


TRAVELING EXHIBITS: In Pursuit of Equality

By the turn of the century Wyoming was recognized as the Equality State due in large part to its several important historical firsts where women's rights were concerned. *In Pursuit of Equality* is an exhibit that tells the story of three women who through their actions as elected office holders, challenged and changed the conventional understanding of equality in Wyoming during the 20th century: Nelly Tayloe Ross, Thyra Thomson, and Elizabeth Byrd. The true meaning of equality is still being explored and debated in Wyoming, 150 years after it became the first state to grant full women's suffrage.

Size: 24 framed items (2 crates).

Nellie Tayloe Ross, the first woman governor in American history, campaign poster, 1926. Nellie Tayloe Ross Papers, American Heritage Center.

THE FIRST WOMAN GOVERNOR
Wyoming's Governor
THE WOMAN WHO MADE GOOD



NELLIE TAYLOE ROSS

Businesslike—Able—Courageous. She Has Earned Re-election

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