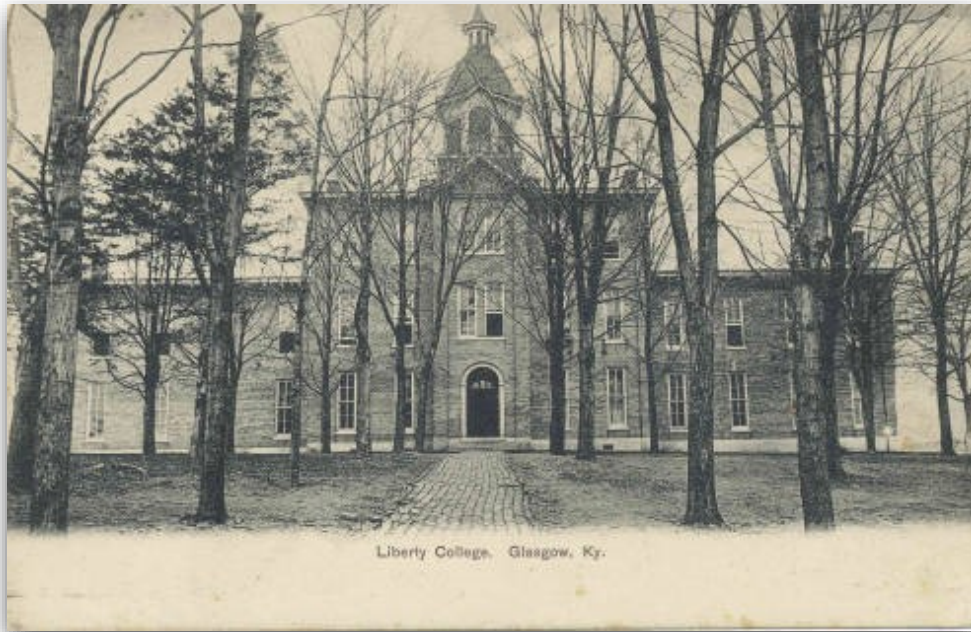


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Nettie B. C. Depp

Nettie Depp served as the first female elected public official in **Barren County** in 1913—seven years before women were allowed to vote.

A pioneer in education, Depp taught for several years before successfully running on the Democratic ticket for Barren County School Superintendent. Her term as superintendent (1914-1917) was focused on working toward the future. She was instrumental in unifying local schools to create county's first four-year high school. She introduced and implemented a uniform curriculum for all schools in the county. Several schools added libraries and others utilized a traveling library service. Depp also strived to enforce the compulsory school law.

After serving as superintendent, she became principal at Cave City School until 1923. That same year, the Republican Party asked Depp to run for re-election as superintendent, but she declined, stating that she would only run in the name of education, not a political party.