

# ELLEN M. PATRICK



**1847-1910**

Born: Mar. 8, 1847 in MA

Died Jul. 21, 1910 at sea

Appointment(s):

New England Freedmen's Aid Society  
(NEFAS)

Mitchelville – Hilton Head, SC  
1866

Ellen Patrick was born March 8, 1847 in Massachusetts to Delano Patrick (1816-1906) and Mary Maynard (1817-1903). Ellen contributed her memories of growing up in Hopedale to a locally produced volume of memoirs. She tells what it was like being home-schooled and meeting writers, authors, philosophers and scientists of her parents' acquaintance. She recalls the feeling of being different from others since her family members were Shakers.<sup>1</sup> Ellen graduated from Mount Holyoke Female Seminary in South Hadley, Massachusetts in 1861.<sup>2</sup> Her heirs established a fellowship in 1912 for young graduates to pursue further study, called the E.M. Patrick Memorial Scholarship for Social Betterment, one of three fellowships offered by Mount Holyoke.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Hughes, Lynn Gordon et al. [incl Ellen Patrick]. Hopedale Reminiscences: Childhood Memories of the Hopedale Community and Home School, 1841-1863. Hopedale, Massachusetts, 1910.

<sup>2</sup> Spann, Edward K. Hopedale: from Commune to Company Town, 1840-1920; Columbus, OH: OSU Press, 1992. p 154.

- *Mount Holyoke College LITS*. "Alumnae missionaries".  
<https://lits.mtholyoke.edu/research/asc-research/asc-research-guides/alumnae-missionaries>.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

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Ellen was appointed by the New England Freedmen's Aid Society in 1866 as a teacher to the freedmen in Mitchellville.<sup>4</sup> She was sponsored by the Hopedale, Massachusetts FAS chapter who raised almost \$500 for her support in addition to the support it gave Sarah P. Lillie beginning early 1865.<sup>5</sup> She served on the Executive Board of the National Alliance of Unitarian and other Liberal Christian Women 1905-1907 as a Director.<sup>6</sup>

Ellen died July 21, 1910 at sea on steamship 'Spokane' on her way from Alaska to Seattle with her brother Henry and his wife.<sup>7</sup> The Boston Herald noted the death of Ms. Patrick on July 26, 1910 on page 1:

Miss Ellen M. Patrick of Hopedale, Massachusetts, a passenger on the steamship Spokane, which arrived from southeastern Alaska today, died aboard the steamship from heart failure, brought about by acute indigestion after an exhaustive climb of Muir Glacier. The body will be shipped east.

Her body was brought back to Massachusetts and interred at Pine Grove Cemetery in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts with her parents<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Spann, p 175

<sup>5</sup> Hughes, Lynn Gordon et al. [incl Ellen Patrick]. Hopedale Reminiscences: Childhood Memories of the Hopedale Community and Home School, 1841-1863. Hopedale, Massachusetts, 1910.

<sup>6</sup> American Unitarian Association. Unitarian Yearbook, May 1, 1905-April 30, 1906 Table B: "Contributions from Individuals: Ellen M Patrick, \$25" Boston, Massachusetts, p 99.

<sup>7</sup> *Boston Herald* newspaper. July 26, 1910, p 1. "Obituary".

<sup>8</sup> Findagrave.com Memorial ID #144860770 created 11 Apr 2015 by James Bianco. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/144860770>