

# The Legacy



**For over 70 years, women actively worked for the right to vote.**

**The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment passed by 2 votes in the US Senate.**

**The vote in Tennessee to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was passed by 1 vote.**

**In November 1920, more than 8 million women across the US voted in elections for the first time.**

- Women's interest in voting was fierce across the country despite claims by the anti-suffrage supporters that women had no interest in voting.
- North Carolina waived the poll tax for women for the November 1920 election.

**In Catawba County, the Hickory Daily Record recorded numerous events as follows:**

- Approximately 100 women registered on the first day the books were opened and there were others planning to register the next day.
- On the last day of registration, the number of voters was double what had previously been recorded in the Hickory township with men outnumbering women by only a few dozen in each precinct.
- In West Newton, the registered women outnumbered the men with 524 women out of 1,018 total registered voters.
- In Claremont, women made up 34% of the registered voters.
- A 94 year old woman, who lived near Conover voted.
- The vote in the county was the heaviest ever with women turning out in large numbers
- One African American woman attempted to register to vote but was turned away because she did not meet the requirements but no further details were given.



## WOMEN MAY NOW VOTE

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex," (United States Constitution, Amendment 19).

This means that women, as well as men, may take part in all elections, national, state, and local, regular and special. Whatever may be said to the contrary, the women of North Carolina are eligible to vote on equal terms with men. Provision has been made for the women to vote this year without paying poll tax.

Women are affected, in equal degree with men, by conditions of government, profit or suffering as well as the government in good or bad. Since that is so, it is clearly the duty of women to take a responsibility in their government—they should, at least, control their thought and the force of their vote towards making their government what they would like to have it.

In order to vote it is necessary first to register. This may be done any day from Sept. 20 to Oct. 23 inclusive except Sundays.

November—2nd is Election Day

All women are urged to study the issues of the present campaign, and to inform themselves as to the candidates for the various offices, national, state, county, and city. Investigate their personal and political qualifications and their stand on the issues of the campaign. Every enfranchised citizen has a solemn DUTY to VOTE. Not only that, but to VOTE INTELLIGENTLY. Let us vote, not blindly with our minds closed by political prejudice, but with our eyes and minds open to a knowledge of conditions and the ideals of good government.

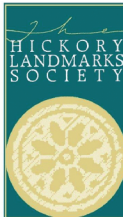
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