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Women's Suffrage

Research Guide

SCOPE

This guide is intended to assist patrons in researching information available at the Rochester Public Library about the women's suffrage movement. A good place to start your research is by searching the Ready Reference card file by appropriate subject heading. For clarification of any entry, please ask at the reference desk. For a more comprehensive review of the library's holdings on the women's suffrage movement, please check with other divisions.

INTRODUCTION

In the United States of America, the first large-scale organized effort to enfranchise women took place at the Seneca Falls Convention, which was convened by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott in 1848. The Civil War interrupted the momentum of the movement; however, upon its end, agitation by women for the ballot became increasingly determined. A few years after the war, a split developed among feminists over the proposed 15th Amendment, which gave the vote to black men. Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and others refused to endorse the amendment because it did not give women the ballot. Other suffragists, including Lucy Stone and Julia Ward Howe, argued that passage of the amendment could be a stepping stone towards the vote for women. As a result, two distinct organizations emerged. Stanton and Anthony formed the National Woman Suffrage Association to work for suffrage on the federal level and to press for more extensive institutional changes, such as the granting of property rights to married women. Stone created the American Woman Suffrage Association, which aimed to secure the ballot through state legislation. In 1890, the two groups merged and became the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, and Idaho were among the first states to grant women the right to vote, all before the close of the 19th century. The suffrage cause was vindicated in 1920 with the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, which prohibited state and federal agencies from gender-based restrictions on voting.

Key:

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BUS = Business & Social Sciences Division – 4th floor, Bausch & Lomb Public Library Building
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RVF1 Biography—Women
RVF1 Clubs—Political (League of Women Voters)
RVF1 Seneca County
RVF1 Voting
RVF1 Women

PAMPHLET FILES

RVF2 Biography – Anthony, Susan B.
RVF2 Clubs – National Organization for Women (N.O.W.)
RVF2 Women’s Suffrage
RVF2 Women’s Rights Convention, Seneca Falls

ONLINE RESOURCES

The Susan B. Anthony Letters Collection, Rochester Public Library, Local History Division, Manuscript Collection: <http://www.libraryweb.org/rochimag/SBA/intro.htm>

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Local History Picture Files (*Please ask librarian for assistance.*)

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