Lucretia Mott 1793−1880
Born Nantucket, Massachusetts

Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton organized the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention that launched the women’s movement in the United States. As a Quaker and like most reformers in this era, she was drawn to the antislavery cause, helping to found Philadelphia’s Female Anti-Slavery Society. This experience convinced her that women had a special role in reform movements and that the struggle for women’s rights would be essential for reform causes in America. She urged women to “go on—not asking favors, but claiming as a right the removal of all hindrances to her elevation in the scale of being.”

Frederick Gutekunst (1831–1917)
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