

VALIANT MARYLAND WOMEN: THE FIGHT FOR SUFFRAGE



Lucy Diggs Slowe 1885-1937 Baltimore

Slowe was a woman of firsts in education, equal rights and sports. She was the first young woman to graduate from the Baltimore Colored School and the first from there to attend Howard University with a scholarship. She graduated as class valedictorian and went on to break barriers. She was the first principal of the first black junior high school in Washington, D.C., and a founder of Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first sorority established by African American women. Later, she became the first Dean of Women at Howard University and the first black woman to serve as Dean of Women at any American university. Slowe won the first American Tennis Association tournament in 1917, and was the first African American woman to win a major sports title. She often returned to Baltimore to speak about suffrage to women's and civic groups.

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Chalk Herring

1844-1926 Baltimore County

Herring was born into a Baltimore working-class family. She was a seamstress until marrying Wilton S. Herring, a Northern Central Railway freight agent. The couple reared three children in Govanstown. Herring was active in her local Methodist Episcopal church and the Baltimore County Woman's Christian Temperance Union. In 1893, the National American Woman Suffrage Association asked her to establish the Era Club of Baltimore County. Herring remained its president for 13 years.



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