BARBARA CROCKETT

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Barbara Crockett, dancer and teacher extraordinaire, joined the San Francisco Ballet, the first ballet company in the United States, in 1936. Ms. Crockett met and married Deane Crockett, a teacher and dancer with San Francsico Ballet. In later years her daughters, Leslie and Allyson, would also dance for San Francisco Ballet. In 1945, the Crockett family moved to Sacramento to begin a dance school and ballet company in our state's capital. Hence, the Crockett Dance Studio and Sacramento Ballet were born.

Crockett is respected internationally for her legendary teaching prowess and was also awarded a California State Senate Resolution, under Senator Darrell Steinberg, for her achievements and contributions to the arts in Sacramento. Crockett was also instrumental in establishing the National Association of Regional Ballet, which eventually became Regional Dance America/Pacific, and is now known as The Ballet Alliance. Crockett's students have gone on to dance in companies all over the world including American Ballet Theatre, San Francisco Ballet, and The Joffrey Ballet.