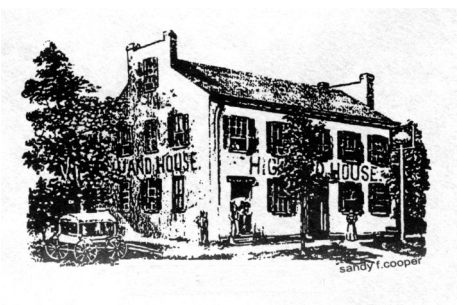




Eliza Jane Trimble Thompson (1816-1905)

Eliza Jane was the only daughter of Governor Allen and Rachel Trimble. She married James Henry Thompson and they had eight children. On the evening of Dec. 23, 1873, Eliza's life changed forever when Dio Lewis gave a free lecture at Music Hall. She was not in attendance, but a son and daughter were, volunteering for a committee. The next morning she hurried to the Presbyterian Church where she was elected leader of the Women's Crusade. She became known throughout the civilized world as "Mother" Thompson, one of the organizers of the great temperance movement whose foundation was laid in Hillsborough on Christmas Eve of 1873.



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