



A COLORING BOOK ABOUT

Wyoming Women

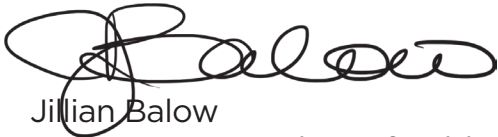
Greetings!

As an elected official, and as a woman, I am proud to call Wyoming home. For the past 150 years, Wyoming has led the way in not only advancing women's rights, but the rights of all its citizens.

We have such a rich and inclusive history in Wyoming. And parents, it is my hope that you'll find this coloring book not only fun, but informative as well.

I am thrilled that the Wyoming Department of Education has partnered with the Governor's Council for the Wyoming Women's Suffrage and the League of Women Voters in Wyoming to celebrate the Wyoming Women's Suffrage Celebration, set for December 10, 2019 to September 6, 2020. Our historic endeavors truly deserve a historic celebration!

Please enjoy this coloring book, make memories, share Wyoming's history - and above all, remember that Wyoming truly is the Equality State.



Jillian Balow
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

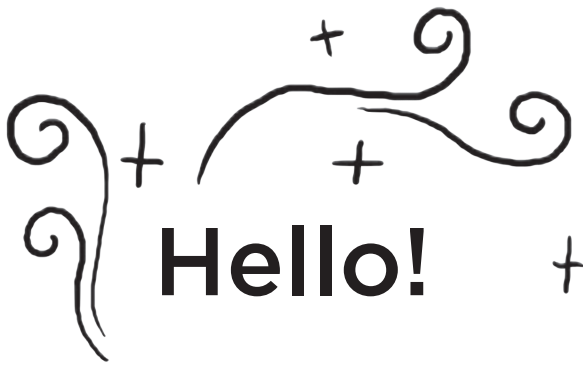
Howdy! Wyoming has a colorful history, with many notable achievements featuring women at the forefront. Known as the "Equality State," Wyoming was given this nickname because we were the first state to grant women the right to vote and to hold office. In 1870, Esther Hobart Morris was the first woman appointed as a Justice of the Peace in the world. This paved the way for many more significant firsts for women, including the election of Nellie Tayloe Ross, the first woman elected governor of a U.S. state, in 1925.

We hope you enjoy this coloring book, as it features many of the incredible women that helped to shape Wyoming's history. This is truly something to celebrate!

With my best regards,



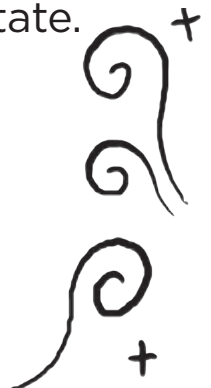
Edward Buchanan
Wyoming Secretary of State



Did you know that Wyoming is nicknamed the “Equality State?” There’s a great reason for that, too. It’s because Wyoming has been on the leading-edge of promoting women’s rights, before it was even a state! Yes, Wyoming was the first territory to grant suffrage (a legal term meaning “the right to vote in elections”) to women. The Wyoming Territorial Legislature enacted the law in 1869, over 50 years before the 19th Amendment gave women the right nationwide. The next year, Louisa Swain of Laramie voted in the midterms, becoming the first woman to vote under Wyoming’s law giving women full civic equality with men.

Wyoming also led the way for women to serve on a jury and hold public office. Five years after being granted the right to vote, Estelle Reel became the second woman in the United States elected to a state office, that of Superintendent of Public Instruction. And in 1870, Amalia Post became the first woman to serve as foreman of a jury - the first jury in U.S. history to include women!

We hope you’ll enjoy this coloring book, which features just a fraction of the diverse and fascinating women who helped Wyoming earn its nickname: The Equality State.

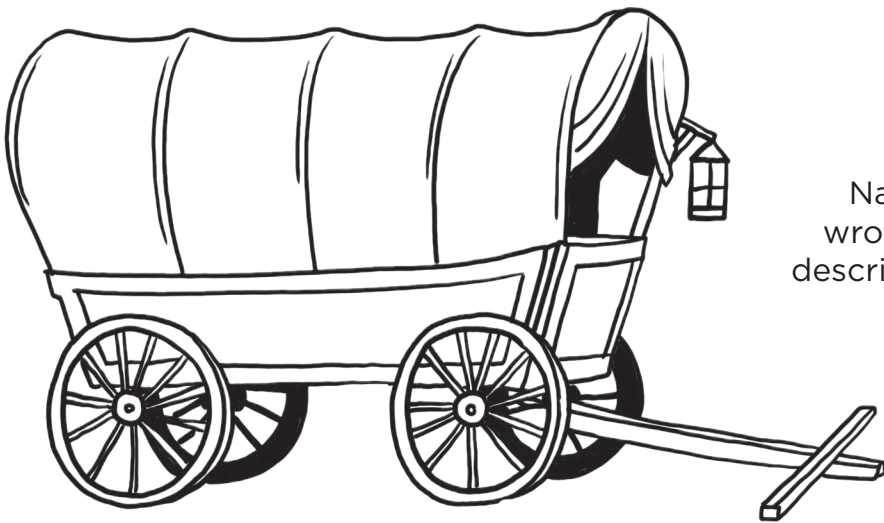




Eliza wrote the first books in the Nez Perce language.



Narcissa kept a diary and wrote letters, leaving behind descriptions of what life was like on the Oregon Trail.

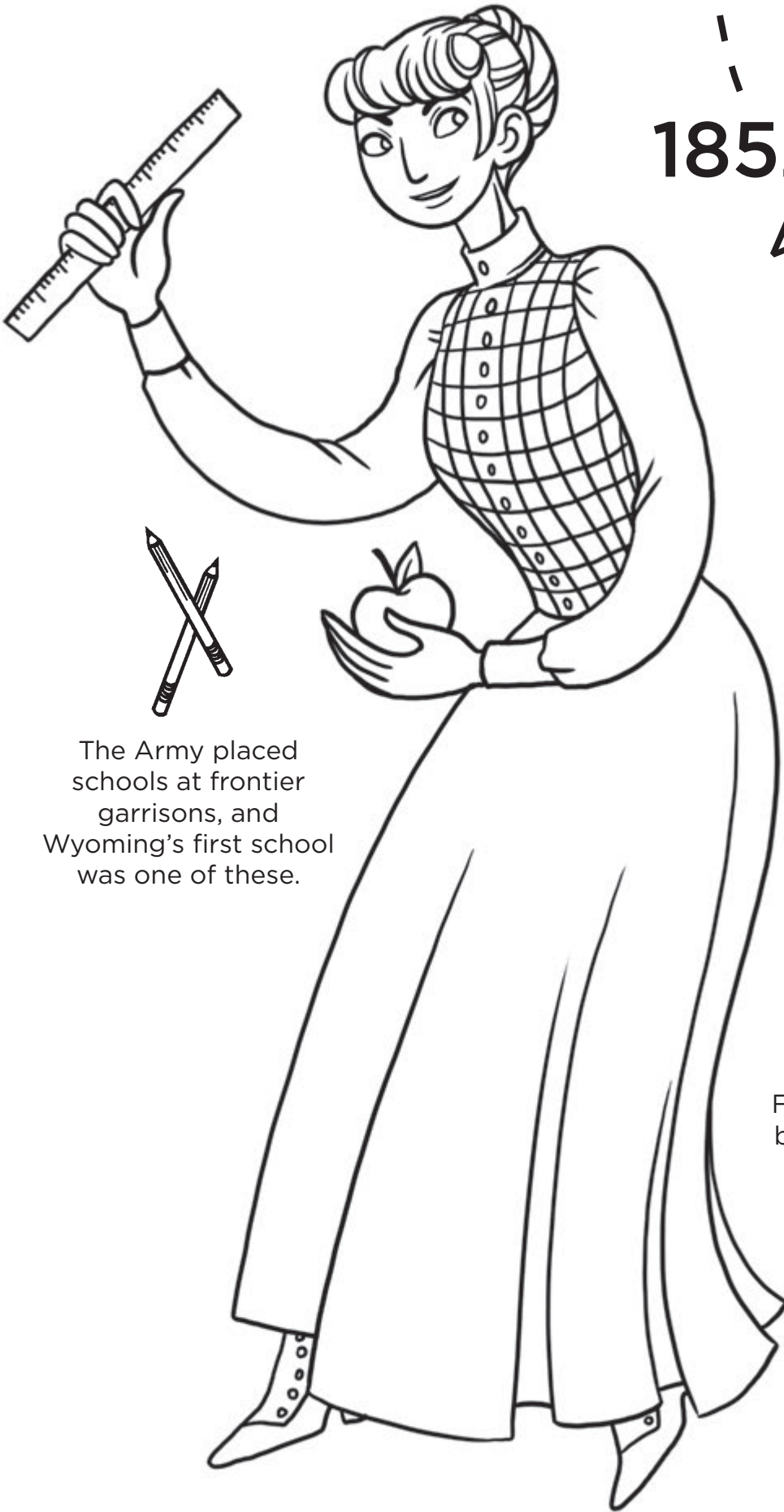


NARCISSA WHITMAN

ELIZA SPALDING

1836

In 1836, Narcissa and Eliza were the first white women to pass over the Oregon Trail.



Victoria helped her dad
open the first school in
Wyoming in 1852.

1852

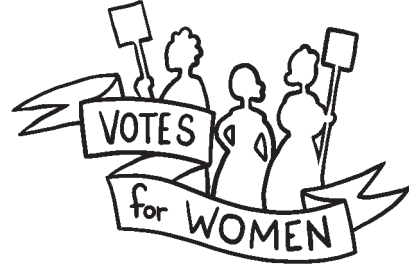
VICTORIA VAUX



The Army placed
schools at frontier
garrisons, and
Wyoming's first school
was one of these.



The school was located at
Fort Laramie and established
by Rev. Richard Vaux and his
daughter, Victoria.



1869

Wyoming is the first state to grant women the right to vote.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE WORD SEARCH

H A E I X C K Q H J M U
C O N S T I T U T I O N
Y T R E P O R P N W O L
E Q U A L I T Y V Y J A
V B J T C D S X O C C R
W Y O M I N G H T H D A
E G A R F F U S E N M M
K P A X W M W W P S C I
S P D O G R H K F M X E
E C I F F O C I L B U P

CONSTITUTION
EQUALITY
LARAMIE

OWN PROPERTY
PUBLIC OFFICE
SUFFRAGE

VOTE
WYOMING

Bronze statues of her can be found in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C., and at the Wyoming State Capitol in Cheyenne.



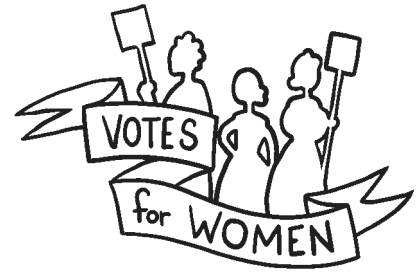
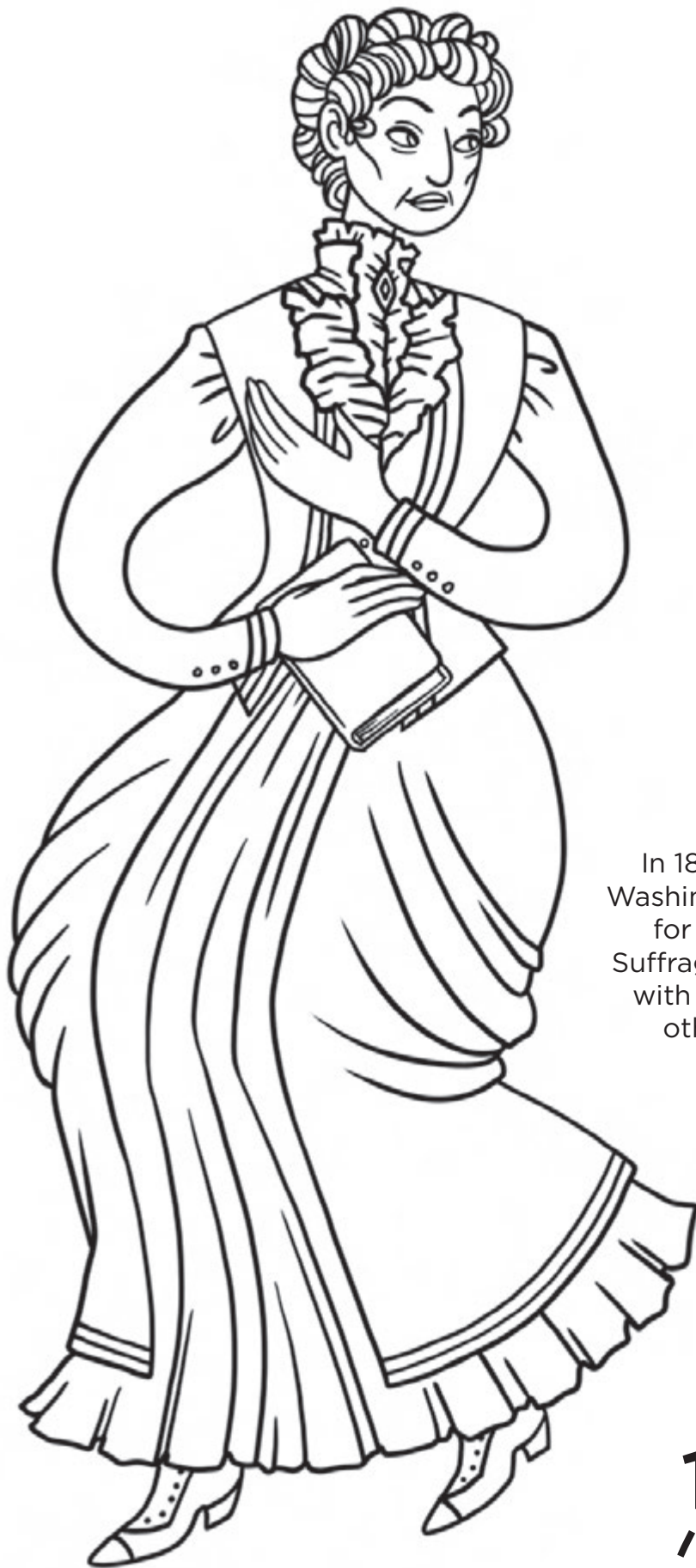
Esther was appointed to serve out the term of a man who had resigned in protest to women's suffrage.



Esther was appointed the first woman Justice of the Peace in South Pass City on February 17, 1870.

ESTHER HOBART MORRIS

1870



Amalia was a suffragette who lobbied the Territorial Legislature to vote for and maintain women's suffrage in Wyoming.



In 1871, Amalia traveled to Washington, D.C. as a delegate for the National Woman Suffrage Association, meeting with Susan B. Anthony and other suffrage leaders.

AMALIA POST

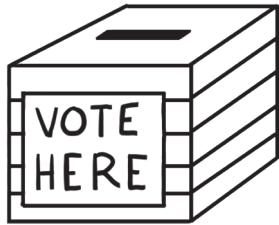
1870

Amalia was one of the first women to serve on a jury in 1870. Amalia served as Foreman of the Jury, which had five other women on it.

On September 6, 1870, Louisa was the first woman to vote under Wyoming's law.

1870

LOUISA SWAIN



Louisa cast her ballot in Laramie.



She was 70 years old and living in Laramie when she cast her ballot.



1870

In 1870, Martha was appointed the 1st woman bailiff in the world.

MARTHA SYMONS BOIES



She presided over a jury that was partially made up of women, a first in the nation.

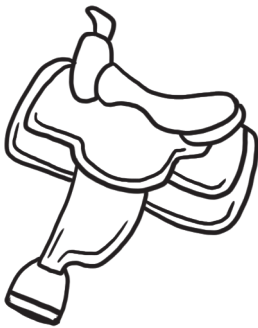


Martha also ran a millinery (hatmaking) shop in Laramie.

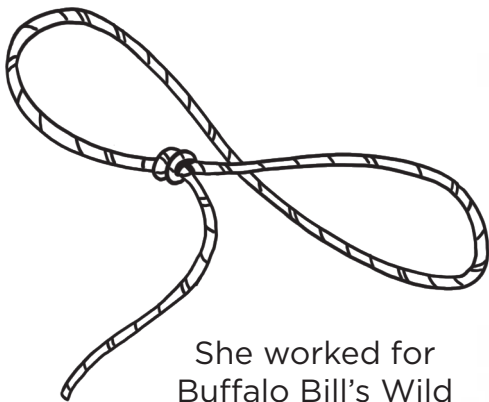
Martha Jane Cannary became known as Calamity Jane in the 1870s while living in Wyoming.

1870s

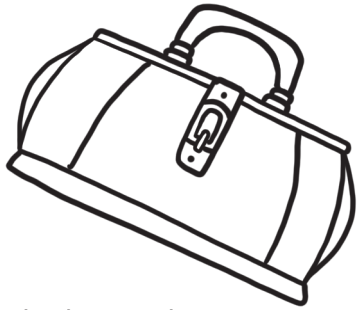
CALAMITY JANE



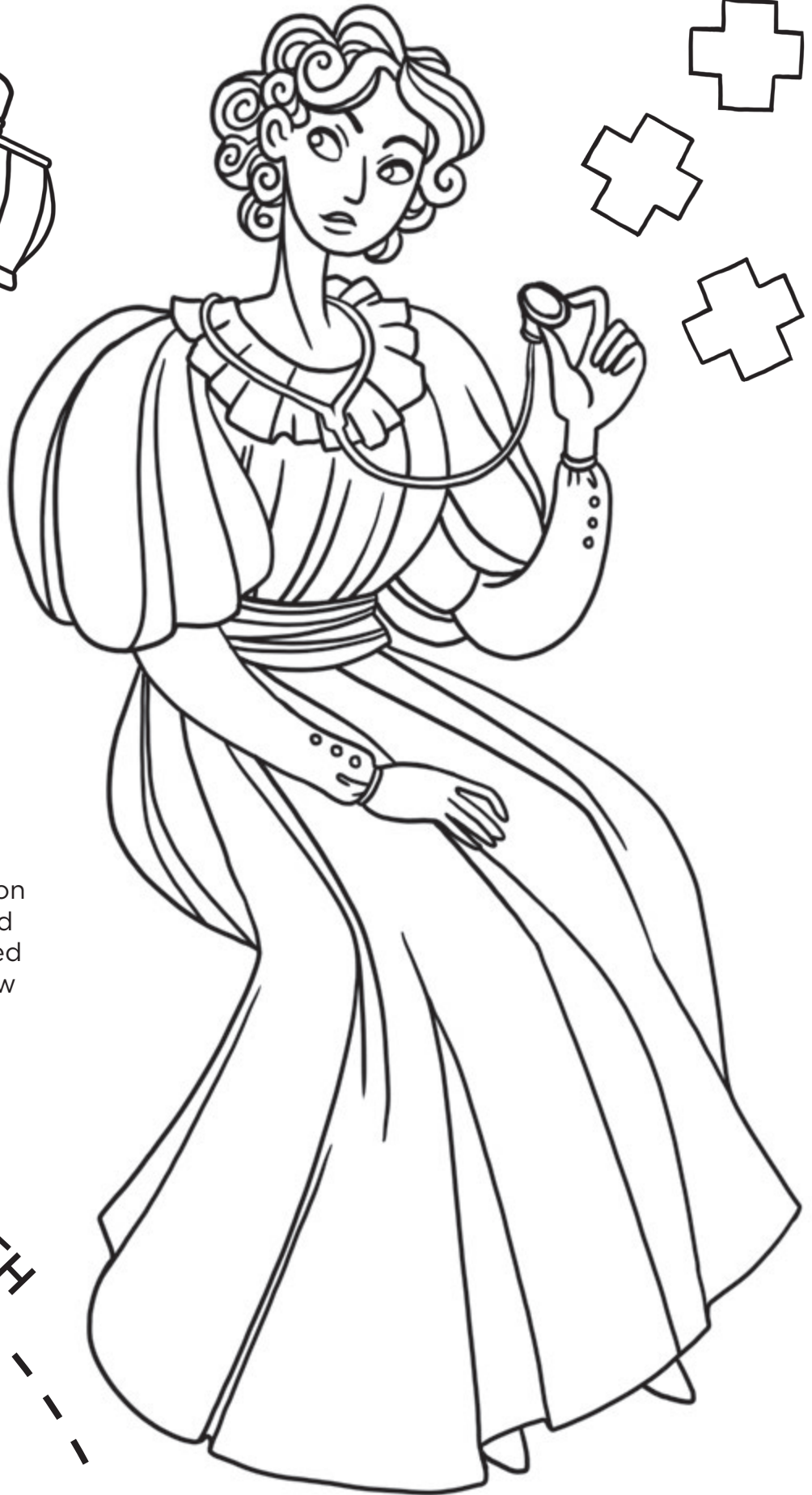
She dressed like a man to get hired out as a mule skinner, bullwhacker, and railroad worker.



She worked for Buffalo Bill's Wild West show as a storyteller.



Dr. Heath dressed like a man and carried a pistol when she went out on calls at night.



Dr. Heath earned a reputation as a skilled obstetrician and anesthetist. She also assisted in the autopsy of the outlaw Big Nose George Parrot.

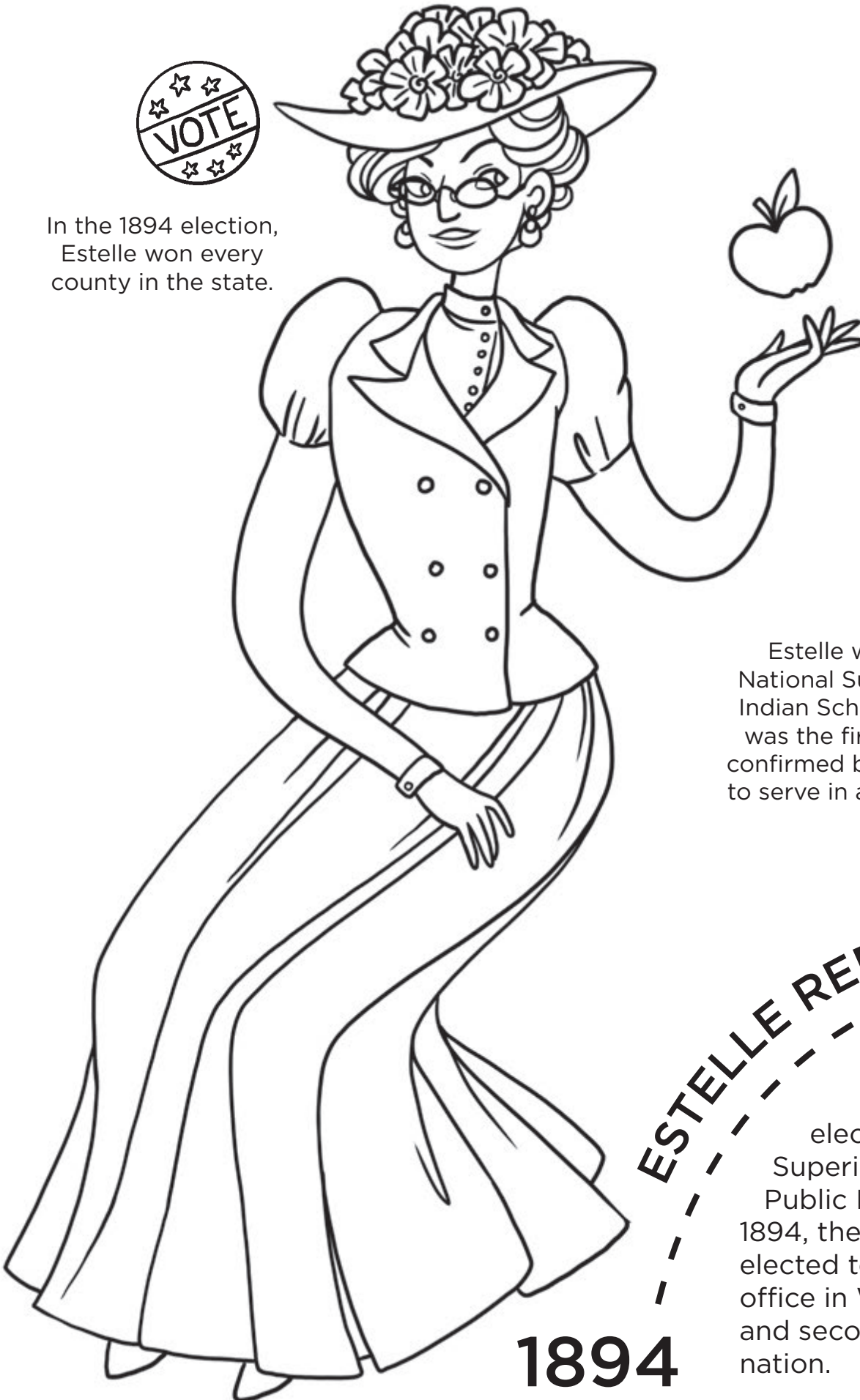
LILLIAN HEATH

Lillian was the first woman physician in the state of Wyoming, and one of the first women to practice medicine west of the Mississippi River.

1893



In the 1894 election,
Estelle won every
county in the state.



Estelle was appointed
National Superintendent of
Indian Schools in 1898, and
was the first woman to be
confirmed by the U.S. Senate
to serve in a federal position.

ESTELLE REEL MEYER

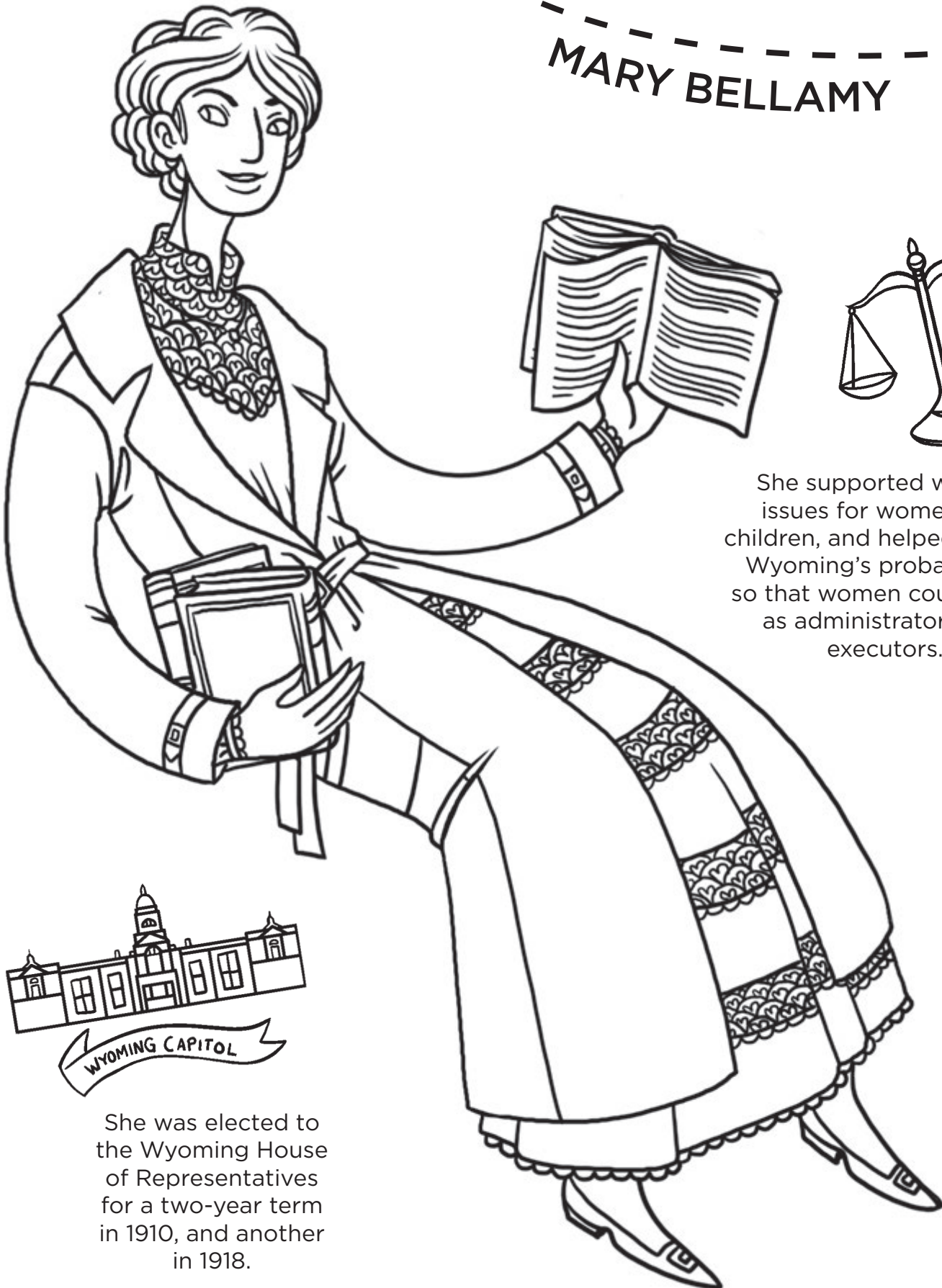
Estelle was
elected State
Superintendent of
Public Instruction in
1894, the first woman
elected to statewide
office in Wyoming,
and second in the
nation.

1894

1910

Mary Godat "Mollie" Bellamy was the first woman to serve in the Wyoming Legislature.

MARY BELLAMY



She supported welfare issues for women and children, and helped change Wyoming's probate laws so that women could serve as administrators and executors.

She was elected to the Wyoming House of Representatives for a two-year term in 1910, and another in 1918.



WYOMING WOMEN'S FIRSTS WORD SEARCH

T N I M S U E H T F O R O T C E R I D
E C A E P E H T F O E C I T S U J A K
X F F I L I A B G M O L A R P R M X H
G O V E R N E D T O W N O G Q M I E N
S T A T E S U P E R I N T E N D E N T
Z M G Y Z B X Z B F H K F X F J H C W
U J R A Y H B W S G N I X C Y U S F C
F Y H T H G D Z A S C N R K L R P K P
V P D R O N R E V O G K R Q Q O J U L
T O O L F X U I E O L M M V I R Y Y B

BAILIFF
DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. MINT
GOVERNED TOWN
GOVERNOR

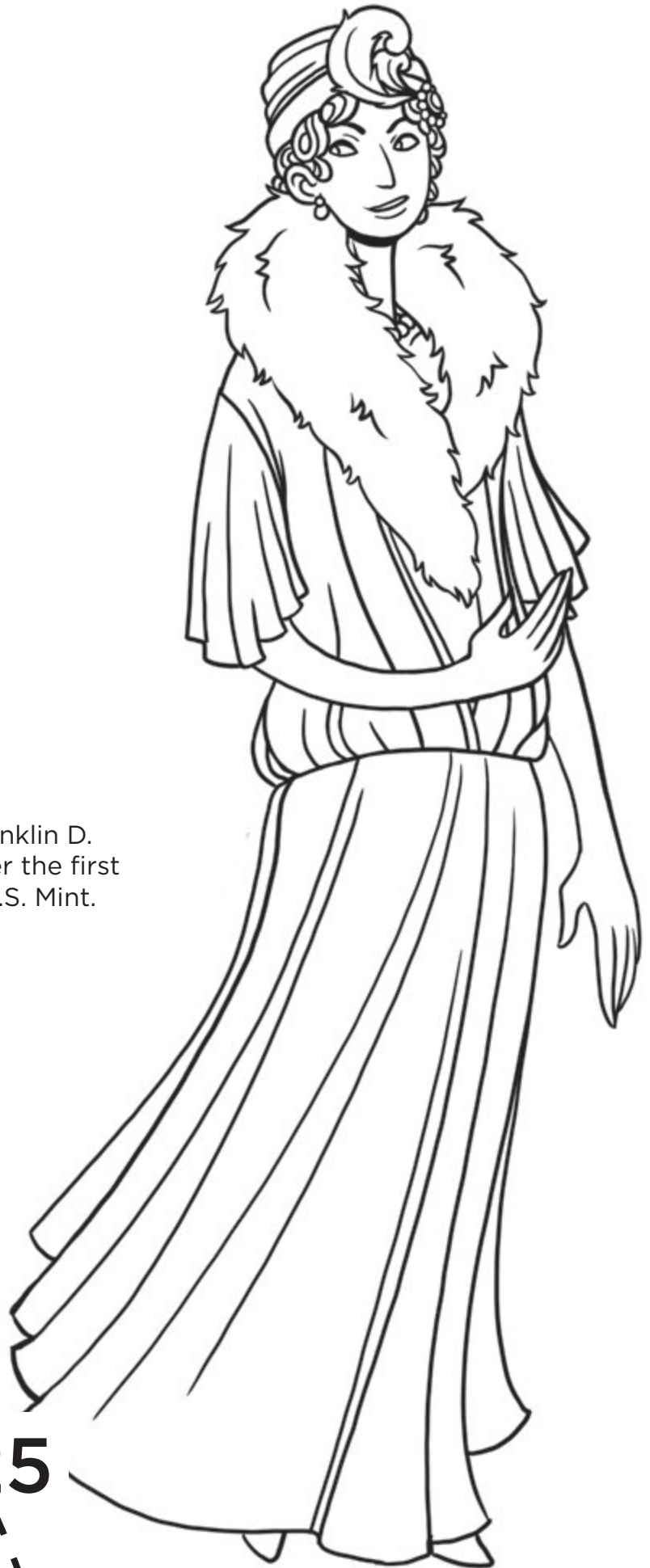
JUROR
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
STATE SUPERINTENDENT



Nellie did not campaign for the office of Governor.



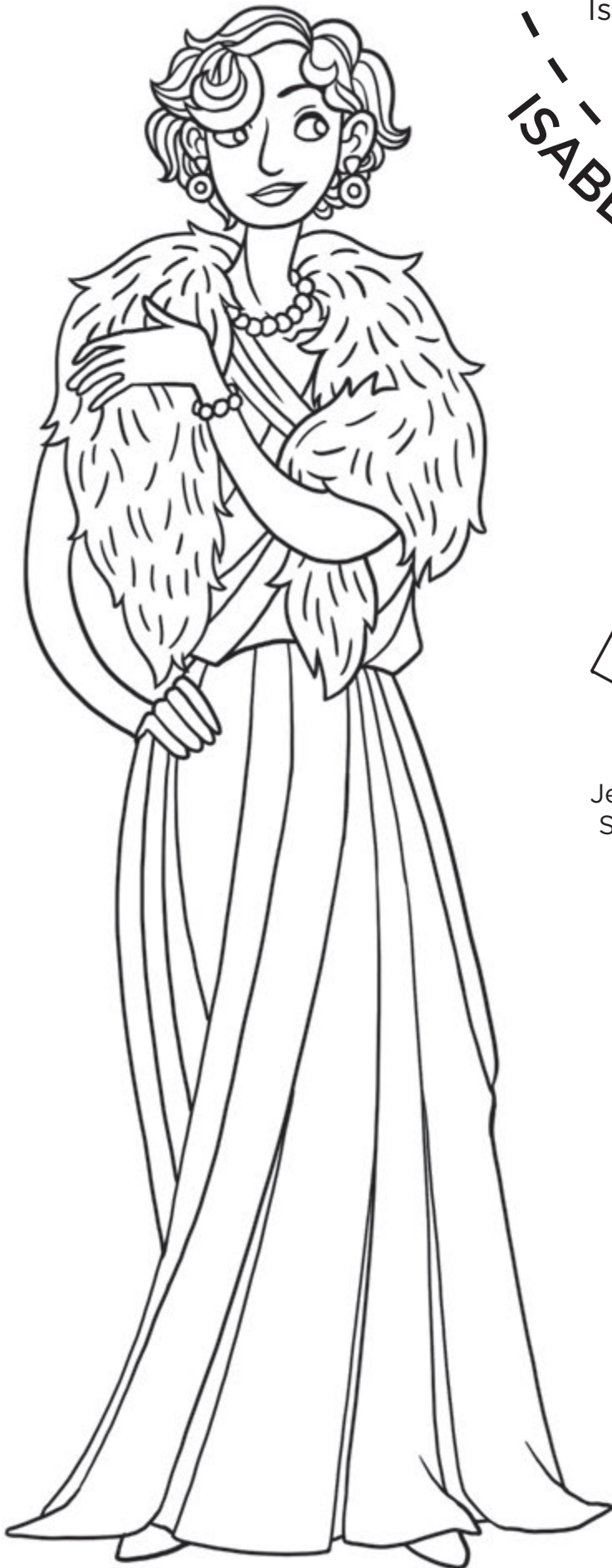
In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed her the first woman to head the U.S. Mint.



NELLIE TAYLOE ROSS

In 1925, Nellie Tayloe Ross became the first woman Governor in the U.S. after being elected to complete her husband's term.

1925



Isabel Jewell became a Hollywood actress in 1932, acting in films like *Gone With the Wind*, *Lost Horizon*, *A Tale of Two Cities*, *Up Pops the Devil*, *Northwest Passage*, and *High Sierra*.

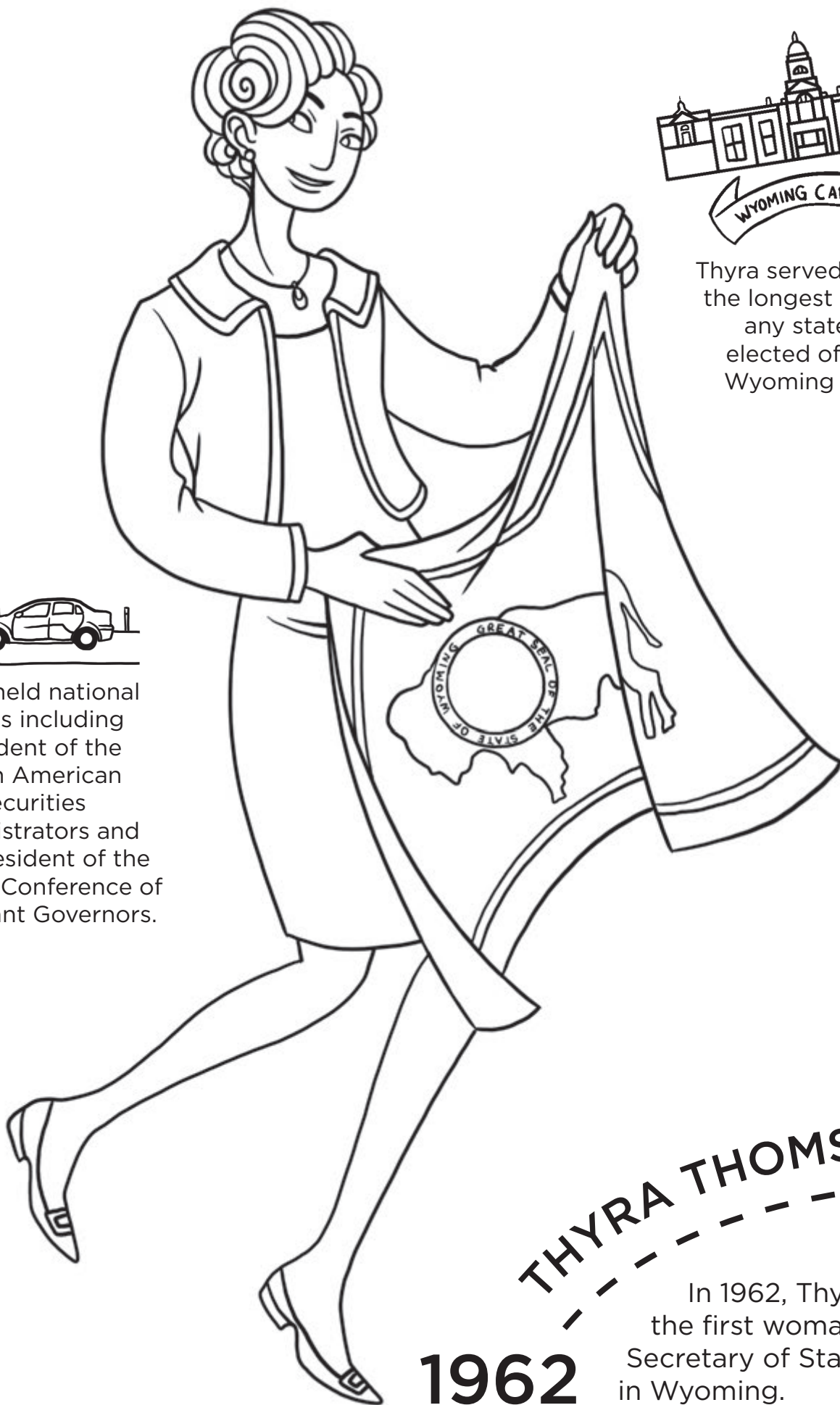
ISABEL JEWELL - 1939 -



Jewell was born in Shoshoni in 1907.



She now has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.



Thyra served 24 years, the longest tenure of any statewide elected official in Wyoming history.



Thyra held national offices including President of the North American Securities Administrators and Vice President of the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors.

THYRA THOMSON

1962

In 1962, Thyra was the first woman elected Secretary of State in Wyoming.

Patricia won the 1986 Newbery Medal for her book, *Sarah, Plain and Tall*.

1985

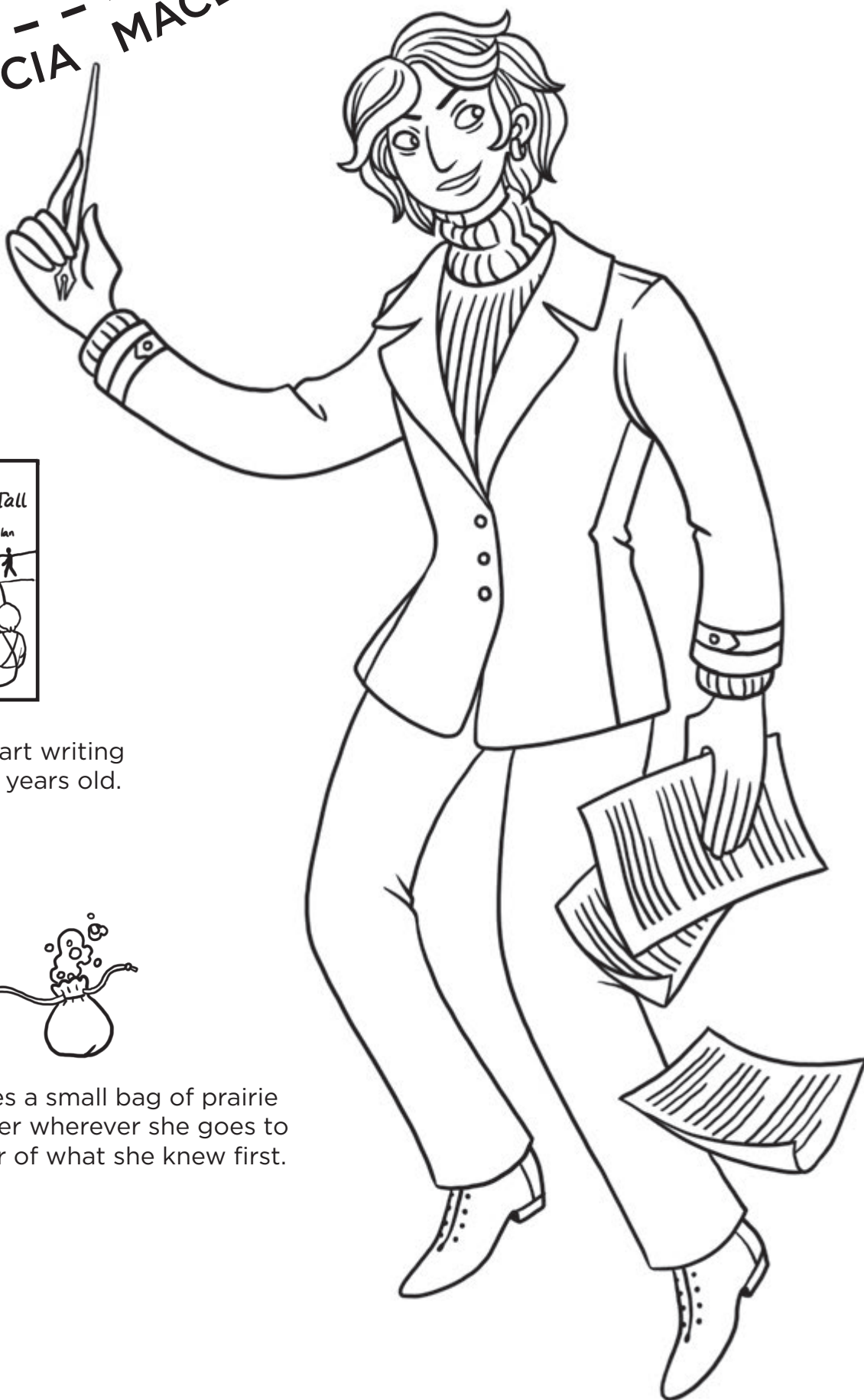
PATRICIA MAELACHLAN



Patricia didn't start writing until she was 35 years old.

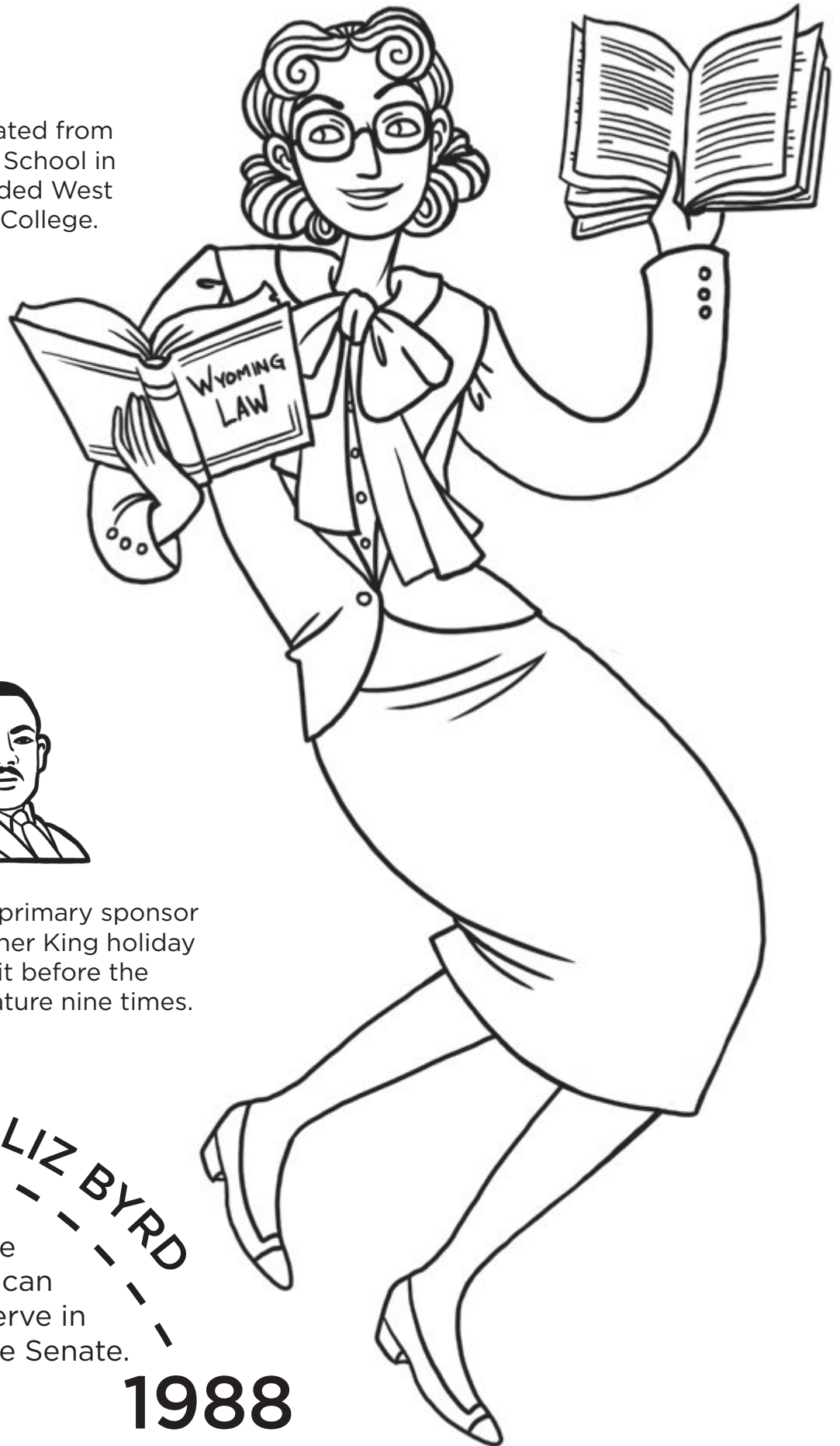


She carries a small bag of prairie dirt with her wherever she goes to remind her of what she knew first.





Liz Byrd graduated from Cheyenne High School in 1944 and attended West Virginia State College.

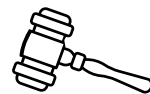


Liz Byrd was the primary sponsor of the Martin Luther King holiday bill, bringing it before the Wyoming Legislature nine times.

LIZ BYRD

In 1988, Liz was the first African American to be elected to serve in the Wyoming State Senate.

1988



In September 2015, Justice Kite received the Larry L. Lehman Award for Judicial Excellence from the Wyoming State Bar and the Wyoming Supreme Court.



She served as chief justice from 2010 to 2014. Before joining the court, she worked as a lawyer for the state and in private practice.

MARILYN KITE 2010 -
Marilyn became the first woman to serve as Chief Justice of the Wyoming Supreme Court in 2010.

In 2017, Affie became Wyoming's first Native American State Senator. She is a member of the Navajo Nation.

2017

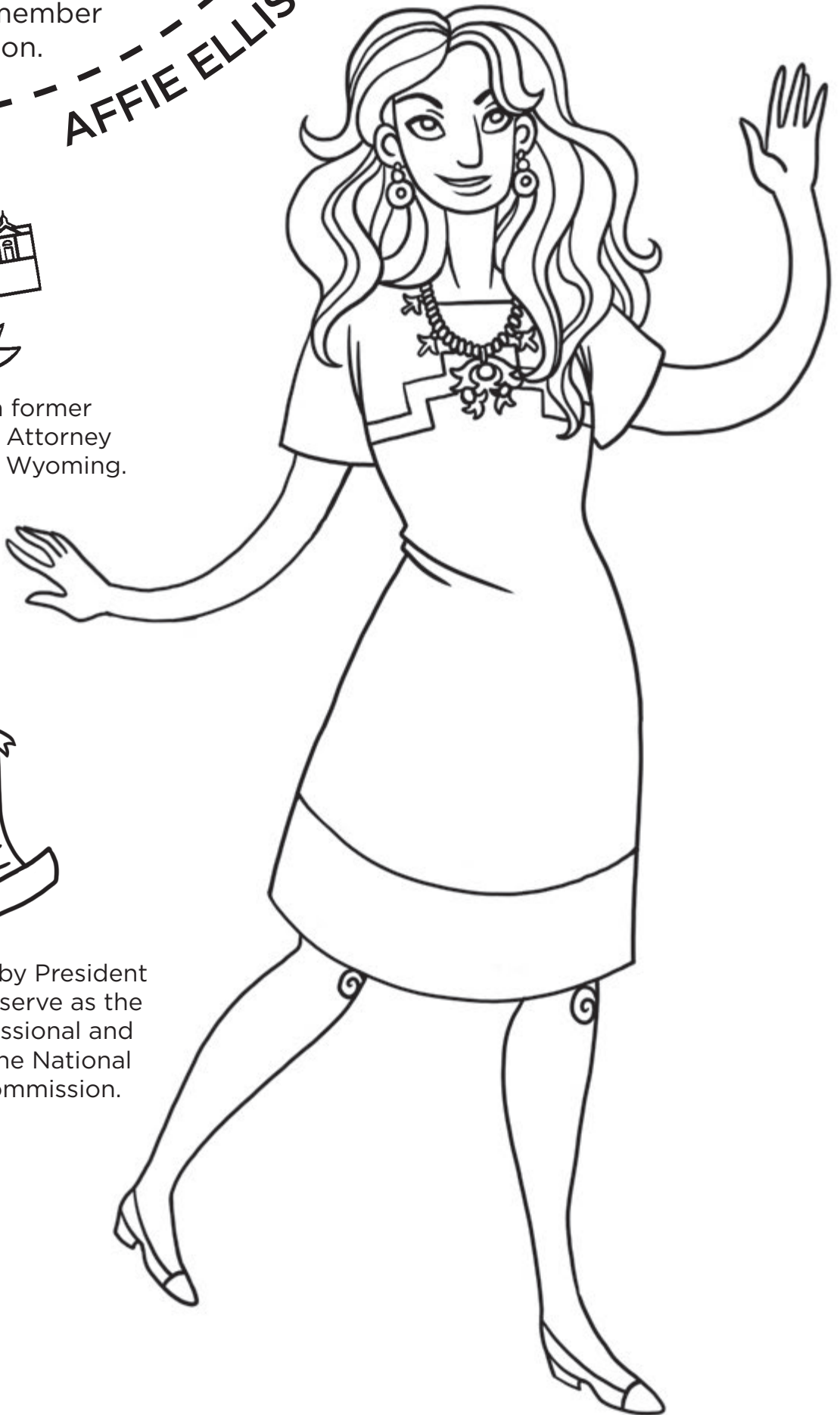
AFFIE ELLIS



Ellis is a former Assistant Attorney General of Wyoming.



She was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as the Director of Congressional and Public Affairs for the National Indian Gaming Commission.



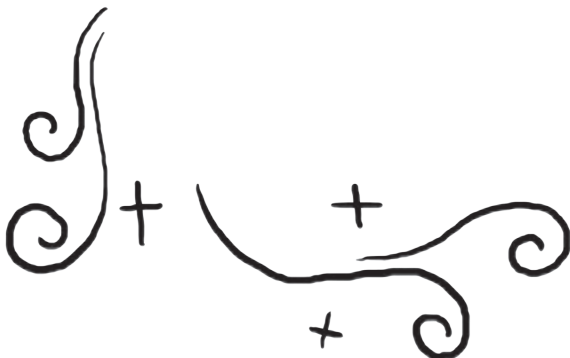


THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

In 2016, Governor Matt Mead established the Governor's Council for the Wyoming Women's Suffrage Celebration to foster the planning and delivery of events to encourage thoughtful interpretation of Wyoming's motto, "The Equality State."

The celebration centers on the 150th anniversaries of the Women's Suffrage Act on December 10, 2019 and Louisa Swain's vote on September 6, 2020. Interested parties are urged to educate others about Wyoming's history, organize local events to honor women in Wyoming, or engage local arts or education programs to foster and promote the history and strong legacy of female empowerment and leadership in Wyoming.

For more information and updates, visit travelwyoming.com/industry/resources/womens-suffrage.



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