

Name: Margaret Olivia Slocum Sage (Mrs. Russell Sage)

Years: September 8, 1828 - November 4, 1918

Residence: Syracuse, NY

Brief biography:

Margaret Olivia Slocum, known by her middle name, was born on September 8, 1828 in Syracuse, and graduated from the Troy Female Seminary (later known as the Emma Willard School in 1847). She married Russell Sage in 1869.

Olivia began to act independently of Russell Sage, beginning shortly before his death in 1906, by donating her time and financial support to causes related to women's education, education in general and New York.

Olivia donated time and money to many colleges, including Yale University, Princeton University, Cornell University, Vassar College, the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and the Emma Willard School, in addition to founding Russell Sage College. In addition to the college named after her husband, Olivia started the Russell Sage Foundation and later supported the Russell Sage Foundation Homes project. She donated over \$23 million to various causes by 1915.

Major achievements:

- Established the Russell Sage Foundation
- Founded Russell Sage College

For more information:

Ruth Crocker: Mrs. Russell Sage: Women's Activism and Philanthropy in Gilded Age and Progressive Era America

Resources:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margaret_Olivia_Slocum_Sage

