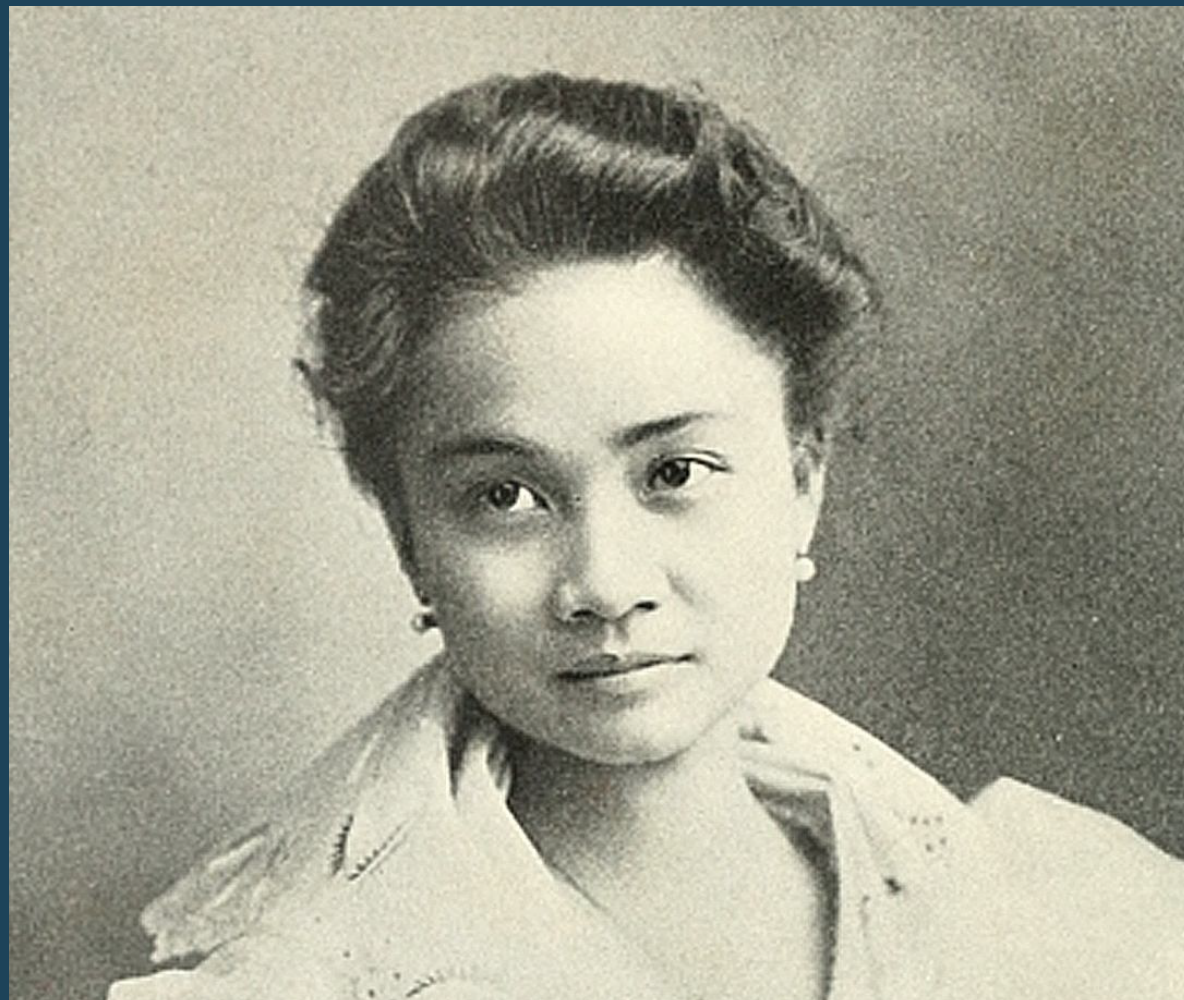


WHEN DOES BELONGING BEGIN?



As election day approaches, we ask ourselves,
who were the Asian women suffragists
in history that paved the way for us?



1901

CLEMENCIA LOPEZ

Born & Bred

Balayan, Philippines

Turning Point

Traveling to the U.S. as an activist
for Philippine independence

Went down in history for

The first Filipina to step foot in the White House

A FIGHTER'S TIMELINE

1901 - Left the Philippines for the U.S. to speak for Philippine independence after her three brothers were imprisoned by American military unjustly

1902 - Enrolled in Wellesley College to learn English

Testified in Washington D.C. before the U.S. Senate and met with President Theodore Roosevelt

Gave her famous speech to the New England Woman's Suffrage Association "equality of women in the Philippines is not a new thing... understand that we are only contending for the liberty of our country, just as you once fought for the same liberty."

1905 - After returning to the Philippines, she co-founded the Philippine Feminist Association

1909

SOPHIA DULEEP SINGH (RIGHT) W/ SISTERS

Born & Breed

Suffolk, England

Turning Point

Trip to India to see the grand celebrations for the accession of King Edward VII as emperor of India

Went down in history for

Sikh British Suffragist



A FIGHTER'S TIMELINE

Named after her father, the last Indian Prince of the Sikh Empire. Forced to give up his rich kingdom & the celebrated Koh-i-Noor diamond. Sophia grew up in England with Queen Victoria as her godmother

1903 - Shocked by the deprivation and the brutality of life under British rule during a trip to India

Returning as a revolutionary, she grappling with police at protests, throwing herself at the prime minister's car and selling suffragette newspapers outside Hampton Court Palace

Her refusal to pay tax led to her prosecution several times: "When the state acknowledges me as a citizen I shall, of course, pay my share willingly towards its upkeep."

She was punished for standing up to the British establishment, and as a result, more or less deleted from history - Author Anita Anand



1912

TYE LEUNG SCHULZE

Born & Bred

San Francisco, California

Turning Point

Ran away from home

Went down in history for

First Chinese American woman
to cast a ballot in a U.S. Election

A FIGHTER'S TIMELINE

1899 - At age 12, refused
an arranged marriage

1899 - Became a translator
for Presbyterian
missionary rescuing
3,000 women and girls
from sex trafficking in
SF's Chinatown

1905 - California
anti-miscegenation
laws expanded to
include American-born
Asians

1913 - Fell in love and
married Charles
Schulze anyways

1913 - Married couple
forced resignation as
Angel Island federal
employees

1912

DR. MABEL LEE

Born & Breed

Guangzhou, China & New York, NY

Turning Point

Won the Boxer Indemnity Scholarship that allowed her to relocate to the U.S to attend school

Went down in history for

Leading 10,000 people in the NYC suffrage parade at 16



A FIGHTER'S TIMELINE

1905 - Moved from Guangdong to New York City

1912 - Led a suffrage parade of 10,000+ people at 16 years old

1916 - Spoke at the Women's Political Union's Suffrage Shop entitled "The Submerged Half", encouraging the civic participation & education of Chinese women

1921 - Graduated with a PhD in economics from Columbia University – the first Chinese woman in the US to do so

1925 - Founded the First Chinese Baptist Church, which provided English classes, medical care, and a kindergarten for the community

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