

“Women’s Suffrage in Wayne County, N. Y. 1848-1920:  
A Rural and Small Village Perspective”

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## STUDYING SUFFRAGE: SECONDARY SOURCES

“We are looking for ideas broad enough to be afraid of.”  
Ken Burns quoting Tyrone Guthrie

Voting is one of those ideas. No right of democracy is more basic than voting.

Overviews: Woman Suffrage in New York State

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<https://sites.newpaltz.edu/nyrediscovered/2013/>.

Mary Huth, “Upstate New York and the Women’s Rights Movement,” University of Rochester  
Library, exhibit, 1995, <http://rbscp.lib.rochester.edu/wny-womens-rights-movement>  
Rochester Regional Library Council, *Western New York Suffragists: Winning the Vote*,  
<https://rrlc.org/winningthevote/about-this-site/>.

New York Cultural and Heritage Tourism Network, <http://www.nywomenshistory.com/>.  
University of Rochester’s Susan B. Anthony Center US Suffrage Movement Timeline.  
[http://www.rochester.edu/sba/suffrage-history/us-suffrage-movement-timeline-](http://www.rochester.edu/sba/suffrage-history/us-suffrage-movement-timeline-to-present/) 1792-  
[to-present/](http://www.rochester.edu/sba/suffrage-history/us-suffrage-movement-timeline-to-present/)

Book-length studies: Woman Suffrage in New York State

Engel, Helen and Marilyn Smiley, eds., *Remarkable Women in New York State History*. American  
Association of University Women, 2013.

Goodier, Susan. *No Votes for Women: The New York State Anti-Suffrage Movement* (University of  
Illinois Press, 2013). For the story of New York State’s later suffrage movement, especially  
from 1894 to 1920, only Susan Goodier has produced a book-length scholarly study.  
Goodier’s study focuses on the anti-suffrage movement, but, by using a wide variety of  
primary sources and combining a focus on both organizations and individuals, Goodier  
offers a model for further work on pro-suffrage activists.

Goodier, Susan, and Karen Pastorello, *Women Will Vote: Winning Suffrage in New York State* (Ithaca:  
Cornell University Press, forthcoming 2017). Highlights activism “of rural, urban, African  
American, Jewish, immigrant, and European American women, as well as male suffragists,  
both upstate and downstate, that led to the positive outcome of the 1917 referendum.  
Goodier and Pastorello argue that the popular nature of the women’s suffrage movement in  
New York State and the resounding success of the referendum at the polls relaunched  
suffrage as a national issue.”

McDonald, David, “Woman’s Culture and the Politics of Woman Suffrage in NYS, 1865-1917,”  
Dissertation, SUNY Stony Brook, 1987.

- Lisa Tetrault, *The Myth of Seneca Falls: Memory and the Women's Suffrage Movement, 1848-1898* (University of North Carolina Press, 2014).
- Judith Wellman, *Road to Seneca Falls: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the First Woman's Rights Convention* (University of Illinois Press, 2004).
- Judith Wellman, "Historic Resource Study: The Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention and the Origin of the Women's Rights Movement," (2008),  
<http://www.nps.gov/wori/learn/historyculture/research.htm>.
- Judith Wellman, "The Seneca Falls Convention: Setting the National Stage for Women's Suffrage," Gilder Lerman, <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/history-by-era/first-age-reform/essays/seneca-falls-convention-setting-national-stage-for-women%E2%80%99s-su>
- Judith Wellman, "'All Men and Women Are Created Equal': The Legacy of Seneca Falls," (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2017).

Other books that deal in part with suffrage in New York (or give useful background) include:

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- Baker, Paula, *Moral Frameworks of Public Life: Gender, Politics, and the State in Rural New York, 1870-1930* (Oxford, 1991).
- Dudden, Faye, *Fighting Chance: The Struggle Over Woman Suffrage and Black Suffrage in Reconstruction America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014).
- Faulkner, Carol, *Lucretia Mott's Heresy: Abolition and Women's Rights in Nineteenth Century America* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013).
- Frost-Knappman, Elizabeth and Kathryn Cullen-DuPont, *Women's Suffrage in America* (Infobase Publishing, rev. 2014),  
[https://books.google.com/books?id=n1R4lAb8gBMC&pg=PA91&lpg=PA91&dq=wayne+county+women%27s+suffrage&source=bl&ots=-UE1K1GQiW&sig=hSIgxlNjpR95n\\_vAMFd73S9lz\\_s&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiGsYbd35jUAhVi6YMKHa8WBSA4FBD0AQhBMAQ#v=onepage&q=wayne%20county%20women%27s%20suffrage&f=false](https://books.google.com/books?id=n1R4lAb8gBMC&pg=PA91&lpg=PA91&dq=wayne+county+women%27s+suffrage&source=bl&ots=-UE1K1GQiW&sig=hSIgxlNjpR95n_vAMFd73S9lz_s&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiGsYbd35jUAhVi6YMKHa8WBSA4FBD0AQhBMAQ#v=onepage&q=wayne%20county%20women%27s%20suffrage&f=false).
- Ginzberg, Lori. *Elizabeth Cady Stanton: An American Life*.
- McConaughy, Corinne, *The Woman Suffrage Movement in America: A Reassessment* (Cambridge, 2013).  
 Does not focus on New York but has useful concepts.
- Sally McMillen, *Seneca Falls and the Origins of the Women's Rights Movement* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008).
- Penney, Sherry and James Livingston, *A Very Dangerous Woman: Martha Wright and Women's Rights* (University of Massachusetts Press, 2004).
- Terborg-Penn, Rosalyn. *African American Women in the Struggle for the Vote, 1850-1920*.
- Tsoulis-Reay, Alexa, "Granddaughters of the Revolution," *The Cut*, November 2, 2016,  
<http://nymag.com/thecut/2016/11/granddaughters-of-the-revolution.html>. Includes interview with Marguerite Kearns, granddaughter of Edna Kearns, suffrage editor for the *Brooklyn Eagle*.
- Walton, Mary. *A Woman's Crusade: Alice Paul and the Battle for the Ballot*.

#### Films

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- One Woman, One Vote* (PBS, 2011).