

Sophia: The Princess Suffragette Revolutionary



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Sophia Duleep Singh was a princess, suffragette, and revolutionary. She was the daughter of Maharaja Duleep Singh, the last ruler of the Sikh Empire, and Bamba Müller, a German countess. Sophia was raised in England and educated at Oxford University. She became involved in the women's suffrage movement in the early 1900s and was a leading figure in the Pankhurst family's Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU).

Sophia was arrested several times for her activism and was imprisoned for her role in the window-smashing campaign of 1912. After the First World War, Sophia continued to work for women's rights and became involved in the Indian independence movement. She died in 1948 at the age of 68.

Early life

Sophia Duleep Singh was born on August 4, 1876, in Norfolk, England. Her father was Maharaja Duleep Singh, the last ruler of the Sikh Empire, and her mother was Bamba Müller, a German countess. Sophia was the youngest of six children and the only daughter.

Sophia's father was exiled from India by the British after the Second Anglo-Sikh War in 1849. He settled in England and became a close friend of Queen Victoria. Sophia's mother was a devout Christian and raised her children in the Anglican faith.

Sophia was a bright and curious child. She was educated at home by private tutors and later attended Oxford University. She studied history, philosophy, and politics. Sophia was also a talented artist and musician.

Suffragette

Sophia became involved in the women's suffrage movement in the early 1900s. She was inspired by the Pankhurst family, who were leading the fight for women's right to vote. Sophia joined the Pankhurst's Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) and quickly became a leading figure in the organization.

Sophia was a passionate and fearless suffragette. She was arrested several times for her activism and was imprisoned for her role in the window-smashing campaign of 1912. Sophia's imprisonment only made her more determined to fight for women's rights.

Revolutionary

After the First World War, Sophia continued to work for women's rights. She also became involved in the Indian independence movement. Sophia was a

close friend of Mahatma Gandhi and supported his non-violent resistance to British rule.

Sophia traveled to India in 1932 and met with Gandhi. She was deeply impressed by his message of peace and non-violence. Sophia returned to England and continued to work for Indian independence.

Death

Sophia Duleep Singh died on August 11, 1948, at the age of 68. She was buried in the churchyard of St. Mary's Church in Hambleden, Buckinghamshire, England.

Legacy

Sophia Duleep Singh was a remarkable woman who dedicated her life to fighting for the rights of women and the freedom of India. She was a brave and fearless suffragette and revolutionary. Sophia's legacy continues to inspire people around the world.

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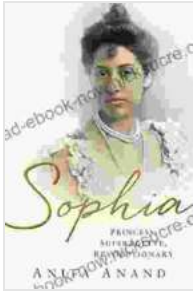
Further reading

* Sophia Duleep Singh at the British Library * Sophia Duleep Singh at the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography

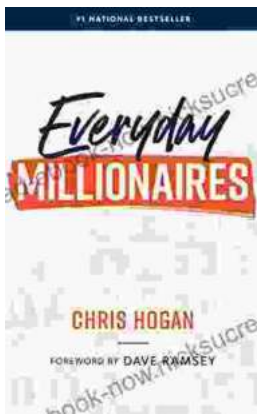
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