Almost Forgotten Women: Yesterday's Headliners



Women in the 1800s could not

* own property
 * vote

*receive secondary education
 * work outside of the home
 * sign a contract
 *sit on a jury

*raise her children, if divorced

Women were considered to be

* weak mentally

*weak emotionally

*weak physically

* incapable of learning

* capable as mothers and wives

If women went against the norm

They were considered Indecent, Immoral, and Sinful.

July 19-20,1848

The first women's right convention was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Seneca Falls, New York.

With approximately 300 attendees, the convention was led by Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

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Women's Rights Convention.

A Convention to discuss the social, civil and religious condition and rights of Woman, will be held in the Wesleyan Chapel, at Sen rea Falls, N. Y., on Wednesday and Thursday the 19th and 20th of July current, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

During the first day, the meeting will be exclusively for Women, which all are earnestly invited to attend. The public genera ally are invited to be present on the second day, when LUCRETIA MOTE, of Philadelphia. and others both ladice and gentlemen, will address the Convention.

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Elizabeth Cady Stanton opened the convention

We are assembled to protest against a form of government, existing without the consent of the governed—to declare our right to be free as man is free. . .

A Declaration of Sentiments and resolutions were written

The documents included the women's demands and their complaints.

Declaration of Sentiments

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all **men and women** are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights;

Restoring a masterpiece

As the ghost of a Founding Father Watches.

Cover of *Life* Magazine July 1915



Who were the signers

* Among the 300 attendees was African American Frederick Douglass

* 68 women 32 men as supporters Signed the Declaration of Sentiments

* the Declaration of Sentiments was published in newspapers and shared across the United States

This convention was the spark

National women's rights conventions were held annually.

Women suffragists organizations were started.

Suffrage parades were organized and eventually protests were held in front of the White House.

Women were divided as to the method of attaining the right to vote

Some felt that the emphasis should be working through state legislatures and lobbying to get states to support that the Constitution reads "We the people" meaning all people.

Others felt that an amendment to the Constitution was required and led protests and parades supporting the adoption of a suffrage amendment.

National American Women Suffrage Association led by Carrie Chapman Catt lobbied state legislatures.

National Women's Party led by Alice Paul supported protests, picketing and parades.

Another group of women felt that it was not necessary for a woman to vote, because she would automatically vote the way her husband voted.

Susan B. Anthony voted!

In November 1872, Susan B. Anthony who had demanded to be registered and subsequently voted.

A warrant was issued for her arrest for illegally voting.

Susan B. Anthony



The trial in 1873

- * Judge Ward Hunt did not allow the jury to deliberate.
 - * Susan B. Anthony was found guilty of illegally voting and fined \$100.
 - * Anthony demanded to be heard.

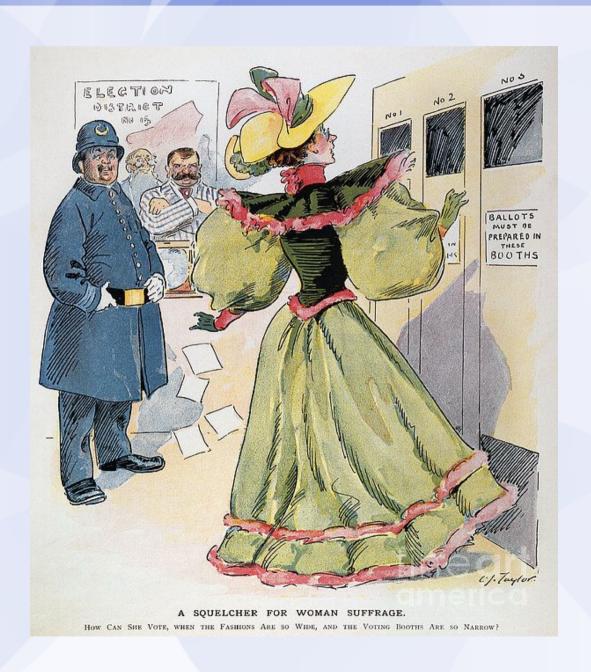
Susan B. Anthony reacted to judgment of being found guilty and said

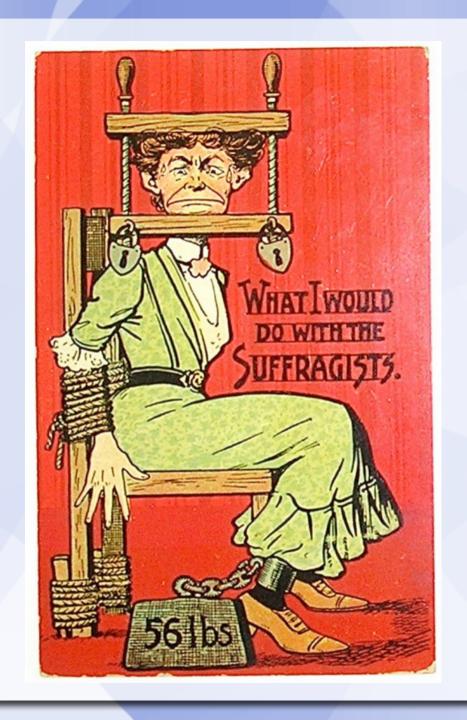
Yes, [guilty]but by laws made by men, under a government of men, interpreted by men, and for the benefit of men. The only chance for women in this country to have justice is to violate the law, as I have done, and as I will continue to do. . .

The suffrage issue

As depicted in print









Silent Sentinels in front of the White House



The Turning Point - WWI



19th Amendment is ratified August 1920





Who are the women who made a difference?

- *Risk takers * Scientists

 * Military *Educators
- * Inventors *Reformers

 *Artists/Entertainers *Athletes

 * Journalists *Politicians
 - * Doctors/ Nurses
 *Aviators * Suffragists

Alice Stebbins Wells 1873-1957 Los Angeles Police Woman

I think police work is a great work. I think it is worthy the respect of anybody and the position which has been given me will enable me to reach into a field that men could not enter without finding themselves greatly handicapped.



Maria Mitchell 1818-1889 Astronomer

Does anyone suppose that any woman in all the ages has had a fair chance to show what she can do in science?



Dr. Mary E. Walker Contract Surgeon Union Army

Let the generations know that women in uniform also guaranteed their freedom.



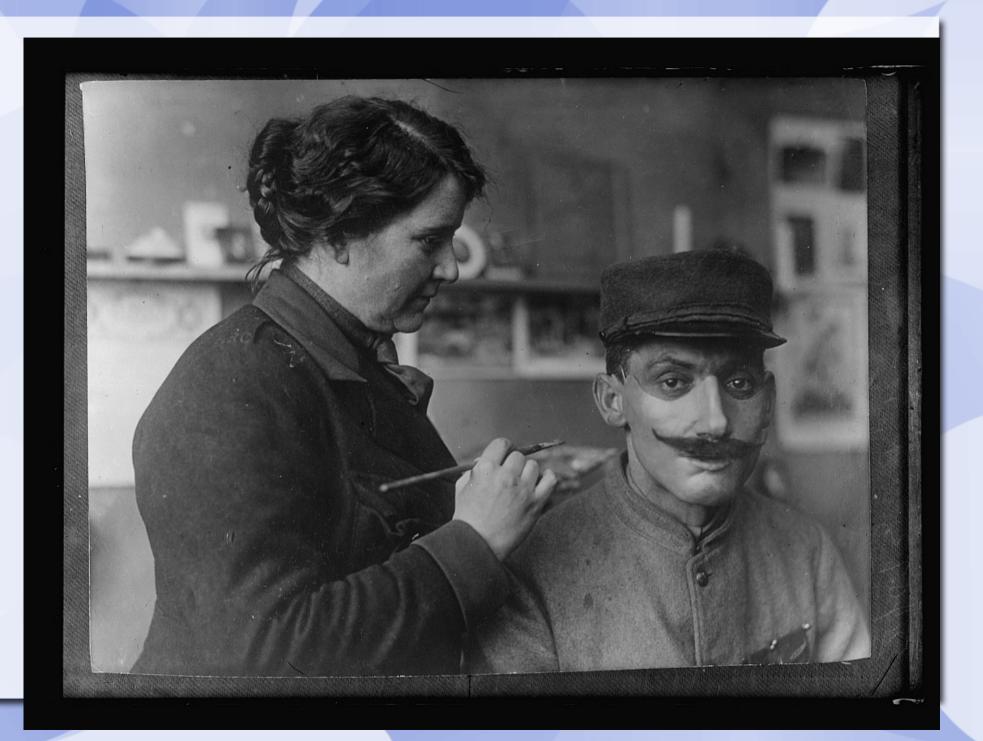
Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955) Educator

The drums of Africa still beat in my heart.
They will not let me rest while there is a single Negro boy or girl without a chance to prove his worth.



Anna Coleman Ladd (1878-1939) Artist, Creator of Cosmetic Facial Mask

One man who came to us had been wounded years before and had never been home. He did not want his mother to see how badly he looked.



Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project 1938-1943

During the Great Depression, women brought books to families in Kentucky.

Grace Lucas- Book Carrier
I got paid \$28 a month worked about three days month. I had to hire my horse. I paid 50 cents a day for the horse and fed it.



Thocmetony Sarah Winnemucca Hopkins (1844-1891) Native American, Translator, Advocate For Native American Rights

I was a very small child when the first white people came into our country. They came like a lion, yes, like a roaring lion, and have continued ever since.



Annie Smith Peck (1850-1935) Mountain Climber

Climbing is unadulterated hard labor. The only real pleasure is the satisfaction of going where no man has been before and where few can follow.



Ida B. Wells (1862-1931) African American Anti- lynching advocate

The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them.



Nellie Bly (1864-1922) Investigative Reporter

As Nellie Bly prepared for a stay in a mental asylum to report on the conditions. . .

How could I hope to pass these doctors and convince them I was crazy.



Belva Lockwood (1830-1917) Presidential Candidate

I can not vote, but can be voted for.



Susan LaFlesche Picotte (1865-1915) Native American Advocate for her tribe

Speaking of witnessing a tribal member suffer

It was only an Indian and it did not matter. The doctor preferred hunting for prairie chickens rather than visiting the suffering humanity.



Bessie Coleman (1892-1926) African American Aviator

The air is the only place free from prejudice.



Alice Paul (1885-1977) Suffragist Initiator of Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)

We, women of America, tell you that America is not a democracy. Twenty million women are denied the right to vote.



Where are women today?

Equality in opportunities?

Equality in the work place?

Equal in public opinion?



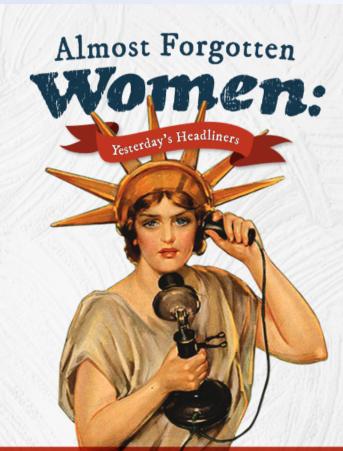


"The surest way to make me do a thing is to tell me I can't do it."

- Aviator Ruth Law
Pioneer Aviator who completed the first long distance flight
from Chicago to New York City



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