

Winning Votes for Women on Long Island and the Nation, compiled by Natalie A. Naylor

National Leaders

Lucretia Mott (1793-1880)

Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902)

Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906)

Lucy Stone (1818-1893)

Anna Howard Shaw (1847-1919)

Carrie Chapman Catt (1859-1947)

Harriot Stanton Blatch (1856-1940)

Alice Paul (1885-1977)

Local, State, and National Leaders with Long Island Connections

Barney, Nora Stanton Blatch (1883-1971); Shoreham & NYC, later CT. Daughter of Harriot Stanton Blatch.

Belmont, Alva Smith Vanderbilt (Mrs. Oliver H.P.), (1853-1933); NYC, East Meadow, and Sands Point (also in Newport, RI). Important financial supporter and activist; founder Political Equality League.

*Blatch, Harriot Stanton (daughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton), (1856-1940); New York City and Shoreham.

*Brown, Gertrude Foster (Mrs. Raymond), (1867-1956); Bellport. Chair NYS Campaigns, 1915 and 1917.

*Burns, Lucy (1879-1966), Brooklyn. The film/DVD *Iron-Jawed Angels* is about her and radical suffragists.

*Davison, Irene Corwin (1871-1948); East Rockaway. Secretary, Nassau County Woman's Suffrage Party.

*Greene, Grace E. Clapp (Mrs. Frederick S.) Sands Point. Chair Nassau County Woman's Suffrage Asstn.

Jones, "General" Rosalie Gardiner (1883-1978); Laurel Hollow (Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor). Hikes.

Kearns, Edna Buckman (Mrs. Wilmer), (1882-1934), Rockville Centre. Publicist for suffrage; '76 wagon.

*Laidlaw, Harriet Burton (Mrs. James Lees), (1873-1949); NYC and Sands Point. President NYSWSA.

*Laidlaw, James Lees (1868-1932); NYC & Sands Point. Founder/president of NY men's suffrage group.

Mackay, Katherine Duer (Mrs. Clarence), (1879-1930); New York City and Roslyn; financial supporter.

Mott, James (1788-1868), born and grew up in Cow Neck (Sands Point); Lucretia Coffin Mott's husband.

Oakes-Smith, Elizabeth (Mrs. Seba), (1806-1893). Patchogue, 1859-68. Lectured/wrote on woman's rights.

*Pratt, Helen Sherman (Mrs. George Dupont) (1869-1923); Brooklyn and Glen Cove; hosted 1st LWV, 1920.

Sammis, Ida Bunce (Woodruff, Satchwell), (1868-1943); Huntington. Organized Suffolk's first suffrage club

(Political Equality League, 1911); one of first two women elected to the NY State Assembly, 1918.

*Tiffany, Katrina Ely (Mrs. Charles), Oyster Bay Cove, (1875-1927). Officer in suffrage organizations.

*Long Island leaders listed on the NYS Suffrage Memorial Tablet erected by the League of Women Voters at the state capital in Albany; Gertrude Brown, Katrina Tiffany, and James Laidlaw are also on the LWV's National Honor Roll.

Other Long Island women involved (by location): Bellport, Sarah Birdsall Edey; Brookville, Marjorie M. Post and Clare Booth Brokaw [Luce]; Cold Spring Harbor, Maud Kahn; East Hampton, May Groot (Mrs. Thomas) Manson; Farmingdale, Abigail Leonard; Glen Cove, Florence Gibb (Mrs. Herbert) Pratt; Islip, Louisine Elder Havemeyer; Lake Ronkonkoma, Lillian De Vere and May Duffield; Lawrence and Sag Harbor, Margaret Olivia Slocum (Mrs. Russell) Sage; Muttontown, Emeline (Mrs. Edgerton) Winthrop; Oyster Bay Cove, Eleanor Alexander (Mrs. Theodore, Jr.) Roosevelt; Patchogue, Ruth Carpenter Litt and Eliz. Oakes Smith; Port Jefferson, Julie Bonelli; Port Washington, Mariana Wright Chapman, Grace Clapp Greene, Eliza and Anna Willets; Sands Point, Florence Guggenheim; Southampton, Lisbeth Halsey White; Old Westbury, Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney.

Some Significant Dates

1840 World's Anti-Slavery Convention, London; Elizabeth Cady Stanton first met Lucretia Mott.

1848 Seneca Falls (NY) Convention; Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions (Stanton, Mott, et al.).

1869 Wyoming Territory adopts woman suffrage; retained when attained statehood in 1890.

1869 National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA) organized by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony; American Woman Suffrage Association (AWSA) organized by Lucy Stone and her husband, Henry Blackwell—split the suffrage movement.

1880 Women achieved school suffrage in New York in country school districts.

1890 NWSA and AWSA united as National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA).

1909 Equal Franchise Society organized by Katherine (Mrs. Clarence) Mackay (NYC and Roslyn).

1911 National Men's League for Woman Suffrage organized under James Lees Laidlaw (Sands Point).

1913 Congressional Union organized; became National Woman's Party (NWP) 1916 (leaders included Alice Paul, Lucy Burns, Harriot Stanton Blatch, and Alva Belmont); more radical than NAWSA.

1917 After defeat in 1915 referendum, New York State approved equal suffrage for women in referendum.

1918 Suffrage Amendment passed House of Representatives with bare 2/3 (including vote of Long Island Congressman Frederick Hicks); defeated in Senate (53 in favor, 31 opposed, but not required 2/3).

1919 Suffrage Amendment re-passed House, 304-89 and Senate, 56-24, achieving necessary 2/3 vote.

1920 19th Amendment ratified August 26 (Tennessee the 36th state to approve; Tenn. House vote, 49-47). 11/20

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