

SUSAN B. ANTHONY COLLECTION

An Inventory of the Material in the Library
of the Rochester Museum and Science Center

BIOGRAPHY

Susan Brownell Anthony (1820-1906) was a reformer and leader in the Woman Suffrage Movement. Her early work was concerned with Temperance; in 1852, she organized the Woman's State Temperance Society of New York.

Her interest in getting women the right to vote was steadily nurtured by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, whom she met in 1851. After a brief interlude of campaigning for dress reform (she was one of the early champions of the bloomer), she turned her full attention towards woman suffrage.

In 1873, Susan B. Anthony and several other women were tried and convicted in Canandaigua, New York on the charge of illegal voting in the Presidential Election of November, 1872.

Until her death on March 13, 1906, her life was filled with lectures, meetings and maintaining a tremendous correspondence all in the cause of "Perfect Equality of Rights for Women."

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Susan B. Anthony Collection contains a wide range of material including manuscripts and typescripts as well as printed items such as invitations, pamphlets and newspaper clippings.

Among the earliest items are three manuscript letters from Daniel Anthony, father of Susan B. Anthony. Other letters in the collection are from Mary S. Anthony and Lucy E. Anthony (sisters to Susan B. Anthony) and a letter from Susan B. Anthony (cousin to Susan B. Anthony, 1820-1906).

In the category of printed material, there are several folders of newspaper clippings (covering the period of about 1906-1945), printed tickets, pamphlets, invitations and announcements.

In addition to the abovementioned material, there are four scrapbooks concerning Susan B. Anthony and the Suffrage Movement apparently collected under the aegis of the Woman Suffrage Party of Monroe County. These scrapbooks were given to the Museum by Mrs. Emma B. Sweet, who served as personal secretary to Miss Anthony for a period beginning in 1895.

Several of the Susan B. Anthony letters were gifts to the Museum by Gertrude Blackall. One of the letters and the postcard were donations of Mrs. William Peck Farley, Jr. The letters of Daniel Anthony were given by ~~his~~ daughter, Lucy E. Anthony.

INVENTORY

Box 1 Folder 1: Susan B. Anthony letters

- Ms. letter to Miss Gertrude Blackall giving Miss Blackall the names of people in England from whom she may obtain letters of introduction. (Rochester, New York, April 18, 1895), 3 pp.
- Ms. letter to Gertrude (Blackall?) describing Miss Anthony's busy schedule of meetings and paper work. Mentioned are the names of Mrs. Sweet and Mrs. Stanton. (Rochester, New York, September 1, 1897), 2 pp. (Photostat of page one only.)
- Ms. letter to "My dear Friend" (unidentified) concerning the funeral proceedings for Frederick Douglas. (The Ebbitt, Washington, D.C., February 22, 1895), 3 pp.
- Ms. letter to "Dear Friend" (unidentified) concerning a correction of an Associated Press release regarding a Miss Hooker and a Miss Smith. (Rochester, New York, August 7, 1892), 1 p.
- Postcard - typescript and manuscript to Mrs. Porter Farley concerning the purchase of five pecks of potatoes. (Rochester, New York, November 18, 1903).
- FORM LETTER RE PRESS BUREAU, SIGNED BY SBA, DEC. 29, 1897

Folder 2: Daniel Anthony letters

- Ms. letter to "Respected daughters" (i.e., Susan and Guelma); a general letter written to the two sisters while at boarding school in Philadelphia. (Battenville, New York, November 29, 1839), 2 pp.
- Ms. letter to "Respected Daughter" (i.e., Guelma) discussing the bad weather and counseling her to take care of her health. (Battenville, New York, May? 26, 1837), 1 p.
NOTE: On obverse is one page of a letter from Guelma concerning housecleaning and fishing trips. (undated)
- Ms. letter to Guelma acknowledging her decision to spend the winter in Hamilton and that her sister Susan was then preparing to join her. (Battenville, New York, (Troy, New York), November 9, 1837), 2 pp.

This folder also contains a lease between Joshua Reed and Daniel Anthony for the farm in Gates (1849).

Folder 3: Mary S. Anthony letter

-Ms. letter to Miss May, enclosing a Christmas gift.
(December 21, 1903), 1 p.

Folder 4: Lucy E. Anthony letter

-Typescript (signed) to Mr. Parker (i.e., Arthur C. Parker, Director of the Rochester Museum) explaining an error in the news release concerning her donation of her father's letters to the Museum. (Moyle, Pennsylvania, January 24, 1943), 1 p.
Photocopy of clipping is also in the folder.

Folder 5: Susan B. Anthony (cousin to Susan B. Anthony, 1820-1906) letter

-Typescript (signed) to Mrs. Elston Holton, Curator of History, Rochester City Museum suggesting that the Museum's Susan B. Anthony Memorabilia would be shown to better advantage at the Susan B. Anthony House, (New York, New York, September 6, 1947), 1 p.

Folder 6: Parliamentary Law at a Glance (Susan B. Anthony's copy, autographed).

FOLDER 6A: EULOGY FOR SBA BY MRS. GREENLEAF, FOUND IN 1894 REPORT
Folder 7: Newspaper clippings concerning Women's Rights Movement, the Susan B. Anthony House and other related topics.

Folder 8: Continuation of folder 7.

Folder 9: Photocopies of early newspaper clippings (including an obituary for Susan B. Anthony and an article on passage of the 19th Amendment).

Folder 10: Printed invitations, tickets, announcements, etc.

Folder 11: Continuation of folder 10.

Folder 12: Papers relating to Susan B. Anthony Memorabilia.

Folder 13: Two scrapbooks relating to the Women's Rights Movement, primarily in Rochester and Monroe County.

Folder 14: Two scrapbooks, similar to those in folder 13.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL IN THE RMSC LIBRARY

An Account of the Proceeding on the Trial of Susan B. Anthony, on the Charge of Illegal Voting, at the Presidential Election in Nov., 1872, and on the Trial of Beverly W. Jones, Edwin T. Marsh and William B. Hall, the Inspector of Election by Whom her Vote was Received. Rochester, N.Y., Daily Democrat and Chronicle Book Print, 1874. (Mary S. Anthony's copy; underlined by her.)

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Lutz, Alma. Susan B. Anthony Rebel, Crusader, Humanitarian. Boston, Beacon Press, 1959.

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(Owned by Miss Sarah Downing, Macon Center, N.Y., given to Emma B. Sweet, by her sister, H.W. Downing.)

See also articles and references in Rochester Historical Society Publication Fund Series, plus the Rochester History series, e.g., vol. X, Nos. 2 & 3.

The Library also has a picture file of some twenty photographs of SBA, including some rare pictures of Miss Anthony, Miss Stanton & Mary S. Anthony. Listing of photos is in file.

***Subject headings: 1) Susan B. Anthony; 2) Woman-Suffrage

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