

“Women’s Suffrage in Wayne County, N. Y. 1848-1920: A Rural and Small Village
Perspective”
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STUDYING SUFFRAGE:
CURRENT PROJECTS ACROSS NEW YORK STATE

Note: This list is a work in progress. All contributions welcome!

New York State: General

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<http://www.nywomenshistory.com/about.php>. Sites listed at:
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New York State Museum, “Votes For Women: Celebrating New York’s Suffrage Centennial,” exhibit opening November 2017, <http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/research-collections/history/research/votes-women-celebrating-new-york%E2%80%99s-suffrage-centennial>.

New York State Women’s Suffrage Commission, <https://www.ny.gov/programs/new-york-state-womens-suffrage-commission>.

Suffrage Wagon News Channel BLOG: <https://suffragewagon.wordpress.com/2017/06/02/more-events-for-2017-suffrage-centennial-observance-plus-video/>

Local studies

Much of the most creative research on suffrage in New York State has come from local historians. Suffrage reflected a creative tension between national and statewide organizing and grassroots action.

Chautauqua County

Western New York Heritage (Winter 2014)

Columbia County

“Break Every Yoke: Shakers, Gender Equality, and Women’s Suffrage,” Shaker Museum, New Lebanon, opens June 17, 2017.

Dutchess County

“College Helps Commemorate Centennial Year of Women’s Suffrage in New York,” *New Paltz News*, February 1, 2017, <https://sites.newpaltz.edu/news/2017/02/commemorating-the-centennial-year-of-womens-suffrage-in-new-york/>.

Erie County

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Freethought Trail, <http://www.freethought-trail.org/>.



Woman suffrage parade in Buffalo, 1914

Greene County

Athens, New York. “A Declaration of Sentiments: Reflections on the Centennial of Women’s Right to Vote in NYS,” art and history exhibition, Athens Cultural Center, June 2-August 20, 2017.

Herkimer and Oneida Counties

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Madison County

Oneida Community Mansion House, <http://www.oneidacommunity.org/>.
Gerrit Smith National Historic Landmark, <http://www.gerritsmith.org/>.

Monroe County

Susan B. Anthony House and Museum, <http://susanbanthonyhouse.org/index.php>.

Nassau County

Glen Cove. Long Island Woman Woman Suffrage Association,
<http://longislandwomansuffrage.com/>

New York City

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http://www.huffingtonpost.com/louise-bernikow/statue-of-liberty_b_3530470.html



Onondaga County

Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation,

http://newyorkculturalheritagetourismnetwork.com/member_idGet.php?member_id=145.

Ontario County

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Mike Murphy, "Women's suffrage: National movement, local roots," *Messenger*, May 13, 2017, <http://www.mpnnow.com/news/20170513/womens-suffrage-national-movement-local-roots>.

Ontario County Historical Society, "Women's Suffrage," <http://www.ochs.org/womens-suffrage/>. A lovely collections of images and information provided by local historians from each township.

1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse,

<http://www.dnsrsearch.com/index.php?origURL=http%3A//www.farmingtonmeetinghou>

se.org/&r=http%3A//newyorkculturalheritagetourismnetwork.com/member_idGet.php%3Fmember_id%3D16&bc=.

Orange County

Newburgh. June 18, 2017. Captain David Crawford House of Newburgh will present Suffragettes in Newburgh at the Newburgh Historical Society. Newburgh was selected in 1895 to be the site of the Women's Suffrage Convention.

Seneca County

National Women's Hall of Fame, <https://www.womenofthehall.org/>.

Walter Gable, http://www.fltimes.com/news/women-s-suffrage-series-part-road-to-the-vote-the/article_4e8ae8c2-0155-11e7-a9a8-dbe502e0fccb.html.

Walter Gable, "Women's Suffrage Series, Part IV: Finally, triumph in New York!" *Finger Lakes Times*, Mar 26, 2017, http://www.fltimes.com/news/women-s-suffrage-series-part-finally-triumph-in-new-york/article_d8ab8744-11c4-11e7-b60f-8bf9bc113e62.html

David Shaw, "Marking the vote: 100 years later — NYS women's suffrage anniversary commission meets in Waterloo," *Finger Lakes Times*, August 23, 2016, http://www.fltimes.com/news/marking-the-vote-years-later-nys-women-s-suffrage-anniversary/article_798984fc-693e-11e6-9601-331aad4634a3.html

Suffolk County

Suffrage Wagon, "Spirit of 1776," Donated to NYS Museum by Marguerite Kearns,

www.suffragewagon.org



Tompkins County

Kammen, Carol, "Tompkins marks 100 years of women's suffrage in NY," *Ithaca Journal*, January 5, 2017. On Tuesday, in recognition of the centennial of the passage of the suffrage

act in New York in 1917, the Tompkins County Legislature passed a proclamation declaring 2017 the Year of the Woman in Tompkins County.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 2017 is the one hundredth anniversary of the passage in New York State of the Suffrage Act, granting women in New York the right to vote in local and state elections, and

WHEREAS, New York was the first eastern State to pass women's suffrage, an act that led to the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution recognizing the right for women to vote across the nation, and

WHEREAS, true and full citizenship for women was not accomplished merely by achieving suffrage; for example women were not permitted to serve on juries in New York State until legislation passed in 1937, and

WHEREAS, not until federal Civil Rights legislation was passed in the 1960s were the full range of citizenship rights legally mandated to include women, and people of every and any race, and of any political suasion, as a right of that citizenship, and

WHEREAS, even today, women still must struggle for full and equal participation in the labor force and in political and economic life, and

WHEREAS, women have the right to make decisions about their lives to determine their physical and psychological well-being, yet they often suffer in a climate of sexual innuendo and/or physical harm, and

WHEREAS, the contributions of women to the progress of our nation often go unacknowledged, and

WHEREAS, if we wish to protect the rights of women in our democratic society, it is important to recognize, declare, and uphold those rights, and

WHEREAS, as the dignity of all persons must be protected, women have the right to live without fear for their physical or emotional safety and the right to pursue their own dreams in a society that recognizes their value,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael E. Lane, Chair of the Tompkins County Legislature, do hereby proclaim 2017

THE YEAR OF THE WOMAN IN TOMPKINS COUNTY

and urge our residents to recognize and celebrate the crucial role that women of all races and ethnic and political backgrounds have played in our county's history, as well as their important place throughout our County today.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of Tompkins County, State of New York, on this 3rd day of January, 2017.

Ulster County

Bearsville. "Let's Rock the Cradle," <http://www.letsrockthecradle.com/>.

Bearsville. "Suffrage Wagon News Channel," <http://www.suffragewagon.org/>.

Woodstock. "Gathering Woodstock Women: A Celebration of the New York State Women's Suffrage Centennial," Historical Society of Woodstock's Eames House Museum, 20 Comeau Drive, Woodstock. opening June 16, 2017.

Washington County

Gray, Teri, *Strength Without Compromise* (2009). Story of woman suffrage movement in Easton, New York, based on minutes of Political Equality Club.

Wayne County

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Wayne County GenWeb, Historian's Office, Suffrage conventions in Wayne County, 1910-1912, <http://wayne.nygenweb.net/history/waynesuffrage.html>.

Lisette C. Hotchkiss Parshall, Lyons, New York, <http://web.co.wayne.ny.us/office-of-the-county-historian/lisette-c-hotchkiss-parshall/>.

History Detectives, "Suffrage Pennant," <http://www.pbs.org/opb/historydetectives/investigation/suffrage-pennant/>. "Votes for Women" pennant owned by Addie Marie Luther Blemly, Wolcott, New York. Feature Marjorie Allen Perez and Charles Betts, editor, *Lyons Republican*.

WILLIAMSON-PULTNEYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY JUNE PROGRAM

The theme of the June 7, 2017 program will be a celebration of Women's Suffrage in Williamson. A re-enactment of the June 7, 1911 meeting of the Wayne County Women's Suffrage Association will be held at the Williamson Methodist Church at 7:00 PM.

Attendees are asked to meet in front of Cole's Income Tax Service, Williamson at 6:30 PM and then we will march to the church. Bring suffrage posters and flags to carry in the parade. Come and join the fun as we celebrate women's right to vote. Refreshments will be served at this meeting which is open to the public.

Westchester

Tessa Melvin, "1917: When Women Won Right to Vote," *New York Times*, November 1, 1987, <http://www.nytimes.com/1987/11/01/nyregion/1917-when-women-won-right-to-vote.html>.

Wyoming County

Warsaw: "The Suffragist Tour," warsawhistory.org/tours/tour3.html. Based on minutes of Political Equality Club.



Warsaw's Women Marching in the 1910 Parade

Yates County

Penn Yan. “Political Postcards,” opening June 17 at the L. Caroline Underwood Museum, A temporary exhibit from the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum in Adams, Massachusetts.

Penn Yan. “Hear Our One Voice”. Using images and costumes from the archives of the YCHC, “Hear Our One Voice” presents topics such as dress reform, Native American influence on women’s rights campaigns, women’s work, and the campaign itself.