

Amelia Bloomer



Amelia Jenks Bloomer was born in Homer, NY on May 27th, 1818. She married a newspaper editor in 1840; his name was Dexter C. Bloomer. She became very interested in the public affairs that were happening in nearby communities. She started writing articles that were for women's rights. She came in contact with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony.

Amelia started writing and publishing articles about women's clothing. The women's dress at the time was very tight and very heavy. The clothing consisted of corsets, layers of petticoats and yards and yards of skirt that went to the floor. She was later introduced to Fanny

Wright who started a dress reform. The outfit had a loose bodice that allowed women to breathe. It had ankle length pantaloons and a shorter skirt that was stopped at the knee. Amelia found this to be a very comfortable outfit. She, along with Elizabeth Stanton and Susan B. Anthony wore these as a statement of freedom.

The outfit was called Bloomers after Amelia Bloomer. These women stopped wearing this outfit when the attention of women's rights was turned to the fashion. They did not want it to be the issue. Women around the world are indebted to Amelia and these other women. Without these women, women would not have the equality that is so obvious in our modern world. Women are now allowed to express themselves in whatever outfit or costume wanted.