

RAMÍREZ, SARA ESTELA (1881–1910)

“to call the worker my brother I need only have a heart.”

Sara Estela Ramírez was born in the Mexican state of Coahuila and relocated to Laredo, Texas, where she taught Spanish at the Seminario Laredo. A staunch supporter of the Liberal party in Mexico which opposed the policies of Porfirio Díaz, Ramírez was also among the first feminists of the period. She printed poems, speeches, and essays for the local Spanish language presses, *El Demócrata Fronterizo* and *La Crónica*. Her writings on women’s rights focusing on power and assertion, politics and revolution, and philosophy appeared in *Aurora* and *Justicia y Libertad*. Among her popular writings are “Diamantes negros,” “A Juárez,” and “Huye.” Her poem “Surge surge,” was dedicated to “a las mujeres.” Her concern with women’s issues brought a feminist viewpoint to the revolutionary struggle. Ramírez offered her home as the Texas headquarters and her oratory and writing skills to the Partido Liberal Mexicano. As a Tejana community leader Ramírez stressed her support for mutualismo and the rights of the working class. She wrote speeches for the Sociedad de Obreros of Laredo. Ramírez enjoyed a short but flourishing career and left an important legacy to all Latinas.