Anna Cadogan Etz was born in Hornell in October 1864. She graduated from Fredonia Normal School and took advanced training at Alfred University in English and graduated from the University of Michigan. Her newspaper column “Suffrage Notes and Comments” appeared in 40 newspapers from 1912 to 1917 when women in New York State were given the right to vote. She was active in the New York State Women’s Suffrage Association and was a founder of the Hornell Equality League of Self-Supporting women. She was also widely known as a civic leader. Following the death of her son David, she and her husband donated funds to het Hornell Library for a room that became New York State’s first Children’s Room. Anna and others also founded a Children’s home and an open market in Hornell. After World War 1, she taught Americanization in the Hornell School district for a number of years.