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**National American Woman Suffrage Association  
Records, 1894-1922**

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## Summary

<b>Main entry:</b>	National American Woman Suffrage Association
<b>Title:</b>	National American Woman Suffrage Association records, 1894-1922
<b>Size:</b>	3.3 linear feet (9 boxes); 3 microfilm reels
<b>Source:</b>	National American Woman Suffrage Association, 1920, 1925
<b>Abstract:</b>	Collection consists of correspondence, reports, press releases, scrapbooks, photographs, and printed matter concerning passage of the federal suffrage movement, the international suffrage movement and World War I activities.
<b>Access:</b>	Apply in the Special Collections Office for admission to the Manuscripts and Archives Division.
<b>Preferred citation:</b>	National American Woman Suffrage Association Records, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.
<b>Special formats:</b>	Photographs, Scrapbooks

## **Historical Note**

The National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) was formed in 1890 with the merger of the National Woman Suffrage Association and the American Woman Suffrage Association. NAWSA fought for complete political equality for women and led the struggle for passage of the nineteenth amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Presidents of NAWSA included Elizabeth Cady Stanton from 1890 to 1892, Susan B. Anthony from 1892 to 1900, Carrie Chapman Catt from 1900 to 1904 and then again from 1915 to 1947, and Anna Howard Shaw from 1904 to 1915. The organization was disbanded in 1950.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The National American Woman Suffrage Association records consist of correspondence, reports, press releases, scrapbooks, photographs, and printed matter concerning passage of the federal suffrage movement, the international suffrage movement and World War I activities. Correspondence includes letters from congressmen, state governors, officials of state suffrage organizations, and officials of various public and private organizations in foreign countries. Topics covered are women's suffrage, the social and political status of women, women's war work, and conditions in military field hospitals in France. Also, press releases of NAWSA and the New York State Woman Suffrage Party, clippings, and scrapbooks containing photographs, letters and printed ephemera.

## Container List

### Box

- 1 Letters from Congressmen to Ellen Powell Thompson and Susan B. Anthony, 1896-1897; 1901-1902  
  
Correspondence re state ratification of woman suffrage amendment, 1916-1922  
Alabama – Minnesota
- 2 Mississippi – Wyoming
- 3 International woman suffrage correspondence and papers, 1911-1920
- 4 Women's national defense activities  
Correspondence, 1917-1919
- 5 Miscellaneous papers  
  
International war relief correspondence and papers, 1918-1919  
  
Miscellaneous papers
- 6, 6a Press releases, newspaper clippings, flyers, and pamphlets
- 7 Photographs, letters, and ephemera removed from scrapbook volumes 1, 3-5, 11, 13, 17, 19, 21, 24.
- 8 Scrapbooks volumes 25-26

Microfilm of scrapbook volumes 1-26 (\*ZL-380).  
Scrapbooks 1-24 were not retained after filming

### Reel

- 1 Volumes 1-8
- 2 Volumes 9-17
- 3 Volumes 18-26