

SYBIL HOLMES

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 - a. Person of color
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highlights

Did you know that only 210 women have served in the Massachusetts legislature compared to over 20,000 men! Sybil Holmes was born June 20th 1889 and she died July 22 1979. Sybil Holmes was the youngest person to become a lawyer in the U.S. and was the first woman to become a lawyer in M.A. She had a few connections to Brookline/Massachusetts, Sybil Holmes graduated from Bellingham high school in Chelsea, Massachusetts and she was born in West Bridgewater, M.A. I personally think that that this is cool, Sybil Holmes began her political career as a Brookline town meeting member. I mean, what a direct connection to this process. She was elected president of the Massachusetts Association of women lawyers in 1919, I just think that is amazing because at that time women couldn't even vote!

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What I will say

As you probably know, I am researching Sybil Holmes. Did you know that only 210 women have served in the Massachusetts legislature compared to over 20,000 men! Sybil Holmes was born June 20th 1889 and she died July 22 1979. Sybil Holmes was the youngest person to become a lawyer in the U.S. and was the first woman to become a lawyer in M.A. She had a few connections to Brookline/Massachusetts, Sybil Holmes graduated from Bellingham high school in Chelsea, Massachusetts and she was born in West Bridgewater, M.A. I personally think that that this is cool, Sybil Holmes began her political career as a Brookline town meeting member. I mean, what a direct connection to this process. She was elected president of the Massachusetts Association of women lawyers in 1919, I just think that is amazing because at that time women couldn't even vote! Why I think Sybil Holmes should be the school name is that Naming the school after her would set an example for students because her name reflects the school motto, work hard, be/e kind, and help others because that is what she did throughout her entire life. Also I think that part of this process isn't just naming a school, it's bringing someone's story out that isn't super well known out, and when I think about Sybil Holmes's story, her story seems to fit into that category. An example of that is I spent a couple of hours on the computer, searching for pictures, I never found any. As you can see there is one on the poster, but that was found by a person whose profession is making posters, so, I think he has a little more experience than I do. (chuckle.) also, I read a journal entry of Senator Michael F. Rush, it was 23 pages. While most Senators got at least one paragraph about them, there was one mention of her in one sentence. The last thing I wanted to say was, there is a question that comes up a lot, as a school name what could be a weakness of her's? I personally do not believe in this but, race. Sybil Holmes in white. I understand why lots of people think things like, the name should be a black person, I do not disagree. But, to me, it doesn't matter what the person's gender, or race is. It matters what that person is as a school name. How will it influence the students? What will other people think of it? That is one reason why we changed the school name in the first place, I mean, how would you feel sending your child to a school named after a slave owner? To me it doesn't matter the gender or the race, it matters what the it is as a school name.

Who is Sybil Holmes?

Sybil Holmes was born June 20th 1889 in West Bridgewater, MA. Sybil Holmes full name is Sybil Henry Holmes and she died July 22 1979. She also lived in Brookline with her sister and nephew. Her mother's name was Helen E. Bangs and her father's name was Henry T. Holmes. Henry T. Holmes was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.



What Sybil Holmes is known for?



1. Sybil Holmes was the youngest person to become a lawyer in the U.S.

She specialized in contracts, automobile insurance, industrial and accidents, and probate law.

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1. Was elected leader of the MA senate in 1936.
 - Even after Sybil Holmes only 41 women have be elected to MA Senate
 - Did you know that only 210 women have served in the Massachusetts legislature compared to over 20,000 men which means Sybil Holmes was really brave to do what she did.

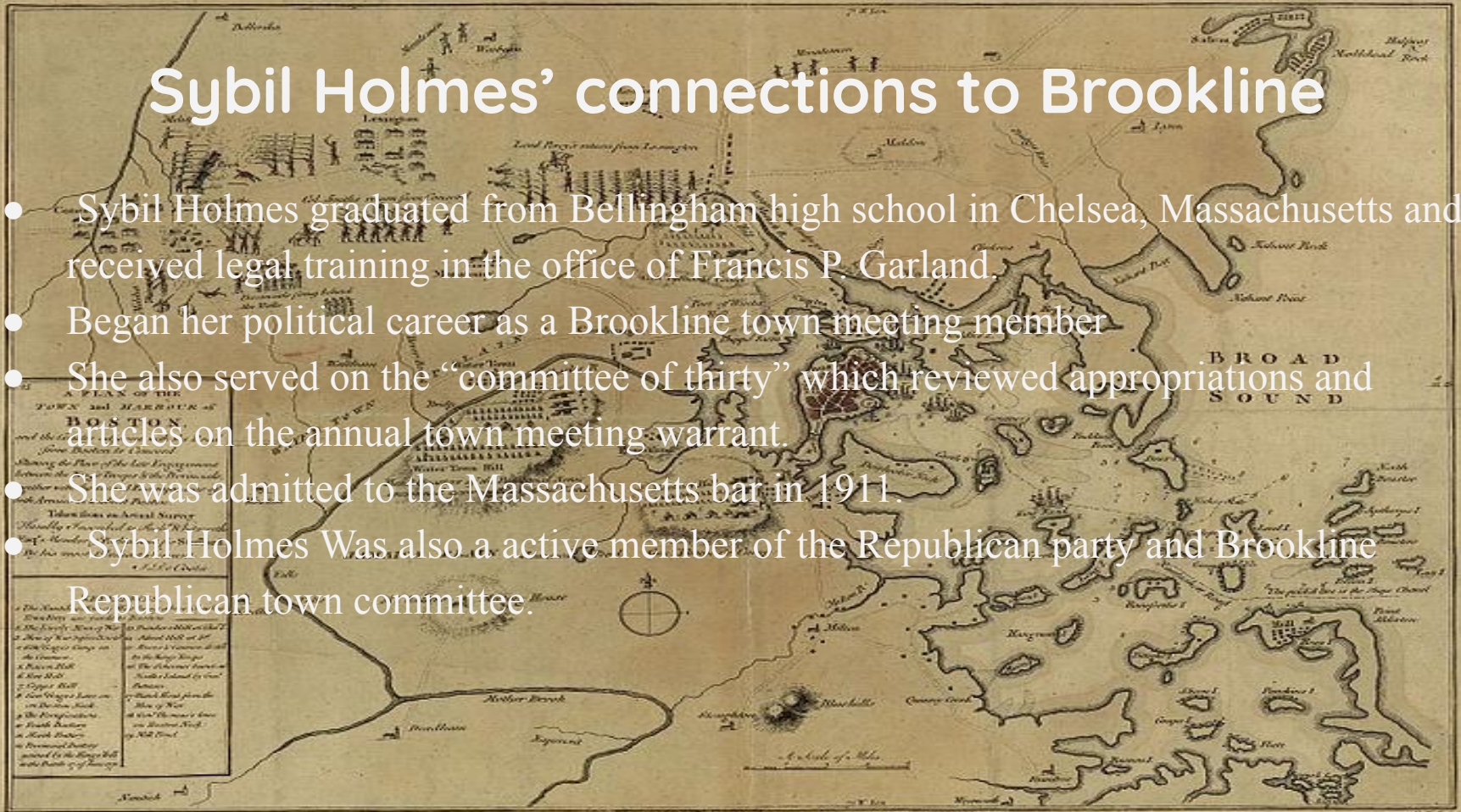
Sybil Holmes' professional achievements



- Youngest woman in the U.S.A. to become a lawyer.
- Was first woman elected leader of the MA senate.
- Was elected president of the Massachusetts Association of women lawyers in 1919.
- Served on the Selective Service System legal advisory during world war one.
- Was the first woman appointed master by the Massachusetts court.
- In 1922 Governor channing H. Cox appointed her to the state Commission on Unemployment and Minimum Wage.

Sybil Holmes' connections to Brookline

- Sybil Holmes graduated from Bellingham high school in Chelsea, Massachusetts and received legal training in the office of Francis P. Garland.
- Began her political career as a Brookline town meeting member
- She also served on the “committee of thirty” which reviewed appropriations and articles on the annual town meeting warrant.
- She was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1911
- Sybil Holmes Was also a active member of the Republican party and Brookline Republican town committee.



Why Sybil Holmes could be a good person to name our school after

She meets most of these naming categories. v

- Is she a national noteworthy figure or official?

yes

no

- Has she worked hard been kind and has helped others?

yes

no

- Has she donated a amount of money to the school?

yes

no

- Does she have any connection with Brookline?

yes

no

- Did she do something not like Edward Devotion?

yes

no

Why Sybil Holmes..... (continued)

Naming the school after her would set an example for students and other people that they should be perseverant and that you should never give up just like she did. I also think that naming the school after her would reflect the school motto (work hard, be/bee kind, and help others) in the name because that is what she did. Another example is that her story isn't super well known and naming a school after her would bring out her story more. There wasn't even any picture of her and the M.A Senators before her and after here! Like say someone sees "Sybil Holmes school" that person would wonder, "who's Sybil Holmes?" and that person would probably look it up and they would realize who she was and why she was important.

Final Comments (Notes)

- Was not commemorated.
- No images of her on the internet.
- One mention of her in a 23 page journal entry of Senator Michael F. Rush commemorating (nothing on the Library.)

Source: [Sybil Holmes revolvy](#)

I HOPE YOU PICK
SYBIL HOLMES
AS THE SCHOOL NAME.

Thanks!