

National Votes for Women Trail: National Collaborative for Women's History Sites



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Goal: To create an online database and erect 250 markers for women's suffrage sites reflecting the diversity of the suffrage movement

- across place;
- across cultures, races/ethnicities, classes, genders;
- over time.

Diversity across place

- Urban, rural, village;
- North-South;
- Puerto Rico to Hawaii,
- Florida to Alaska.



Diversity across
races/ethnicities, classes,
genders, cultures



- European American, African American, Native American, Asian American
- Middle, upper, working classes
- Various religious groups



Diversity over time: Precursors before 1848

Margaret Brent, Maryland, 1648



Diversity over time: Organized Movement, 1848-1920



Seneca Falls to Nineteenth Amendment

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Nineteenth Amendment.

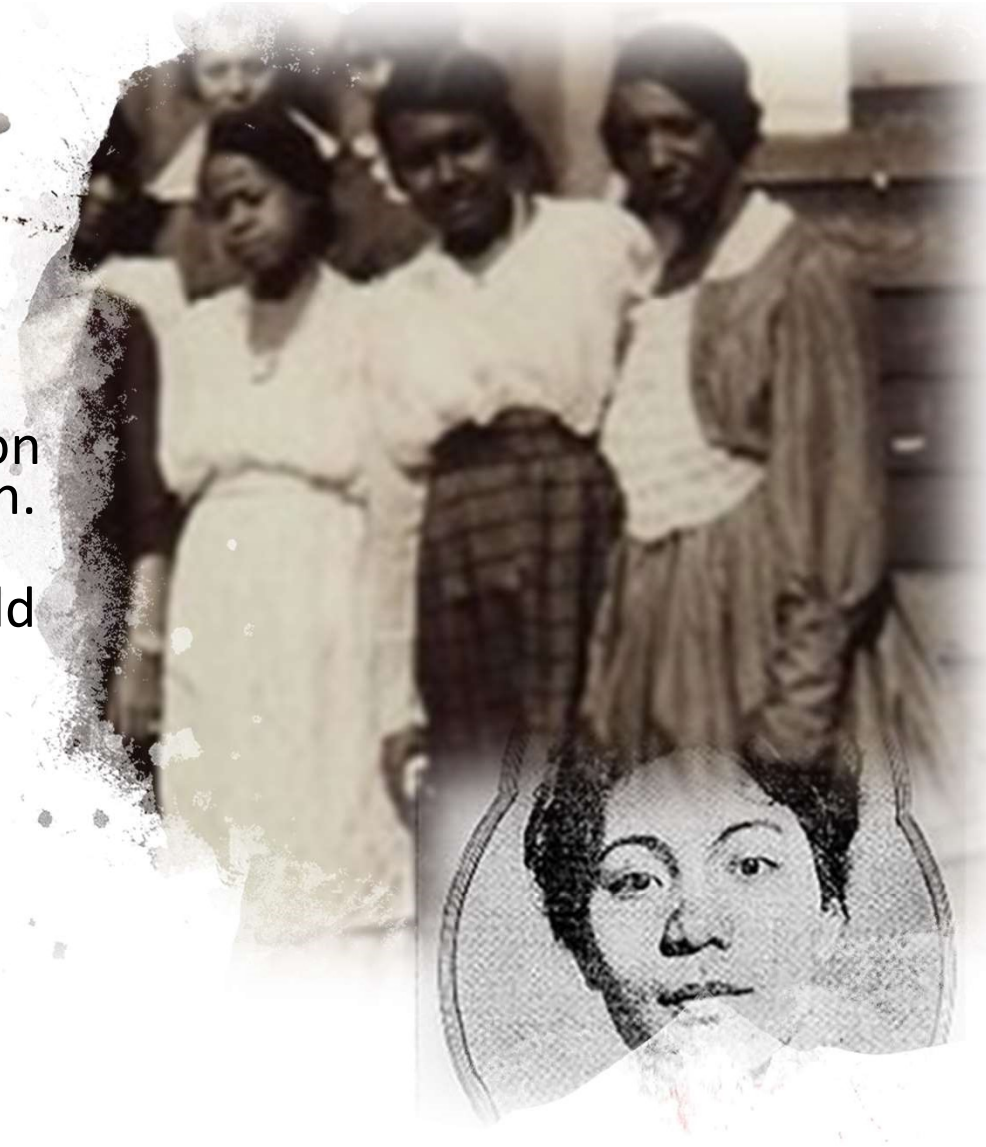
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1920

“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”

Post-1920: States could still deny suffrage for reasons other than sex.

- **African Americans.** Southern states implemented legal and social restrictions on voting for people of color, women and men.
- **Native Americans.** Indian Citizenship Act granted citizenship in 1924, but states could deny voting rights until 1947.
- **Asian Americans.** McCarran-Walter Act granted Asian immigrants the right to become citizens in 1952.
- **Voting Rights Act, 1965.** gave federal protection for voting rights for people of color.
- **Shelby v. Holder, 2013.** Supreme Court gutted Voting Rights Act.



Methods

- Crowd-sourcing: any interested person can suggest women's suffrage sites to be added to the database
- Use Google survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdY5NXPB4uUmsDhwXg6DemhzVSn7TLjyMUj0gVHn_Jxjj3nRA/viewform?usp=sf_link.
- Organized by state coordinators,
- Reviewed by National Advisory Committee



Results

- Database: almost 1000 sites already listed:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oQeqMKJrNYk0DYK1p0ZV_0QhAqOMi-C8vDdfRuleVw4/edit#gid=1292213976.



- Historic Markers: William G. Pomeroy Foundation will fund 250 markers across the country
- <https://vimeo.com/291130697/f71c03b0e1>



How you can help



- Identify women's suffrage sites in your area.
- Add to database through Google survey.
- Volunteer to be a state/territorial coordinator.
- Publicize this project through your organizations.
- Work with State Historic Preservation Offices to list some of these sites on the National Register.
- Develop interpretive programs: exhibits, tours, talks, etc.!

For more information

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