

Esther McQuigg Morris 1812-1902



After her first husband died, she lived in Wyoming, where she had been the primary factor in lobbying for women's right to vote in that state. The bill was signed in 1869 and, for the first time, granted women the right to vote equally with men. In 1870 she became the first female Justice of the Peace in this country. Today there is a statue of her in front of the State Capitol building in Cheyenne, WY.

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Morris was born in Spencer and lived in Owego prior to moving to Wyoming.