

17 November 1876 Born in West Sutton in nation's centennial year

**10 January 1878 Constitutional Amendment granting women the right to vote introduced for first time and every year until it passes**

**1886 (10) Worcester Woman's Suffrage League formed**

Attended HS near current center gas station (open from 1875)? Or attended Smithfield Seminary, as did her Uncle Jason Waters (per Barbara Brink Rhoades) – RI?

1887 (11) First letter to editor of *The Truth Seeker* published on 23 July is pasted in her scrapbook

1894 (18) Started teaching as substitute in Sutton, Torreyville (Dist. 13?), Harback (paid \$225 for 7 months with 32 students), W. Sutton, and Putnam Hill

1897 (21) Registered to vote for school committee (MA women gained the franchise in 1873) Maynard D. Putnam registered at the same time (neighbors?)

1899 (22 or 23) Probably encouraged fellow teacher in District 4 Sarah E. Wedge (46 years old in Dist. 9; became principal in 1895)

1900 (23) Probably encouraged 63 women to register on March 10 at Town Hall (included sister-in-law, housewives, 2 nurses, 1 teacher, 1 dressmaker, 1 farmer)

**1907 (31) MA State Suffrage Association held annual meeting at Trinity Church in Worcester**

1908 (32) Uncle Jason Waters dies; primary sponsor to remove "whites only" clause for military service while serving as state legislator from 1862-1864

1912 (36) **Worcester Equal Franchise Club formed by younger women.** (no record of exact date she joined the group) Worcester Woman's Suffrage League not very active. Only about 1/3 of area women are registered to vote.

**1914 (37) World War I begins; Worcester Men's League for Equal Suffrage formed**

1915 (38) Suffrage Victory Car Parade passes through Sutton in September and stops at her house

Carries Sutton Banner in October 13<sup>th</sup> Parade (in Boston?) before November 2 MA Referendum Vote

**After its failure the National American Woman's Suffrage Association focuses on fighting for a federal suffrage amendment under Carrie Chapman Catt.**

1918 (41) Mother, Julia M. Waters, dies

1919 (42) Her replacement teacher in West Sutton, Evelyn Morse Plummer (Mrs. Charles) registers to vote January 25 and lists her occupation as housewife

1920 (43) Youngest brother William dies

**26 August 1920 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment grants all American women (excepts Native Americans) the right to vote**

- 1921 (45) Resigned as librarian (and teacher?)
- 1922 1<sup>st</sup> woman elected to MA legislature**
- 1925 1<sup>st</sup> MA woman elected to Congress**
- 1828 (54) Helps organize West Sutton Community League for the betterment of the community
- 1932 (56) Delinquent in taxes in 1933 Annual Report
- 1962 (86) Brother Charles dies.
- 21 May 1965 (88) Lucy Waters Phelps dies