

1819

Julia born in New York City May 27, 1819 Her father Sam Ward was a banker and her mother Julia Rush Cutler Ward was a published poet. Members of the Ward family were Rhode Island governors.

1843

April 23rd Marries Samuel Gridley Howe. Honeymoon and first trip to Europe.

1852

Summer in Newport where they share a rented house with the Longfellows.

1853

First summer at Lawton's Valley in South Portsmouth, RI.

1854

Daughter Maud born. Anonymously publishes poetry: "Passionflowers." Editor in Chief of "The Listener," a newspaper for Miss Stephenson's school, where Julia and Flossie were students.

1856

Julia writes five act drama "The Worlds Own" which is performed in both NY and Boston.

1857

Wrote plays "Hippolytus" and "Leonora, or The World's Own," a five act drama was also performed in Boston. It closed after a brief run. Published poems "Words for the Hour."

1861

Civil War starts. Husband serves as member of The Sanitation Committee and she travels with him to DC in the autumn.

1862

Publishes the poem "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Samuel becomes a vice president of The Emancipation League. He helps to organize the Freedmen's Inquiry Commission.

1865

Samuel sells Lawton's Valley.

1868

Co-founds the New England Woman's Club (NEWC)

1869

With Lucy Stone, helps establish the American Woman Suffrage Association (AWSA) and serves as President from 1868 - 1877 and 1893 - 1910.

1870

With Lucy Stone, founder and assistant editor of suffrage newspaper, "Woman's Journal."
Presides over the NEWC from 1870 - 1878. First summer at Oak Glen, in South Portsmouth.
Founds the Free Religious Association with Thomas Wentworth Higgins, Felix Adler and others.

1873

Helps found the American Advancement of Women. Julia moves to Lawton's Valley with youngest daughter, Maud.

1874

Publishes essay "Sex and Education."

1876

Husband Samuel Gridley Howe dies. Julia is left in financial instability.

1883

Publishes Biography of Margaret Fuller.

1891

President of the New England Woman Suffrage Association (1891 - 1893)

1899

Publishes autobiography, "Reminiscence"

1908

First Woman Elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters.
Publishes final volume of poems, "At Sunset."

1910

Julia Ward Howe Dies Portsmouth Rhode Island on October 17,1910.