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One Half of the People: Women in American History

“One Half of the People” highlights stories from American history about women’s rights and roles in our society. At the founding of our country, women’s roles were rigidly defined. The women’s (or private) sphere dictated that as wife, and then mother, women were caretakers for domestic issues. Sometimes quietly, sometimes with a roar, women have redefined that sphere. From the campaign for full voting rights, to expanding equality through legislation, see how those before us obtained many of the rights and privileges of citizenship enjoyed by women today.

*To Hon. Oliver M. Stanton
Secy of War*

We the undersigned formerly, ~~doing~~ sewing,
for the United States Arsenal at Philadelphia,
most respectfully remonstrate against the action
of Col. Crossman, in taking the work from
us and giving it to Contractors who will not
pay wages in which we can live - many of us
have husbands, fathers, sons & brothers now
in the Army and from whom we derived our
support - deprived of that as we are our only
mode of living was by sewing and we were able
by unceasing exertions to barely live at the
prices paid by the Arsenal - the Contractors
who are speculators offer about fifty per cent
of the prices paid heretofore by the Arsenal -
we respectfully ask your attention to our case
we have all given satisfaction in the work we
have done. then why should the government
money, be taken from the families of the poor
to enrich the wealthy speculator without any
gain to the government.

*Very Respectfully
Yours*

*Anna Long Moore 5 children Morris St
Louisa Bastian 124 Morris St
Mary Hamilton 1673 Front St Newbort at road
Martha S B Blairie Widows 127 1/2 Front*



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THE WOMAN REBEL

NO GODS NO MASTERS

lowa." His sole aim is to throw off responsibility. The same uncertainty in these emotions is experienced by girls in marriage in as great a proportion as in the unmarried. After the first experience the life of a girl varies. All these girls do not necessarily go into prostitution. They have had an experience which has not "ruined" them, but rather given them a larger vision of life, stronger feelings and a broader understanding of human nature. The adolescent girl does not understand herself. She is full of contradictions, whims, emotions. For her emotional nature longs for caresses, to touch, to kiss. She is often as well satisfied to hold hands or to go arm in arm with a girl as in the companionship of a boy.

It is these and kindred facts upon which the WOMAN REBEL will dwell from time to time and from which it is hoped the young girl will derive some knowledge of her nature, and conduct



Exhibition Details

Content:

40-50 framed facsimile documents and photographs, text, graphic panels, and labels

Curator:

Jennifer N. Johnson, National Archives Traveling Exhibits Service (NATES)

Supplemental Materials:

Educational and promotional resources, including an education and resource guide, marketing resources, installation manual, and exhibit-related products through the National Archives Store.

Rental Fee:

\$3,500 for 7-week display

Security Requirements:

Limited security and environmental controls

Shipping:

Exhibitor is responsible for all outgoing shipping costs

Size:

200-250 linear feet

Number of Crates:

3-5

Insurance:

Insured by the National Archives

Tour Dates:

One Half of the People: Women in American History will be available for tour 2018 through 2020. Dates are subject to change.

Project Status:

In development

More About this Exhibition

Discover the many ways in which women have had a role in, influenced, or affected change throughout the history of the United States. This exhibit explores:

Gaining Suffrage

First introduced in Congress in 1878, a woman suffrage amendment would be continuously proposed for the next 41 years, until passed by both houses of Congress in 1919. Ratified in 1920 by the states, learn about the decades-long campaign for woman suffrage.

After the Vote

Three years after the ratification of the 19th amendment, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was proposed in Congress. Although the ERA failed to achieve ratification by the 1982 deadline, other legislation and Supreme Court decisions in the 20th century continued efforts to secure equality for women.

Women in the Military

From Sarah Emma Seeyle passing as a man and serving for two years during the Civil War to the creation of WAVES, WACs, and WASPs during World War II, women have been serving their country in the military since the Revolutionary War.

Women in the Workplace

Beginning with a 1864 petition signed by seamstresses asking for better pay, to the millions of women who entered the workforce between 1940-1944, to the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009, discover the rich and diverse stories of women in the workplace.

Women of Influence

Learn about women who have left memorable marks on American history. To name a few: Clara Barton, Mary Walker, Harriet Tubman, Marie Curie, Marian Anderson, Eleanor Roosevelt, Helen Keller, Ida B. Wells, Margaret Chase Smith, Rosa Parks, Shirley Chisholm, and Sandra Day O'Connor

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