

Kentucky Woman Suffrage Project

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In 2020, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. It took 82 years from Kentucky's groundbreaking state law in 1838 for woman suffrage (partial, for educational issues only); 72 years from the *Declaration of Rights and Sentiments* adopted at the 1848 Seneca Falls meeting by some of the national leaders; and, 41 years from when Mary Barr Clay started the first Kentucky women's club focused on suffrage (the Fayette County Equal Suffrage Association). We want Kentucky to be an integral part of all the national events again, but **we need your help to make this happen.**

Special Issues in Regional Journals, Documentary, Monograph, and Traveling Exhibit

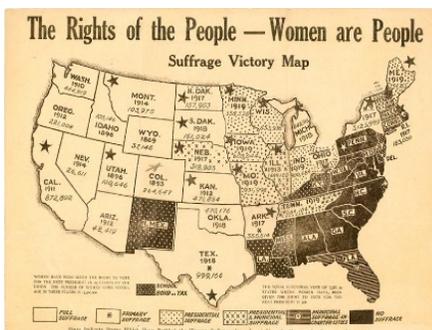
Leadership at the Kentucky Historical Society (the *Register*) and the Filson Historical Society (*Ohio Valley History*) are building out special issues devoted to woman suffrage in Kentucky and in the Ohio Valley area in time for the national 2020 celebration. With funding from co-sponsors including the University of Kentucky President Capilouto, Michael Breeding (who created the recent "Dreamers and Doers" documentary and companion website for the Kentucky Commission on Women Foundation) is creating a documentary on Kentucky women's suffrage history. Dr. Melanie Goan (University of Kentucky) is currently working on a scholarly monograph that will present new information and analyze the history of woman suffrage in Kentucky, placing our local and state movements within a national context. Dr. Dierdre Scaggs of the University of Kentucky Libraries Special Collections Research Center is working with community members and archivists across the state to create an exhibit that can be adapted to travel to several sites during 2020.

Kentucky Woman Suffrage History Timeline and Bio Sketches on H-Kentucky

We need help with building a historical timeline (1830s -1920s) and a series of biographical sketches on H-Kentucky (networks.h-net.org/h-kentucky). The bios will be edited by Dr. Melanie Goan (University of Kentucky) for inclusion later in *Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600-2000* (Alexander Street Press). H-Net's network on Kentucky is an open environment to facilitate communication and the exchange of scholarly and pedagogical ideas among teachers, researchers, scholars, advanced students, and related professionals (e.g. local historians, librarians, archivists, genealogists). Add your favorite suffragist's biography to H-Kentucky today – and see the timeline at <http://ow.ly/F2HX301wa7h>.



Votes for Women Trail – Archive Database on H-Kentucky



Women's suffrage victories map, 1919.

H-Net (Humanities and Social Sciences Online) is developing an archive database for H-Kentucky that shows an annotated map of Kentucky's "Votes for Women Trail." Help us identify Kentucky's suffrage sites and we will connect up with a nation-wide Suffrage History Digital Map being developed by the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites. The trail features the buildings, sites, historical markers, and monuments where women's suffrage activity took place in the United States before 1920.

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Please add your contribution to H-Kentucky network and we will make sure it gets sent to the national database. If you are not a subscriber to H-Kentucky, you can send to us via email (at KYwomansuffrage@gmail.com) the information fields listed below. This new annotated map and digital archive will help others find the buildings and sites in Kentucky where women and men fought for women's right to vote.

NOTE: What differentiates a "building" from a "site?" The national "Votes for Women Trail" group considers a building to be a physical structure that has a permanent address. A site might be a parade route or a local park that was used by suffragists to further their cause. It may not have a specific address, but we will want to have the GPS coordinates to put it on our digital map.

Only by working together can we make the Kentucky woman suffrage timeline and trail a reality. See what we've got so far by viewing the contributions already up at <http://networks.h-net.org/h-kentucky> (anyone can view, but you need to become a subscriber to the H-Kentucky network to contribute).

(* indicates **required** information as per the national database)

- Name of building/site/historical marker/monument.*
- City/Town*
- Address and zip code
- GPS Coordinates
- Event/use associated with building/site/historical marker/monument*
- Date(s) of event/use*
- Name(s) of historic person/people/group associated with site*
- Organization(s) currently associated with site*
- Website of building/site/historical marker/monument
- Other categories of use
- Research resources (that you used to learn about the site and that others can use)*

If you do not have an H-Kentucky account, please email your information to Kristen Thornsberry, the Kentucky Woman Suffrage Project Fellow, at KYwomansuffrage@gmail.com. Kristen will add the information you've provided into the H-Kentucky archive, and then it will be used to contribute to the national database for women's suffrage history sites from across the country.