




Alma NASH

(1883–1965)



Before Alma Nash became one of the most popular music teachers in Kansas City, she was known as the suffragist bandleader in Maryville, Missouri. There, she formed the Missouri Ladies Military Band—later called the Missouri Suffrage Band—and led it in the 1913 Woman Suffrage Procession in Washington, D.C. Five years later, Alma moved to Kansas City and opened an in-home studio where she taught for 47 years. She also played with local orchestras, was honored by the Fretted Guild of America, and was a charter member of the Kansas City Music Teachers Association. By the end of her long career, Alma had trained an estimated 4,000 students.



"I believe [music] is a powerful weapon that can be utilized in the cause of woman suffrage. Men will be brought to realize the justness of our cause."

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