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 Citizenship 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.

**Resources**

**Digital Collections**


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


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

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

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


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/
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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