



Anna Laura Wright Simpson Early Supporter of Deaf Education in Dakota Territory

Anna Laura Wright Simpson was an early supporter of deaf education in the Dakota Territory and played an indirect but important role in the history of the Dakota Territorial School for the Deaf.

She was the sister of Jennie Wright, the school's second superintendent, and the wife of James Simpson, who later became superintendent. Through these family connections, Anna Laura was closely associated with the early development of the institution during its formative years in Sioux Falls.

Although not serving in an official administrative role, her presence reflects the strong family and community networks that helped sustain early educational efforts for deaf children in the frontier territory.

More detailed information about this period is presented in the Simpson Era section of SDSD history.