

Progress and Setbacks

1869

The 15th Amendment was ratified granting African American men the right to vote. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B Anthony insisted that African American men should not receive the vote before women.

The territory of Wyoming granted women voting rights. When Wyoming became a state in 1890, women's suffrage was retained.

1874

Women's Christian Temperance Union founded. The group was an important ally in the fight for women's suffrage.

Their support resulted in the liquor lobby becoming one of the strongest opponents of women's suffrage. They feared women would use their vote to prohibit the sale of liquor.



1887

First vote in the US Senate for women's suffrage. The bill was defeated.

1890

The National American Woman Suffrage Association is formed through the combination of two suffrage groups. This organization focused efforts on securing suffrage at the state level, which resulted in the chapters in the southern states barring African American women from participating in their activities.

1893

Colorado became the first state to amend their constitution to allow women to vote. Prior to this amendment, a concern for the opposition included anti-Chinese sentiment.



1897

Bill was introduced in North Carolina Legislative session to allow women to vote. The Senate leader referred it to the Committee on Insane Asylums where it remained.

1868

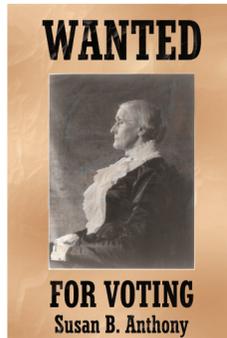
The 14th Amendment was ratified and granted citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States, including former slaves, and guaranteed all citizens "equal protection of the laws."

1871



Anti Suffrage Party founded.

1872



Susan B. Anthony and several other women cast a ballot for Ulysses S. Grant in the presidential elections in Rochester, NY, to test the interpretation of the 14th amendment to include equal protection for women. She was arrested and tried for illegally voting. She was found guilty and fined \$100, which she never paid.

The same year Sojourner Truth appeared at a polling booth in Battle Creek, Michigan, demanding a ballot to vote, but she was turned away.

1894

North Carolina Suffrage Association formed in Asheville.

1896



Utah and Idaho passed women's suffrage laws.