

HARRIET TAYLOR MILL

Biography

- Born 1807 in London, England
- 1926 married John Taylor (she was 18, he 39). Three kids
 - ↳ How they met is uncertain, but some evidence suggests to an arranged marriage by a minister
 - ↳ Meets **John Stuart Mill**, when her husband invites him over. Instant connection.
 - ↳ They get emotionally close. 18 months after meeting something makes Harrier break off the friendship, at which point Mill wrote her a letter and they rekindle, emotionally closer than ever.
 - ↳ Very scandalous...they regularly met up, with her husband even facilitating it.
 - ↳ 1833, trial separation from husband; she sets up her separate residence.
- 1841 she lost the use of her legs for an extended period due to health problems affecting her nervous and respiratory systems
- c.late-1840s, as the cancer becomes debilitating, her husband asks her to return home to care for him, but she declines saying her first priority was to care for Mill (who was experiencing temporary near-blindness).
 - ↳ She will care for her husband only after Mill recovered sufficiently.
- Husband dies of cancer in 1849
- 1851, she marries a second time, to John Stuart Mill
- Real or perceived slights toward Taylor Mill by Mill's mother and some of his siblings after their wedding resulted in his estrangement from much of his family
- Dies in 1858



Philosophy (major ideas)

She supported “equality in all rights, political, civil, and social, with the male citizens of the community”.

↳ For example, she argued that paid work by married women is not only permissible but desirable because “dependence on the woman's side [on her husband] is demoralizing to the character of both”.

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