

Alice M. Alt Pickler (1848-1932)

Born in Johnson County, Iowa, near Iowa City. Her parents were supporters of temperance.

For the S.D. Women's Christian Temperance Union:

- franchise superintendent in 1885-1889, 1914-1916
- district president 1891
- vice-president 1910-1916

For the S.D. Equal Suffrage Association (founded 1889):

- on executive committee 1889-1891
- member national executive committee 1890-1892, and 1910
- vice-president 1897
- president from 1900 to 1909
- member of state committee 1909-1910

Lobbied for suffrage at the 1885, 1887, 1889, 1907, 1913 territorial/state legislatures, and at the 1885 statehood constitutional convention in Sioux Falls.

In August 12-21, 1890, she toured Sully County, organizing suffrage clubs at nine locations and presiding at a county convention in Onida.

Was a S.D. delegate to or sent state reports for the conventions of the National American Woman Suffrage Association in 1890, 1891, 1893, 1894, 1896, 1901, 1902, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, and 1909.

In 1894, Alice Pickler joined a delegation of suffragists to speak at a hearing of the U.S. House judiciary committee.

Alice Pickler wrote early histories of suffrage work in Dakota Territory and South Dakota that were used in 1902 and 1909 publications.

For the S.D. Universal Franchise League:

- signatory on its July 1912 constitution
- vice-president, 1912-1914

For the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage:

- state liaison for their national publication *The Suffragist*, 1917

Also, for the Women's Relief Corps:

- State chaplain, president, vice president, 1892-1914
- Elected national chaplain in 1896



MRS. ALICE M. A. PICKLER



MAJ. JOHN A. PICKLER
C.H. Ellis, *History of Faulk County* (1909), 272-273.

The Picklers met while attending the same university in Iowa.

They married in 1870.

They came from Muscatine, IA to homestead in Faulk County in 1883.

They had four children:

- Lulu (Frad)
- Madge (Hoy)
- Alfred
- Dale (Conway)

The Pickler House in Faulkton was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, and is now a public museum.

John A. Pickler (1844-1910)

Born near Salem, Indiana and came to Iowa as a child with his family.

Served in the Third Iowa Cavalry during the Civil War.

Graduated from the University of Michigan's Law School at Ann Arbor.

On January 26, 1885, Rep. John Pickler introduced a suffrage bill in territorial House. The bill passed both chambers but was vetoed by Governor Pierce on March 13th. The *Bismarck Weekly Tribune* mocked him (and other supporters of the bill), calling him Miss Susan B. Pickler. Others called him "eccentric."

In 1885, John Pickler spoke on the results of his bill at a convention of the American Woman Suffrage Association, held in Minneapolis.

In September 1889, Pickler received the state Republican nomination for and was elected to the U.S. Congress, serving from 1889 to 1897.

In 1895, John and Alice led a platform meeting on suffrage at the Lake Madison Chautauqua.

"We said we would not have it written in the history of our State that any legislature had ever convened without our knocking at the door for suffrage."

- Alice Pickler, 1893 -

