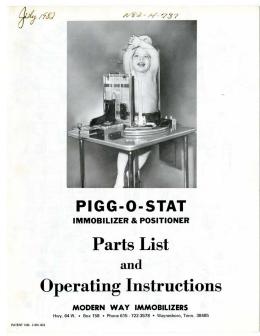
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DR. LOUISE SOUTHGATE | 1857-1941



Doctors got a hand examining children with the Modern Way Pigg-O-Stat immobilizer and positioner. It held infants and small children in place while technicians took X-rays. (Red Bird Clinic Collection, Kentucky Historical Society)

HELPING WOMEN AND CHILDREN – Walton native Dr. Louise Southgate made life and death decisions in treating her patients. Yet, for much of her life, society did not allow her to make a decision that affected civic matters. "Dr. Louise," a member of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association and other organizations, was a leading suffragist, but that was not her only cause. She advocated for children across Northern Kentucky, implemented the first physical examination program for Covington students, helped girls in the juvenile court system and was a proponent of birth control. The Louise Southgate Family and Women's Center in Bellevue is named in her honor.

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