Lena Olive Smith, a Minnesota Civil Rights Pioneer ~1885-1966~

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How are Civil Rights norms developed and understood?

- Pass law
  - Federal law
  - State law
  - City ordinance
  - Contractual/private rule

- Learn of existence of that law/rights/rules
  - Press/reading
  - Talk with lawyer or legal worker

- Assert right that has not yet been recognized in law (including Constitution)
  - In press/with public
  - With legislators & executive branch
  - In courts

- Test limits of a right or rule

Buxton, Iowa: Employees of the Company Store, c.1906
“She can run the gamut from tragedy to comedy...”

Barnes School of Sanitary Science & Embalming, Class of 1910

Olive Hair Store, 1913
Lena O. Smith, Real Estate, Rentals, Investments" 1915

credit MHS
“Graduation from Northwestern College of Law (MHSL predecessor), 1921”
“Every Person is Entitled To Obtain Justice Freely and Without Purchase, Completely And Without Denial, Promptly And Without Delay, ...”

Minnesota Const. Art. 1 Sec. 8