

Dear History Lover,

This time of year can be a thrill, with the blossoming of the buds on the trees and the fresh rain turning winter to springtime!

With new life buzzing all around us, it can feel daunting to hunker down and file a tax return. Whether present-day or past, tax season has caused burdens and complications for many United States citizens, including one of History At Play's most influential and oft forgotten women!

In 1858, Lucy Stone, known as the "Morning Star," for her uplifting and awe-inspiring oratory, received a property tax on her home in Orange, New Jersey. Mrs. Stone repudiated the tax, calling on the struggle of our Founders to live a life free of "Taxation Without Representation." How could women be considered responsible enough to pay tax, yet in the eyes of the Republic, were not responsible enough to vote?



There is not a single man, who, if abused, as we are, would not make protest, not with words, but with bullets. But we are not going to do it, for we know that thoughts are mightier than bullets. ~ Lucy Stone

Stone refused to pay the tax and a Constable came to her home, removing a dining table and chairs, along with a portrait of Stone's mentor Mr. William Lloyd Garrison. The Constable proceeded to hold a public auction, selling the items to the highest bidder, before satisfying the \$10.50 tax.

To find out what happened next, take advantage of one of our upcoming public performances of *I Now Pronounce You: Lucy Stone*. The program is new and improved, with additional stories, authentic wardrobe and props, and an inspiring legacy to instill in audiences young and old to press "ONWARD."

So, join us, in our march for the cause of living history and remember one of our most favorite quotes: "Well behaved women seldom make history." (Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, 1976).

Historically yours,

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