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# Susan B. Anthony

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Susan B. Anthony was born February 15, 1820, in Massachusetts. She was brought up in a Quaker family and worked tirelessly for many issues. She was an abolitionist, an educational reformer, a labor activist, a temperance worker, and a suffragist. Her work for temperance laid the groundwork that convinced her that women needed to vote if they were going to influence public affairs. Her efforts made her name synonymous with Women's Right to Vote, even though she died in 1906, fourteen years before the Nineteenth Amendment – or the Susan B. Anthony Amendment – was passed and ratified.

Susan B. Anthony spent many years canvassing the country and collecting petitions from twenty-six states with over 10,000 signatures. She visited Indiana on several occasions and has many connections to the state. Among her travels to Indiana, she visited and spoke in Bloomington, Cambridge City, Indianapolis, Lafayette, Madison, Richmond, and Terre Haute. In 1897, she asked a joint session of the Indiana General Assembly to request a women's suffrage amendment to the United States Constitution. Indiana writer, Ida Husted Harper became Anthony's biographer and documented her life in *The Life and Work of Susan B. Anthony, Including Public Addresses, Her Own Letters and Many from Her Contemporaries during Fifty Years* (1898).

In November 2012, a historical marker commemorating the 125th anniversary of her speaking engagement in Bloomington was placed where the Walnut Street Presbyterian Church once stood on the east side of the Courthouse Square. The church was located where the Redmen Building currently sits; and, the plaque can be seen on the wall of the building between Athena and Williams Brothers Jewelry.

- For more information about Susan B. Anthony, go to: <http://susanbanthonyhouse.org/index.php>
- For more information about *Writing Her Story*, go to: <http://www.in.gov/icw/2440.htm>.

*Additional and more detailed references available at the end of Women's History Month*

