

PHOTO: ABIGAIL DUNIWAY.

NARRATOR: Abigail soon found that her husband's accident, although tragic, had opened the door to a new way of life, and inspired her to pursue new opportunities. It took her away from the demanding existence of a pioneer farm and delivered her to a new, more independent life:

PHOTO: DUNIWAY FAMILY.

ABIGAIL: "And yet, notwithstanding all this effort, I led an easier life than I had known on a pioneer farm. My work was rest for both mind and body. Health improved and hope revived. The evenings musical, intellectual and thoroughly enjoyable; but how I got through with all of this physical work, and kept ahead of my constantly improving classes, as the weeks and months and years went on, I do not know."

PHOTO: MILLINERY.

NARRATOR: After saving her money from her teaching and boarding, Abigail opened a millinery and notions shop. This venture was not only a financial success, but it put her in a position to see first hand how difficult it was for women to enjoy the same rights and protection under the law as their male counterparts.

PHOTO: ABIGAIL.

ABIGAIL: "One-half of the women are dolls, the rest of them are drudges, and we're all fools!"

PHOTO: BEN DUNIWAY.

NARRATOR: Abigail's husband, Ben, responded to her lament by telling her that nothing would get better for women until they had the vote.