



Lovela Hagens 1829-1917

Active in the temperance movement, Lovela Hagens was one of the founders of *Union Signal*, a woman's temperance publication.

In addition to her temperance activities, Hagens was founder of the Chicago Area Kindergarten Association, a director of both the Bethesda Day Nursery and the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and the only female director of the Elmhurst Spring Water Company. This company was responsible for supplying Elmhurst residents with running water for the first time in 1890.

Hagens and her husband, Lucian, lived in Elmhurst on an estate named Hawthorne which was located on the northwest corner of St. Charles Road and Prospect. She died in 1917.