

Elizabeth Skinner Jackson



SUFFRAGE WORK:

Elizabeth Skinner was a well-known dynamic participant in the Florida suffrage movement.

In the Florida Equal Suffrage Association (FESA), she held various positions, serving on the executive board and chairing committees.

- As a member of the legislative committee, she lobbied the Tallahassee Legislature and wrote to legislators asking that the state Constitution be amended to allow women to vote.
- As state organizer, she organized and spoke at suffrage meetings, distributed suffrage literature, sought petition signatures, and formed new local leagues, such as the one in Webster.
- In 1919, As VP of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs (FFWC), she advocated that all women's clubs support the FESA.

The FFWC was the state's most powerful women-led organization, and Ms. Skinner leveraged it and all of her resources fighting for women's right to vote.

INTERESTING FACTS:

- Named Dunedin's first lady citizen in 1955 and five years later she was awarded an honorary Master of Arts degree from Florida Southern College, where she had been dean of women for three years and a sociology instructor for five.
- Graduate of Smith College, Northampton, Mass. received an honorary Masters of Arts degree from the college in 1960. For 10 summers, did graduate work at the University of Florida, serving as dean of women.

PIONEER CIVIC WORKER:

- 1947-1959 served as County Board School Trustee, the only woman member.
- Served two terms on the Dunedin City Commission.
- Personnel Director Juice Industries Inc, and for H. P. Hood & Sons for three years.
- Helped organized the Pinellas County Boy Scouts, the county YWCA, the Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Dunedin Women's Club.
- President of the Dunedin Library Association, the Florida Federation of Women's Club (1921-1923), Tampa YWCA, Dunedin United Community Fund.
- Served as the director of the National Youth Administration camps at Crystal Beach and Tampa.
- Governor appointed her to Pinellas Juvenile Welfare Board (1952-1956)
- 1922, served on Florida Development Board with all business men, developing 5 year plan to advertise Florida.
- Founded and donated Lee B. Skinner Youth Center.