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Martha Goodwin Tunstall



1838 - 1911

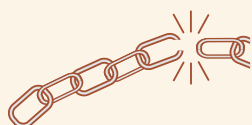
"... may not your mothers, your wives, your sisters, your daughters, the women of America, have a voice in making the laws and selecting the rulers to who she owes, and to whom she renders the most implicit reverence and faithful obedience."

AN EARLY LEADER OF THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT IN TEXAS AND THE NATION



Actions in Texas Gained National Attention

Tunstall's efforts were noticed and acknowledge by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, both national suffrage leaders. Tunstall's efforts would be rewarded as she would soon be named Vice-President of the National Woman Suffrage Association, representing Texas.



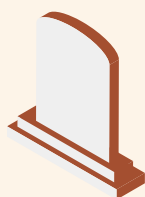
Anti-Slavery Crusader

Tunstall and her husband ran a school to teach Black students. The anti-slavery attitudes held by the Tunstall's would lead to them being harassed in Texas for the remainder of their lives, by former Confederates & extended family.



Texas Led the Way

At the 1878 Annual Meeting of the NWSA, Tunstall said of Texas: "this far off state is ripe for the change. In my own city [Crockett], at least half of the women and many of the men are open advocates of our right to the ballot."



Legacy

Though Martha Goodwin Tunstall died before her dream was realized, she was an early leader in the women's suffrage movement, and her actions helped women across America gain the right to vote!

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