



Mary Gilmore Barnum (1869-)

Mary Gilmore Barnum was born in Grinnell, Iowa in 1869. Mary graduated from Los Angeles High School and the University of California, Los Angeles and married Mr. O. Shephard Barnum.

During her career, Mary was a high school principal and active in education in Los Angeles schools. She served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Y.W.C.A.; the Woman's Progressive League; the National Education Association; and the Order of the Eastern Star.

In 1913, Mrs. Barnum was appointed to the California State Board of Education and served as a vice-president. She was a member of the Friday Morning Club of Los Angeles (founded in 1891, the Friday Morning Club became the largest women's club in California, with over 1,800 members by the 1920s).

This photo was used in an article dated April 27, 1937. The caption reads: "*Another past president of the Friday Morning*

Club, Mrs. O. Shephard Barnum is shown when she was a young matron."



Ellen Clark Sargent (1826-1911). Born Ellen Clark in Massachusetts in 1826, Mrs. Sargent was an active American suffragette throughout her adult life. She was influential in advocating for the 19th Amendment to the U.S Constitution, which sought to give women the right to vote.

In 1869, Sargent founded the Nevada County Women's Suffrage Organization. She later served as president of the California Woman Suffrage Association. She also co-founded the Century Club of California, San Francisco's first women's club, which exists still today.

At the national level, she was a treasurer of the National Woman Suffrage Association and a friend and correspondent of Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

Ellen's husband, Aaron Sargent, was elected to the U.S. Senate from California in 1872. In 1878, Mr. Sargent proposed to the Senate the language that was eventually adopted as the 19th Amendment.



Upon her death in 1911, the City of San Francisco held its first public memorial for a woman, and ordered that California state flags throughout the city be flown at half-mast.