

# Susie Revels Cayton

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Susie Revels was born in 1870. She was an African American woman. At the time, most African Americans and women did not go to college. But Susie graduated from college in Mississippi when she was sixteen years old.

In 1896, she moved to Seattle. In Seattle, Susie married Horace Cayton. They owned a newspaper. Many of their stories said women should have the right to vote. Susie and Horace also wrote about what it was like to be African American in Washington.



Susie Revels Cayton. Image via BlackPast.org

In 1910, women in Washington state officially got the right to vote. However, many African Americans were still blocked from voting because of local rules.

Susie started many clubs. She helped start the Dorcus Charity Club. This club gave money to African American people who needed help, like orphans and widows.

Susie Revels Cayton died in 1943.

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