

# MISS MADDOX, LEADING STATE FEMINIST, DIES

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Miss Etta H. Maddox, who was instrumental in having the Maryland Legislature change its statutes to make it possible for women to practice law in Maryland, and who was the first woman lawyer in this State, died at 12.30 P. M. yesterday at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. William Funck.

Miss Maddox had been in failing health for the last five years. She became seriously ill seven weeks ago.

Working consistently for women's rights throughout the years, Miss Maddox 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 thirty years.

## Wrote Suffrage Bill

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. At the time of her death she was chairman of the advisory board of the Women's Democratic Luncheon Club of Baltimore. A luncheon of the club, scheduled for today, has been postponed because of her death. She also was a past president of the Woman's Twentieth Century Club.

## Graduated From Peabody

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 time she was director of the Seventh Baptist Church choir, when such a position was unique for a woman. She also was leading soprano for some time at the First Presbyterian Church.

After graduating from the Eastern High School, Miss Maddox entered the law school of the old University of Baltimore, from which she was graduated in 1900, with the distinction of being its first women graduate.

In those days women were not permitted to take the State bar examination, provision being made only for "male citizens."

## Took Case To Courts

She took her case to the courts, which decided it was not within their province to say that "females" were entitled to be admitted to the bar.

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

Funeral services will be held at 2 P. M., Wednesday in a funeral parlor at 1900 Eutaw Place.