WYOMING STATE CAPITOL

24th Street and Capitol Avenue, Cheyenne

Even as a territory, Wyoming was at the forefront of the national women's suffrage movement, in large part because of Esther Hobart Morris, who lobbied members of the territorial council. When Wyoming achieved statehood in 1890, it became the first state to grant women full suffrage, thanks to an all-male group that drafted the state constitution. The State Capitol, an imposing sandstone structure capped by a gold-leafed dome, represents this seminal achievement in the women's suffrage movement. A statue of Esther Morris, a replica of that in the U. S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., stands in front of the building's main entrance.