives couldn't vote for them before 1918
- 13 states (including Alaska) approved women's suffrage before New York became the first eastern state to do so in 1917
- Three more states approved it in 1918, then nationwide suffrage was ratified in 1920
- At least 30 of these women were related to at least one other PEC member
- Many were neighbors, with East Main Street in Arcade appearing to have the most
- Most belonged to one of three churches—Congregational, Methodist, Baptist; two PEC members, Georgianna Hyland and Nellie Sheehe, are buried in Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery
- Many belonged to a lodge—Eastern Star and/or Rebekahs
- Many belonged to a literary club—Monday Club or Research Club; these later merged
- Many belonged to the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU)

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Political Equality Members Buried in Arcade Rural Cemetery **Listed alphabetically by Section. *Indicates Photo of PEC Member (p. 10-11)**

Information assembled for an Arcade Historical Society exhibit in 2017 recognizing the centennial of NYS suffrage, and updated in 2020 for cemetery tour in recognition of the centennial of U.S. suffrage

Effie Thrall Alsworth, 1869-1942, PEC 16-17, Section 1	Wife of Ernest C., 1865-1937; 63 Prospect St.; made lovely quilts
*Selena Morgan Bentley, 1890-1964; PEC 17; Section 1	Wife of D.C., 1882-1969, banker, later mayor and bank president; lived at 43 Park St.
Hattie Tisdale Browne, 1841-1939, PEC 08-10, Section 1	Wife of William L., 1836-1887; lived on Maple St.; practical nurse; took airplane ride for 88th birthday in 1929; when she died at age 97, Herald noted, "she was a Republican and cast a vote in each election since women have been privileged to cast their vote;" sister-in-law of Ada and Margaret Tisdale
Augusta Sherman Hall, 1849-1936, PEC 10, Section 1	Wife of Lucius M., 1845-1927, a farmer; lived on West Main St.; apparently moved to Kansas after Lucius died; she died in Garnett, Kansas; their daughter, Grace Hall Jackson, 1876-1939, lived in Kansas and was the wife of Smith Lyon Jackson, son of Henrietta Jackson Felch
*Frances Barber Hendershott, 1859-1917, PEC 17, Section 1	Wife of William H., 1861-1931; mother of Cpl. William C. Hendershott, who died in France on October 29, 1918; he is listed on his parents' gravestone, but he is buried in France; his mother went to France with other Gold Star Mothers a few months after her husband died in 1931 to visit her son's grave; she was the first chaplain of the Hendershott-Manness Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Auxiliary when it was formed in 1940
Nettie Haskell Lewis, 1871-1957, PEC 05, 08-17, Section 1	Wife of Fred H., 1864-1929; lived at 120 Liberty St.; Fred's meat market west of Clear Creek on the north side of Main St. was destroyed in the 1902 flood; Nettie was musical, performing as a pianist or vocalist for various club events
Sarah Austin Norton, 1885-1953, PEC 10, 11, 13-15, 17, Section 1	Wife of George C., 1863-1929; lived on East Main St.; sister-in-law of Evie Norton Smith and Clara Norton Smith (both buried in Sandusky)
Clara Ross Royce, 1875-1937, PEC 13-15, Section 1	Wife of Martin D., 1867-1924; lived on Park St.; Gold Star Mother, due to the death of her son, George W., born 1895, who was killed in France on September 30, 1918; second husband was Arthur Green (dates and burial location not found)
Jennie Gill Sherman, 1868-1960, PEC 13-17, Section 1	Wife of Erastus D., 1867-1949; lived in Yorkshire; at October 1913 PEC meeting had map showing progress suffrage was making; hosted January 1916 PEC meeting at new town hall in Yorkshire
*Ada Moon Tisdale, 1856-1945, PEC 15, Section 1	Wife of William H., 1849-1933; had lived in Eagle, where William was a farmer; lived on Maple St.; Ada was the sister-in-law of Hattie Browne and Margaret Tisdale
Margaret Yule Tisdale, 1845-1915, PEC 05-06, 08-12, Section 1	Wife of George P., 1845-1926, who sold farm implements and laid out Maple Street/Avenue on part of his land off East Main Street, where he and Margaret lived; George was town supervisor in 1887-88 and 1899-1900; Margaret was the sister-in-law of Flora Yule, Louise Yule, Hattie Browne and Ada Tisdale
Lula Wagoner, 1889-1960, PEC 14-17, Section 1	Daughter of Laverne & Lillian Jones Wagoner; lived at 68 Liberty St.; clerk in dental parlor of brother-in-law, Dr. George Pickens, in 1909; clerk at D.L. Witheril store in 1914; school tax collector, 1933-37; opened Liberty Gift Shop in her home in 1937; charter member of Rebekah lodge and Arcade Research Club; in numerous plays at Keystone Hall; active with Arcade Garden Tour; sold perennials in the fall

*Flora Foote Yule, 1859-1942, PEC 06-17, Section 1	Wife of William M., 1850-1932, who had various businesses on south side of East Main, across from Baptist church--wagon shop, farm implement shop, then early Ford dealer with son Roy; lived on East Main St.; Flora was a second cousin of Mary Witheril and second cousin-in-law of Metta Foote; mother of Janet Yule Booth (1891-1979; PEC member in 1917; recited at PEC meeting at age 14; attended Syracuse University; taught school; lived and buried in East Aurora); sister-in-law of Margaret Tisdale and Louise Yule
Louise "Louie" Welles Yule, 1885-1925, PEC 07, Section 1	Wife of Roy O., 1883-1970, who owned Arcade Drive Barn behind stores on north side of Main St., and was in partnership with father, William Yule, in early Ford dealership in building on south side of Main St. across from Baptist church, sold dealership in 1950s; after Louise died, Roy married Lois Churchill (1904-1968) and lived at 209 East Main St.; Louise was the daughter-in-law of Flora Yule and sister-in-law of Janet Yule Booth (buried in East Aurora)
Louise Hubbard Yule, 1853-1928, PEC 08-17, Section 1	Wife of Alexander M. "A.M.," 1859-1930, merchant; lived on East Main St.; delegate to PEC county convention; sister-in-law of Flora Yule and Margaret Tisdale; sister of Martha Prey
Elizabeth McKerrow Beebe, 1862-1910, PEC 08-10, Section 2	Wife of Verlette C., 1851-1918, a butter and cheese dealer, who was named NYS Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture in 1911; lived on Pearl St.; V.C. later married Love A. Wall, 1859-1957, who was a PEC member 1915-16; she moved to Canada after he died and is buried in Alberta
Alta Clough Denison, 1860-1946, PEC 14-15, Section 2	Wife of W.A. Denison, 1846-1927, Civil War veteran and dealer in musical instruments; attended Smith College; lived on Pearl St.; hosted April 1914 PEC meeting at home on Liberty St., perhaps home of her widowed mother, Lucretia Clough; traveled extensively in later years with daughter, sister and brother; she and husband were both very musical; second cousin of Ellen Drake; sister of Eleanor Clough
Henrietta Lyon Jackson Felch, 1845-1930, PEC 06, 08-12, Section 2	Wife of J. Wesley Jackson, 1842-1903, Civil War veteran; lived on West Main St.; she received a \$12 pension in 1908 as his widow; she gave paper, "A Trip Through the West" at November 1908 PEC meeting; Jacksons had several cattle ranches out West; son, Smith Lyon Jackson, was in Kansas by 1903, was a farm loan executive and active in Republican politics, and a Kansas state senator; Henrietta re-married on November 15, 1910 to Simeon E. Felch of Chicago, whom she met at Wyoming Seminary 40 years earlier; is buried with Jackson on Lyon family lot
Loraine Merrill Steele Johnson, 1849-1927. PEC 08 & 14, Section 2	Wife of Hiram Steele, 1840-1899, and Elvin E. Johnson, c. 1851-1918; lived on West Main St.; Hiram was a hardware merchant and postmaster and the uncle of Metta Steele Foote; he built the Steele Block on lower Liberty St. shortly before he died in 1899 to replace his three-story building that was destroyed in the fire the previous December; Loraine Johnson sold the Steele Block in 1913 to Charles Gliss, who owned it for many years; Loraine was in charge of Western Union telegraph office for many years; both of her husbands were original members of Arcade's first fire company in 1868
Hattie Morehouse Keeney, 1849-1909, PEC 06-08, Section 2	Wife of Earl D., 1846-1899, Civil War veteran and pharmacist; the fire of December 1898 started in the attic of his pharmacy and destroyed half of downtown; he rebuilt the following year--the center section of the Beardsley-Keeney-Hayes Block; he committed suicide due to depression in October 1899; after her husband's death, Hattie moved in with her daughter and son-in-law, Jessie (1880-1963) and M. Edwin Cottrill (1874-1958), above the drug store and later had a house built on Main Street; Edwin was a pharmacist, and the business remained in the Cottrill family for over 70 years; Edwin's sister-in-law, Mary Cottrill Wheeler (1873-1961, buried in North Tonawanda), was a PEC member in 1913-15 while living in Yorkshire; Hattie attended a National Encampment in 1902; went with four other PEC members to the 15th annual convention of the Wyoming County Equality Clubs in Wyoming in 1906; was secretary and vice president of Arcade PEC; left in early 1909 on an extended trip West with friends--caught pneumonia and died in California

Louise Ladd, 1851-1924, PEC 05, Section 2	Daughter of William & Caroline Ladd; charter member and first secretary of Eastern Star chapter; first librarian of Arcade Free Library in 1905; was initially paid 10 cents an hour (about \$5.00 a month); when pay was raised to \$1.75 weekly, she was expected to pay any assistant and to do the janitorial work; resigned in 1914
*Katherine/ Kate Lewis, 1865-1937, PEC 05-09, 11-17, Section 2	Daughter of Dr. Benjamin & Gertrude Riley Lewis; father was a dentist and was village clerk in 1876; Katherine lived on West Main St. and Park St., then in Buffalo at the time of her death; her house was damaged by the 1902 flood, so her brothers Ed and John rented the Smith house on West Main and moved their sister's remaining household goods there; she received \$35 from the flood relief fund a few weeks later; brother Edward owned a jewelry store with William Pinney for many years, and brother Dr. John A. was also a dentist; Katherine participated in the 1915 woman's suffrage auto parade in Warsaw; newspaper noted in 1935 that she was a "guest of Mrs. Roosevelt at the Chautauqua Club Convention in Washington, D.C.
Minnie (Smith) Lockwood, 1885-1957, PEC 07, 09, 11, Section 2	Married in November 1911 to C. Frederick Lockwood, 1882-1951; lived on Liberty St. with parents, later on West Main St.; Lockwood became a partner in the men's clothing business of Minnie's father, A.L. Smith, then in 1924 became partners with J.T. Sullivan and re-named the business Lockwood & Sullivan, which later became the Arcade Men's Shop; Minnie was a clerk at the Francis & McKerrow store in 1903-04; in 1905 became the "hello girl" for the new Inter-Ocean Telephone & Telegraph Co., which was absorbed by the Bell System a year later; she was then a relief operator at the phone office; participated in many plays at Keystone Hall; daughter of Nellie Smith
Alice Maynard McNair, 1858-1940, PEC 12-15, Section 2	Wife of Henry J., c. 1861-1919; Henry was town clerk, village and town tax collector, member of board of education, fire chief, town supervisor in 1894-97 and 1901-02 and served in the NYS Assembly in 1902-03
Carrie Rockwell Parker, 1859-1933, PEC 09-11, Section 2	Wife of Frank, 1866-1943; they lost household goods during 1898 fire, and had to be rescued from the second floor of their home on Water St. during 1902 flood; later lived on Park St.; no gravestones for Carrie or Frank, but they are buried on the same lot as his parents, Ira and Alzima Parker
Nellie Rowland Smith, 1858-1913, PEC 11, 12, Section 2	Wife of Archie L. "A.L." Smith, 1857-1935, who started a men's clothing business in the Beebe Block in 1900; was later joined in business by his sons and later his son-in-law, Fred Lockwood; lived on Liberty St.; Nellie was the mother of Minnie Smith Lockwood
Emma Phillips White, 1856-1930, PEC 05-11, Section 2	Wife of Chauncey J., 1847-1933, who owned hardware store at corner of Main & Park; lived on Park St.
Julia E. Young, 1866-1941, PEC 05, Section 2	Daughter of John M. and Julia A. Young; lived with father (Civil War veteran) and mother in 1900; lived on Pearl St. with widowed mother in 1910; taught school for 36 years, first in Akron, then New Jersey and Long Island; most of her career was at Arcade High School; elected first secretary of PEC at organizational meeting in June 1905; charter member of Eastern Star chapter
Katherine Baldwin Barnes, 1885-1982, PEC 12-14, Section 3	Wife of Fred Dana, 1885-1957; lived at 395 West Main St.; moved to Castile in 1925; taught history there for 25 years; helped establish Castile Historical Society; longtime live-in curator at CHS' historical house on East Park Rd.
Clara Nichols Beardsley, 1845-1926; PEC 07-17; Section 3	Wife of Clark, 1839-1923, stone mason; lived on East Main St.; took part in Woman's Suffrage auto parade at Warsaw Fair in 1915 (50 decorated autos); attended 1915 Geneva Convention, where noted suffragists spoke; mother-in-law of Ora Beardsley
Ora Weed Beardsley, 1878-1951, PEC 14-15, Section 3	Wife of Ferdell J. "Dell", 1875-1954, mason at milk plant; they survived 1902 flood, when their house on Water St. was swept from its foundation; later lived on East Main St.; daughter of Eva Weed and daughter-in-law of Clara Beardsley
Eleanor "Nellie" Clough, 1864-1948, PEC 09-17. Section 3	Daughter of Silas & Lucretia Woodworth Clough; father owned mill, cheese factory and large farm; lived on Liberty St. (house burned in 1944, houses at 228 & 230 Liberty now on site); taught in Oakfield; later lived in Boston, NYC and Washington, DC; second cousin of Ellen Drake; sister of Alta Clough Denison

Eva Smith Weed, 1858-1917, PEC 08-17, Section 3	Wife of Charles E., 1855-1939, day laborer in 1900, carpenter in Buffalo in 1920; lived on East Main St.; mother of Ora Beardsley; son George Weed (1891-1962) married Olive Sharp (1892-1963), a daughter of PEC member Elma Sharp Fuller
Flora Cook Williams, 1863-1952, PEC 1917, Section 3	Wife of Robert F., 1859-1928; lived on Prospect St.; Flora and Robert both worked in knitting mill
Lizzie Watkins Stearns, 1858-1937, PEC 05-14, Section 4	Wife of Willis E., 1857-1936, who owned a cheese factory on Church St. from 1882-90 and was village president in 1900 and town supervisor in 1903-04, 1907-08 and 1913-16; lived on Main St.; corresponding secretary of PEC; alternate to state convention; son Earl served in WWI, so Lizzie was a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary in 1922; Lizzie's husband Willis was a nephew of Ellen Stearns' husband, Martin
Margaret Wales Barnes, 1861-1924, PEC 07-10, Section 5	Wife of Gustavus A., 1853-1927, an attorney and businessman, also village president in 1886 and village clerk in 1891-96, 1898-1902, 1904-05; lived at 328 West Main St. (house now at 7783 County Line Rd.); played piano duet at October 1910 PEC meeting; daughter Marie (Slocum, buried elsewhere) also a PEC member
*Ellen Wilson Drake, 1870-1920, PEC 12-17, Section 5	Wife of Charles Marsena Drake, 1858-1933; grew up at 365 West Main St. (present Arcade Free Library); she and daughter Mae opened March 1910 WCTU meeting with piano/violin duet; read paper titled "Education of Girls in Colonial Times" at Nov. 1914 PEC meeting, dressed as a ghost with lights turned low--"It was one of the best papers ever given in the club and most appropriately staged;" roll call at that meeting was responded to by naming famous American novelists and one of their books; October 1917 PEC meeting had a temperance program run by Mrs. Drake as a schoolhouse with different classes; Ellen's mother, Ann S. Clough Wilson, was a cousin of Eleanor Clough and Alta Denison's father, Silas Clough; daughter May (later Stockin), 1892-1981, was a PEC member in 1917
*Leah Lewis Pinney, 1879-1966, PEC 05-17, Section 5	Wife of William M., 1873-1963, owned jewelry store with Katherine Lewis' brother, Edward; lived at 32 Maple St.; treasurer of PEC; charter member and treasurer of Eastern Star chapter; charter member and financial secretary of Rebekah lodge; Leah's family was musical, and she performed at the piano and as a vocalist at various club meetings; her piano now belongs to Jeffrey Mason, who bought it when he bought the house on Maple from the Pinneys' daughter, Geraldine Lewis, in 1974
*Mary Foote Witheril, 1856-1920, PEC 08-09, Section 5	Wife of James M., 1849-1895; Mary lived on East Main St. in 1900 with her son Dean (1881-1947), and was still there with Dean (clerk in a dry goods store) and his family in 1910; James died before Marjorie Witherel Gibby was born, but he was her uncle; Mary was the sister-in-law of Metta Foote
Harriet Torrey Beardsley, 1858-1934, PEC 14-17, Section 6	Wife of Henry J., 1860-1935, a tailor; he owned building at Main & Liberty, built in 1901 after the 1898 fire and was village clerk in 1907-09; lived on East Main St.; she and Henry were in cast of play for Electrical Celebration in 1909
*Stella/Estella Rogers Edwards, 1873-1958, PEC 06 & 08, Section 6	Wife of George F., 1868-1958, folder and carder at knitting mill; lived on Liberty St.
*Ellen Owens Stearns, 1856-1935, PEC 08, 09, 14-15, Section 6	Wife of Martin J., 1839-1913, formerly a farmer; lived on East Main St. and Liberty St.; Ellen's husband Martin was the uncle of Lizzie Stearns' husband, Willis
Margaret McClaggan Anderson, 1885-1965, PEC 12-17, Section 7	Wife of John Anderson, 1880-1920 (worked at planing mill), and Philip Morgan, 1887-1959; born in Scotland; lived on Mill St.; worked for New York Telephone; elected tax collector as Republican, 1923; re-elected 1925; buried with Anderson
Eliza Griffis Beardslee, 1865-1926, PEC 12-17, Section 7	Wife of William E., 1862-1941, superintendent at milk plant; lived on Church St.; sons Carl & Clyde became Borden's executives

Harriet "Hattie" Howe Blakeley, 1857-1931, PEC 05-09, Section 7	Wife of James W., 1852-1920, harness maker, then merchant; lived on Park St. and Main St.; mother-in-law of 1911-16 PEC member Kathryn Bigelow Blakeley, 1885-1969; she and husband Howard later moved to Buffalo and then to Virginia, where they are buried
Nancy Klock Briggs, c.1844-1928, PEC 05-06, Section 7 (stone fallen)	Wife of William M., 1843-1880, who died before they came here; mother-in-law of Nettie Briggs; lived on North St. with Mabel and husband Frank; stone & base tipped over in 2020
Nettie Yetter Briggs, 1875-1944; PEC 05-06. 08, 12-13, 15-17, Section 7 (gravestone fallen)	Maiden name Yetter; wife of Frank W. Sr., 1874-1941, yarn mill superintendent and village president; lived on North St. with Frank's mother and PEC member, Nancy Briggs; stone & base tipped over in 2020
Metta Steele Foote, 1863-1946, PEC 08-17, Section 7 (no gravestone)	Wife of Frank M., 1858-1924, general contractor and plumber, and former proprietor of Arcade Hotel; lived on East Main St., where they lost their barn, horse and wagon in 1902 flood; later lived at 184 Liberty St.; remembered the construction of Keystone Hall in 1874 when she was 11; was in cast of play during Electrical Celebration in 1909; served as 1st vice president of PEC; a Democrat, was elected in 1929 as either tax collector or school director; sister-in-law of Mary Foote Witheril and niece of Loraine Johnson's first husband, Hiram Steele; no gravestone for Frank or Metta, but they're buried next to his parents, Zelona and Eliza Ann Foote
Althea Angier Knight, 1843-1916, PEC 05-13, 15-16, Section 7	Wife of Andrew J., 1839-1917; Andrew was an attorney, town supervisor in 1871, Wyoming County district attorney in 1875-76, and village president in 1896; lived on West Main St.; mother-in-law of Mary Knight
*Mary Fenner Knight, 1869-1944, PEC 05-17, Section 7	Wife of John, 1871-1955; lived at 348 West Main St. (part of funeral home parking lot after house was demolished); first secretary of Wyoming County Child Welfare Board; member of Board of Visitors at NYS School for the Blind in Batavia; charter member and first president of Monday Club, and initiated club's efforts to establish Arcade Free Library in 1905; president and convention delegate of WNY Federation of Women's Clubs; founding member of Imperial Rebekahs; trustee of Arcade Union Free School; was 1st vice president, parliamentarian and president of PEC; John Knight was an attorney; John presented a petition to village board in 1908, asking for creation of an electric plant, and Mary was in the cast of a play during the Electrical Celebration in 1909; John was Wyoming County district attorney in 1904-13, NYS assemblyman 1913-16, and NYS senator, 1917-31, and Senate majority leader 1927-31; during John's early years in Albany, Mary was a leader in the state suffrage movement; Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt visited the Knight home in 1930 while Sen. Knight was recovering from an auto accident, and the Knights were guests of the Roosevelts at the Governor's Mansion; President Hoover appointed Sen. Knight to the federal bench in 1931, and he served as a district court judge in Buffalo until his death; daughter-in-law of Althea Knight
Clara Moore Niles, 1862-1950, PEC 07-12, 17, Section 7	Wife of Charles N., 1860-1915; lived on Prospect St.; Charles was the clerk and operator when the Bell System established phone service in Arcade in 1896; Clara was a secretary and treasurer of the PEC; 1910 newspaper said she gave interesting reports at the meeting
*Martha Hubbard Prey, 1859-1939, PEC 13-17, Section 7	Wife of William W., 1855-1928; lived on Pearl St.; at least two of her daughters, Mildred and Winifred, taught school in Arcade, and her son, Arthur, was instrumental in reviving the Arcade Historical Society in 1970; sister of Louise Yule
Floy Baker Sherman, 1894-1973, PEC 11-12, 17, Section 7	Wife of Edwin C. "Ted," 1889-1959; lived on West Main St.; gave a paper on "The Cry of Equal Pay for Equal Work" at the Home Economics Club of Sardinia in May 1919
Jessie Hunt Smith, 1883-1969, PEC 09-12, Section 7	Wife of Dr. Willam B. Smith, 1874-1936, veterinarian; lived on Pearl St.; later married Dr. Chester R. Perkins, 1875-1957 (buried in Warsaw); daughter, Doris Smith Downey, taught history at Arcade and Pioneer; buried with first husband

*Grace Higgins Weast, 1876-1908, PEC 05-07, Section 7	Wife of Robert, 1875-1959, railroad station agent in 1900, bookkeeper at planing mill in 1910; lived on Prospect St.; Grace was treasurer of PEC in 1906 & 1907, alternate delegate to county convention in July 1906; died in childbirth, leaving husband and 6-year-old daughter; her mother died 9 days earlier
*Annie McCall Wilson, 1868-1948, PEC 11-13, Section 7	Wife of Frank R., 1861-1940, who had a hardware store and was the postmaster in Eagle; Annie performed as Mrs. Markley in the play "Aunt Susan Jones" with the Home Economics Club in 1915; Annie and Frank moved from Eagle to West Main St., then later to Buffalo with their son, industrialist Kirke R. Wilson; K.R. later bought the house at 365 West Main St. for his parents during their later years; after Annie's death, her surviving children, Frank C. Wilson and Nadyne Devin, made a donation that helped make it possible for the Arcade Free Library to move into their parents' last home
*Henrietta Filer, 1875-1971, PEC 05, Section 11	Daughter of Jacob & Kathryn Filer; lived on East Main St.; teacher at Arcade High School; elected as first treasurer of PEC at June 1905 organizational meeting
Belle Sharp Fuller, 1880-1966, PEC 15 & 17, Section 11	Wife of Charles C., 1868-1940, farmer; lived on Liberty St.; Charles' older brother, George, was the second husband of Elma Sharp Fuller
Elma Hall Sharp Fuller, 1862-1955, PEC 15-17, Section 11	Married to Dr. Henry P. Sharp, 1854-1908; he and his father, Dr. James Sharp, 1829-1907, were physicians and both practiced at their home at 217 East Main St.; Dr. Henry Sharp was village president in 1899; he nearly died during 1902 flood when he stepped out of his house and was swept away, saving himself by grabbing onto a column of the house next door; ; Dr. Henry Sharp died on Jan. 29, 1908, and George Fuller's wife, Mary Ann, died on April 15, 1908, so George and Elma were married some time before 1915; George, 1864-1946, was a horse dealer, later had an oil and gas station, was a livestock dealer and owned quite a bit of local real estate; he and Elma lived downtown at 274 Main Street; shortly after he died, the house was enlarged and converted into a grocery store, a Chinese restaurant in 2020; George is buried with his first wife, and Elma is buried nearby with her first husband. George was the brother-in-law of Belle Fuller; Elma's daughter, Olive Sharp Weed, 1892-1963, was the daughter-in-law of Eva Weed.
Mary Holton Dawley, 1854-1929, PEC 08-11, Section 11	Wife of Herman J., 1858-1899; lived on East Main; dressmaker
Ida Bellis Vermilyea, 1856-1929, PEC 17, Section 11	Appears to have been married earlier to Daniel J. Vermilyea, 1847-1928, a Civil War veteran in the 8th NY Heavy Artillery, 1864-65; they and daughter Gertrude, age 13, were together in Bennington in 1900; in 1915 Ida lived with Gertrude and her husband, Ernest Gregg, on Grove St., and Ida was a laborer in the knitting mill; in 1925 she was living in Holland with Gertrude, who was a school teacher; Ida and Gertrude Gregg (died 1960) are buried together without husbands; Daniel Vermilyea appears in at least two homes for disabled veterans, and was buried as Daniel Vermilyer in the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Fort Dodge

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Henrietta Filer



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM TISDALE
Who celebrated their Golden wedding
Saturday, February 7th, 1925.



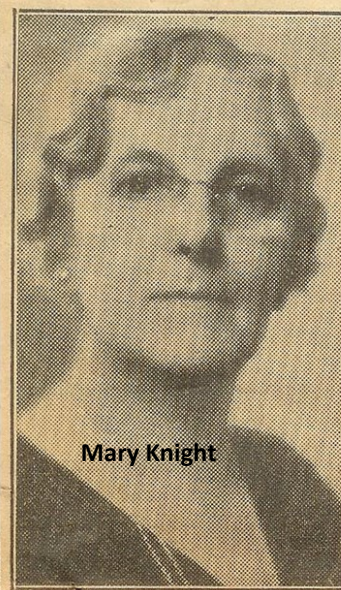
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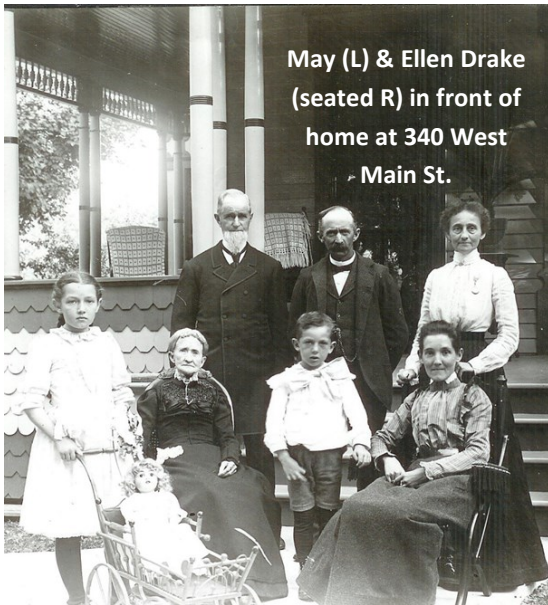
**Estelle Edwards &
daughters**



Leah Pinney



Mary Witheril



May (L) & Ellen Drake
(seated R) in front of
home at 340 West
Main St.



Frances Hendershott and son William

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE BY STATE IN U.S.

1869 Wyoming

1893 Colorado

1896 Utah and Idaho

1910 Washington State

1911 California

1912 Oregon, Kansas, and Arizona

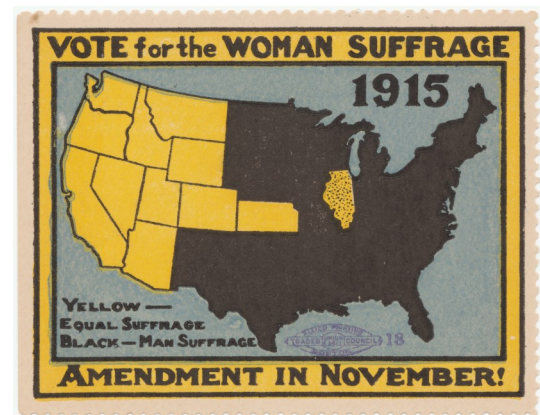
1913 Alaska (territory) and Illinois

1914 Montana and Nevada

1917 New York

1918 Michigan, South Dakota, and Oklahoma

August 26, 1920 after ratification of the 19th amendment, women in all U.S. states had the right to vote.



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