



Susanna Madora “Dora” Kinsey Salter (1860-1961)

Susanna Madora “Dora” Kinsey Salter was the first woman elected mayor in the United States in 1887. She attended Kansas State Agricultural College and was a few weeks from graduating when she became ill and had to return home. After marriage to Lewis Salter, the family moved to Argonia, Kansas. Dora Salter was active in the Women’s Christian Temperance Union, and advocated for temperance candidates. It was in Argonia that Dora Salter was elected Mayor and served her term of office.

After the Oklahoma land run of 1892, the Salter family moved to Oklahoma Territory, where Dora lived for the rest of her long life.