

## MISS ETTA H. MADDOX.

Etta H. Maddox is the daughter of John T. Maddox and Susanna Moore; her ancestors are among the earliest settlers in Maryland and Virginia.

Miss Maddox was instrumental in having the Maryland Legislature change its statute to make it possible for women to practice law in Maryland; she was the first woman lawyer in the State.

Working consistently for women's rights throughout the years, she was one of the promoters of the first suffrage body in the State, the Maryland Suffrage Association, organized in 1894, of which her sister, Mrs. Funck, was president for over thirty years.

Miss Maddox was the author of the first suffrage bill introduced in the Maryland General Assembly in 1910, and presided at the hearing in the House of Delegates.

After women were enfranchised, she organized, together with Mrs. S. Johnson Poe and others, the Women's Democratic Club of Baltimore.

Miss Maddox was graduated from the Peabody Conservatory of Music, and was well known in musical circles. A mezzo soprano, she sang in Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, and other cities.

For a while she was director of the choir of the Seventh Baptist Church, when such a position was unique for a woman, again she was leading soprano for the First Presbyterian Church.

After graduating from the Eastern High School, Miss Maddox entered the law school of the old University of Baltimore, graduating in 1900, with the honor of being its first woman graduate. In those days women were not permitted to take the State bar examination; provision being made only for "male citizens." She took her case to court which decided it was not within the province to say that "females" were entitled to be admitted to the bar; immedi-

ately Miss Maddox set about to have the law of the State changed.

Miss Maddox who had been in failing health for sometime passed quietly away at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Funck, February 19th, 1933.

At the time of her death, she was chairman of the advisory board of the Women's Democratic Luncheon Club of Baltimore, and active member of the Women's Twentieth Century Club.

A tribute of love—Mrs. William Funck.

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