Maggie Smith Hathaway
(1867 - 1955)

Maggie Smith Hathaway, the daughter of Methodist parents, was born in Ontario, Ohio in 1867. She attended school in Ohio and was a teacher in Breckenridge, Ohio. In 1894, she married in Montana, and her husband, Coming, was a lawyer and judge. Maggie Hathaway was active in the Methodist church and served as a deaconess. In 1911, she was elected to the Montana State Senate, becoming the first woman to serve in the Montana Legislature. In 1913, she was appointed to the Montana State Board of Education, becoming the first woman to serve on a state education board in the United States.

Maggie Hathaway was a strong advocate for women's rights and education. She was a leader in the women's suffrage movement and fought for the right of women to vote. She was also a strong supporter of public education and worked to improve the quality of education in Montana. Her dedication to education and women's rights earned her many awards and recognitions, including the Woman of the Year award from the Montana Women's Press Club in 1913.

Maggie Hathaway passed away in 1955, leaving behind a legacy of leadership and activism for women's rights and education. Her contributions to the Montana community and the nation will not be forgotten.