

PANKHURST Emmeline

(1858-1928)

Pankhurst was a leading British women's rights activist, who led the movement to win the right for women to vote.



Emmeline Goulden was born in 1858 in Manchester.

In 1879, she married Richard Pankhurst, a lawyer and supporter of the women's suffrage movement.

In 1889, Emmeline founded the Women's Franchise League, which fought to allow married women to vote in local elections.

Like many suffragettes, Emmeline was often arrested.

This period of militancy was ended with the beginning of World War One in 1914 so Emmeline turned her energies to supporting the war effort.

In 1918, the Representation of the People Act gave voting rights to women over 30.

Emmeline died in 1928, shortly after women were granted equal voting rights with men (at 21).

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