

Mary "Minnie" Gertrude Sutherland True

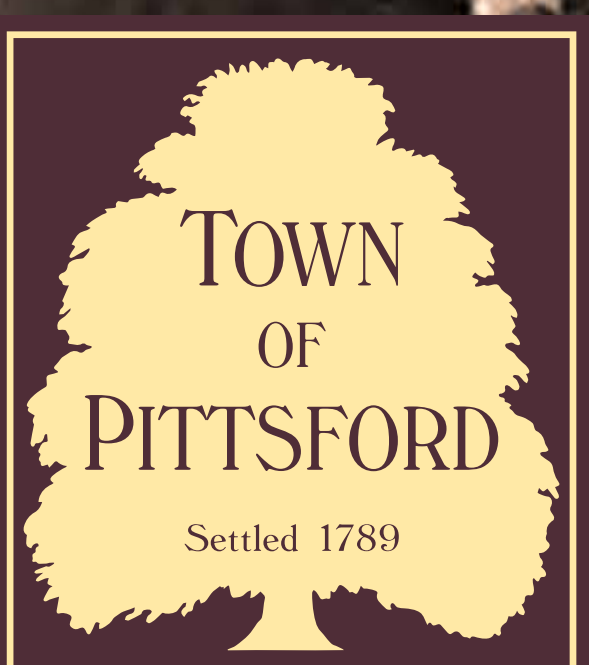
Mary "Minnie" Sutherland True was elected one of the vice-presidents of the Pittsford Political Equality Club at their first meeting in September 1902 and attended the state suffrage convention in Buffalo that year. The Club's second and third meetings were held in her home at 42 Monroe Avenue.

Minnie's involvement with suffrage reflected the close ties between suffrage and temperance. The first suggestion to form the Club was made at a meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Women particularly suffered from alcohol abuse when it contributed to domestic violence. Women had no legal recourse and no right to custody of their children, their own wages, or to own property. The right to vote was seen by many as a way to establish legal protections for women and their children.

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