

# **Celebrating the Vote: 100 Years of Women's Suffrage**

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## **Timeline**

- 1769 Married women don't have the right to their own property or earnings.
- 1776 New Jersey state constitution gives all free inhabitants, including widows and spinsters who own property, the right to vote.
- 1807 New Jersey election reform disenfranchises women.
- 1809 Connecticut married women allowed to execute wills.
- 1839 Mississippi passes the Married Women's Property Act.
- 1848 Seneca Falls Convention.
- 1848 New York passes the Married Women's Property Act.
- 1855 An alien female who marries a US Citizen is automatically naturalized.
- 1861 Kansas women are able to vote in school elections.
- 1862 The Homestead Act passes and allows unmarried, divorced, and single women to claim land.
- 1867 Nebraska women may vote in school elections.
- 1869 Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B Anthony found the National Woman Suffrage Association. Lucy Stone founds the American Women's Suffrage Association.
- 1869 Wyoming Territory grants women's suffrage.
- 1870 Utah women receive the right to vote.
- 1887 Utah women are stripped of the right to vote via the Edmunds-Tucker Act. Women in Kansas may vote in city and bond elections.
- 1890 National American Women's Suffrage Association formed.
- 1893 Colorado women receive complete suffrage.
- 1895 Utah women regain their right to vote.
- 1896 Idaho women are granted complete suffrage.
- 1900 Every state has passed legislation allowing married women to own their own property and keep their earnings.
- 1907 Expatriation Act states that women's citizenship is that of her husband's.

- 1909 Women in Illinois are eligible to vote in presidential elections.
- 1910 Washington grants female suffrage.
- 1911 California grants women complete suffrage.
- 1912 Arizona, Kansas and Oregon grant women complete suffrage.
- 1913 Territorial legislature gives non-native Alaska women complete suffrage. Indiana women are eligible to vote in presidential elections.
- 1914 Montana and Nevada grants women's suffrage.
- 1917 Arkansas women become eligible to vote in primary elections. Congress provides the Hawaii territorial legislature with the power to grant female suffrage. New York and Rhode Island women receive complete suffrage. North Dakota women are eligible to vote in presidential elections.
- 1918 Women in Nebraska may vote in presidential elections. Oklahoma and South Dakota women receive complete suffrage. Texas women may vote in primary elections.
- 1919 Women granted suffrage in Canada except for Quebec. Women in Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, Wisconsin are eligible to vote in presidential elections.
- 1920 The 19th amendment is ratified giving women the vote in the United States.
- 1922 Married Women's Independent Nationality Act (Cable Act) is passed.
- 1929 Literate women in Puerto Rico are granted the right to vote.
- 1935 All adult women in Puerto Rico are granted suffrage.
- 1940 Women granted suffrage in Quebec.

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## Resources

### Digital Collections

Library of Congress – Digital Collections – Suffrage: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/?q=suffrage>

Women’s Vote Centennial: <https://www.womensvote100.org/>

### Libraries and Archives

ArchiveGrid: <https://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/>

Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research: <http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton/>

Digital Public Library of America: <https://dp.la/>

FamilySearch Catalog: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog>

FamilySearch Research Wiki – United States Genealogy – Voter Records:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United\\_States\\_Voting\\_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Voting_Records)

FamilySearch Research Wiki – United States Genealogy –United States Taxation:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United\\_States\\_Taxation](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Taxation)

Genealogy Center: <http://www.genealogycenter.org/>

Godfrey Memorial Library: <http://www.godfrey.org/>

LibGuides Community: <https://community.libguides.com/>

Library of Congress: <http://www.loc.gov/index.htm>

LSE Digital Library – Women’s Rights Collection: <https://digital.library.lse.ac.uk/collections/suffrage>

Midwest Genealogy Center: <http://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy>

Mountain West Digital Library: <https://mwdl.org/>

National Archives: <http://www.archives.gov/>

Online Archive of California: <https://oac.cdlib.org/>

Women’s Museum of California: <http://www.womensmuseumca.org/>

WorldCat: <http://www.worldcat.org/>

### Newspapers

Accessible Archives – Women’s Suffrage: <https://www.accessible-archives.com/collections/womens-suffrage/>

Chronicling America: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Fulton NY History: <https://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>

GenealogyBank: <https://www.genealogybank.com>

Newspapers.com: <https://www.newspapers.com/>

Online Historical Newspapers: <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/>

The Ancestor Hunt: <https://www.theancestorhunt.com/>

### **Digitized Books and Periodical Indexes**

Google Books: <https://books.google.com/>

Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/>

Hathi Trust: <https://www.hathitrust.org/>

Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/index.php>

JSTOR: <https://www.jstor.org/>

PERSI: <https://search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index>

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