



Ida Husted Harper

Fairfield, Franklin County

February 18, 1851 – March 14, 1931

Ida Husted Harper was born in Fairfield, Indiana. At ten years old, she and her family moved to Muncie, where she graduated from high school. She then attended Indiana University for a brief time, but withdrew to become a teacher at school in Peru, Indiana. Later, she moved to Terre Haute after marrying.

An accomplished journalist, Husted Harper became a prominent figure in the women's suffrage movement. In 1887, she helped organize a woman suffrage society in Indiana, and in 1896, joined the National American Woman Suffrage Association. After she and her daughter moved to California, she met Susan B. Anthony, whom she brought to Terre Haute for a suffrage convention. After becoming close friends, she collaborated on writing the *History of Woman Suffrage*. Later, Husted Harper became Anthony's sole biographer and wrote *The Life and Work of Susan B. Anthony*, in three volumes.

For more information about Ida Husted Harper, go to: <http://www.britannica.com/biography/Ida-A-Husted-Harper>.

For more information about *Writing Her Story*, go to: <http://www.in.gov/icw/2440.htm>.

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