

[Mrs. Wallace Bartlett]

Lexington, Ky., April 3, 1917/

My Dear Mrs. Bartlett:-

Your letter of March 5th was awaiting me when I returned this morning from an absence of five weeks in the east. I have just written Col. LaBree that I will be pleased to comply with your request to furnish an article for the book "Woman's Work in Kentucky"; and I will go to work on it as soon as I can.

Yes, I think the Suffrage Cause is coming on grandly; and nothing has pleased me more than the victory in Arkansas. I hope that will be a precedent for many other states, as it will greatly facilitate the process of getting state constitutional amendments.

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky, Aoruk 3, 1917/

Mrs. J. E. South,  
Frankfort, Ky.

My Dear Mrs. South:-

Your letters of March 9th, 19th and 29th were received this morning on my return from the east where I have been since the Council meeting in Washington.

Of course I shall be glad to have you make any further use of the cut that you can

March 19th:

I note what you say about my serving as State Chairman of School and College prize work. I feel this department is very important, but I am not sure that I can do the work. Please wait a few days longer for a definite answer from me.

March 29th:

I think it is a fine idea for the Equal Rights Association to interest itself in articles of comfort for the ~~EM~~ men of the Battleship Kentucky.

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I will do as you request in putting the matter before our League in Fayette County.

I will send at once my own name as one who will pledge to furnish a set consisting of the three articles mentioned. Please send me full printed directions with information where the wool can be procured. I suggest that you also send some to Mrs/ James Bennett, Richmond, Ky.

I very thoroughly approve of this plan.

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky., April 3, 1917.

Mrs. Mary F. Ringrose,  
San Francisco, Cal., 2618 Sacramento St./

My Dear Mrs. Ringrose:-

Your letter of March 22nd just reached me  
this morning on my return from the east.

Certainly, it will give me pleasure to write to Mrs. Catt  
that I believe that your services would be valuable in New York.  
I know they were considered so in other states.

Very sincerely yours,

Lexington, April 3, 1917.

Miss Laura R. White,  
Manchester, Ky.

My Dear Miss Laura:-

I am enclosing a letter which you see is direct to me by mistake. I read part of it thinking it was one you were enclosing for me to read; but before I finished I discovered that it was not sent to me by you. I

I am very sorry that I have had to part from the policy of the Woman's Peace Party. I am decidedly opposed to a referendum on a matter of going to war, because I think the Constitution plainly declares that it is the duty of Congress and the President to decide this question. It is one moreover which I could not be willing to put to popular vote when I know that so many of our so-called citizens are more interested in some foreign country than in our own. I hope that you are well.

Very cordially your friend,

Lexington, Ky., April 3, 1917.

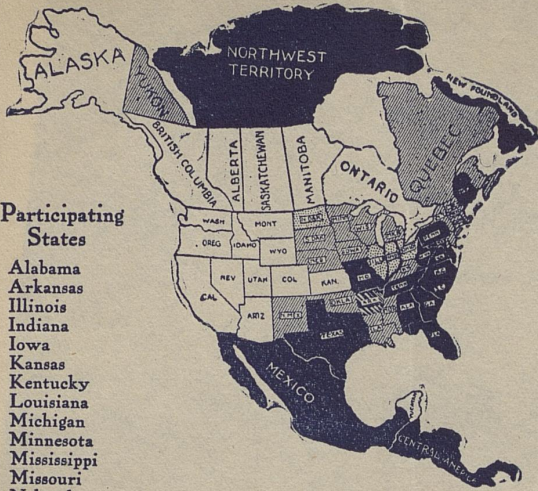
Col/ Ben LaBree,  
201-204 Starks Bldg/.,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of February 19th relative to an article for the book "Woman's Work in Kentucky" did not reach me until this morning on my return from a trip in the east. As you say I have already told Mrs. Bartlett that I would write the article desired.

It will assist me if you can tell me about how many words you want it to be. I can then ~~make~~ abridge or lengthen it according to the number of words desired. I will furnish the copy as soon as I can.

Yours cordially,



**Participating States**

Alabama  
Arkansas  
Illinois  
Indiana  
Iowa  
Kansas  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
Mississippi  
Missouri  
Nebraska  
North Dakota  
Ohio  
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South Dakota  
Tennessee  
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**Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference**  
Columbus, O., May 12, 13 and 14, 1917

**COMMITTEE**

MRS. FLORENCE BENNETT PETERSON  
1320 Glenlake Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
MRS. ANDREAS UELAND  
403 Essex Building, Minneapolis, Minn.  
MISS ELIZABETH J. HAUSER  
Warren, Ohio

Warren, Ohio, April 6, 1917

Miss Laura Clay,  
189 North Mill Street,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Clay,

I acknowledge with much thanks your letter of the 3rd. containing your check for \$25 00 to cover Kentucky's pledge for the Mississippi Valley Conference. We are deep in the work of first preparations for the meeting, and you will appreciate the money is one of the first requisites.

I thank you for your kind words of appreciation for me personally.

Yes, I have already asked Miss Kate Gordon to come to the Conference, but have had no reply as yet. I do hope she can come.

I believe the program is going to be a good one, and if this wicked war business does not so distract the people that the attendance fails utterly, we ought to have a fine meeting.

With kindest regards, I am,

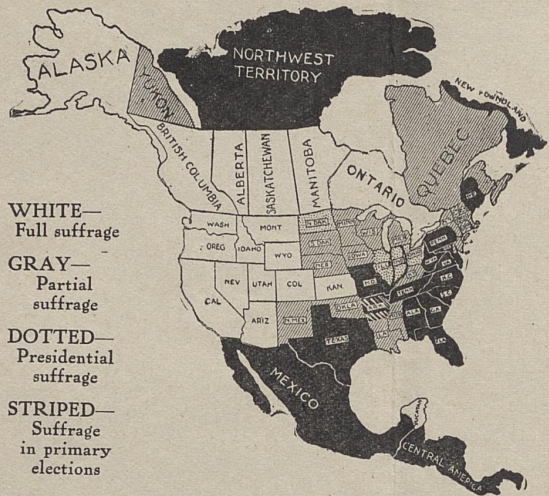
Very truly yours,

*Elizabeth J. Hauser*

Dear Miss Clay, I want to add a personal word to the above. I am going to be with Miss Hauser to help her with the arrangements for the Conference, and one of the pleasant features of the convention to me will be meeting you again.

Mary S. Andrews.

5 Apr 6, 1917



# .. Mississippi .. Valley Suffrage Conference

Columbus, Ohio  
May 12th, 13th, and 14th  
1917

Participating States: Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

### GENERAL TOPIC

#### Victory—How, Why, When and Where

Six states, maybe more, will have **VICTORIES** to report. Come and hear about them!

National and state workers will give expert advice on legislative work, press, literature and finance. Come and learn how to gain more **VICTORIES**!

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, our International and National President, will review the history of the years which have elapsed since the first Mississippi Valley Conference was held, and tell of the **VICTORIES** of these five years. Come and listen to her!

Hon. James M. Cox, Ohio's Governor, will tell about the State he helped to **VICTORY**. Come and honor him!

Mrs. Catharine Waugh McCulloch, Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, Mrs. Raymond Robins of Illinois; Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Smith of Kentucky; Mrs. Myron B. Vorce of Michigan; Mrs. Felix McWhirter of Indiana; Miss Florence E. Allen, Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton of Ohio; Dr. Effie McCullom Jones of Iowa; Mrs. Arthur W. Livermore and Miss Esther Ogden, representing the National Association; Mrs. Maud Wood Park, new chairman of the National Congressional Committee; Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, editor of the Woman's Journal and many other distinguished persons will take part in the program.

Can you afford to miss this opportunity to see and hear so many persons of national reputation? Surely not.

Come and help make this the best Mississippi Valley Conference yet held.

- Mrs. Florence Bennett Peterson,  
1320 Glenlake Ave., Chicago
- Mrs. Andreas Ueland, 403 Essex Building,  
Minneapolis
- Miss Elizabeth J. Hauser, Acting Chairman,  
Warren, Ohio

Mrs. Dora Sandoe Bachman,  
General Local Chairman,  
505 Grand Theatre Building,  
Columbus, Ohio

The Hotel Deshler will be headquarters and the meetings of May 12 and 14 will be held there, the Sunday afternoon mass meeting (May 13) in Memorial Hall.

Write directly to Hotel Deshler, Columbus, for reservations, \$2 a day and up.

Additional information as to program, hotels, entertainments, local committees, etc., will be sent later.

Address all inquiries to  
**ELIZABETH J. HAUSER**, Masonic Building, Warren, Ohio.



GERHARD SISTERS  
PHOTOGRAPHERS  
ST. LOUIS

May 8, 1917.

Miss Laura Clay,  
189 N. Miles,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter, regarding the bill that was sent to the National Womens Suffrage Assn., will say, this was to be charged to the association, as our records show that it was sent Special Delivery by request, on 8-11-16 to Mr. T. C. T. Heasley., 171 Madison St., N.Y.,

We are sorry that they forwarded this to you, as it was not ordered by you.

We furnish all our Local papers with press prints, gratis, but not out of town publication.

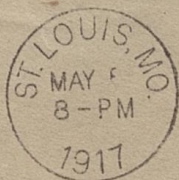
However we will explain this to headquarters and regretting that you should have been troubled with the matter.

Thanking you for your past patronage, we are

Very truly,

*Gerhard Sisters*

GERHARD SISTERS  
ST. LOUIS



Miss Laura Clay,  
189 N. Miles,  
Lexington, Ky.

REPORT OF  
OPERATION UPON MR. S. D. CRENSHAW, JR., AT THE  
JOHNSTON-WILLIS HOSPITAL, RICHMOND, VA., ON  
APRIL 14, 1917, at 11 A. M.

Left subtemporal decompression, exploration, and drainage.

Usual vertical incision of  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " in length, extending from the left parietal crest down to the left zygomatic arch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " anterior to the external auditory meatus. Skin flaps retracted and the temporal muscle and fascia now incised similarly in the direction of the muscular fibres; these were now retracted exposing the underlying squamous portion of the temporal bone and the lower portion of the left parietal bone; this bone now opened and rongeuired away to a diameter of  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " to 3", revealing a tense thickened fibrous dura, non-transparent and under high tension so that it tended to protrude. Upon making a small opening in the dura, cerebro-spinal fluid (clear) spurted a distance of 1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches and upon enlarging this opening to the diameter of 1 cm. the underlying arachnoid and cerebral cortex tended to protrude showing the high degree of intracranial pressure. This opening was quickly enlarged for fear a rupture of the cortex would occur allowing the brain to protrude under high pressure. Covering the upper portion of the brain was a mass exposed of dilated blood vessels some of them in thickness of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch lying upon the brain and forming an angiomatous mass pressing down upon the cortex of the brain; the walls of these vessels were thickened and whitened and at the uppermost portion was a bluish-background as though this angiomatous mass was the result of a former supracortical hemorrhage which was becoming organized with new vessel formation.

During the operation a large amount of clear cerebro-spinal fluid escaped, and continued to escape; this loss of cerebro-spinal fluid allowed the cortex of the brain to pulsate but it was still under increased pressure in spite of the large loss of cerebro-spinal fluid; for this reason I inserted four linen strands beneath the dura and brought them out through the temporal muscle and temporal fascia beneath the scalp, so that this increased amount of cerebro-spinal fluid would be permanently drained by these artificial channels of drainage - as is performed in the operation for hydrocephalus.

No attempt was made to remove the angiomatous tumor mass lying upon the surface of the brain for fear of hemorrhage; the overlying bone was removed and this permanent relief of intracranial pressure both by the removal of the bone and by the permanent drainage of the increased amount of cerebro-spinal fluid should cause a definite improvement of the patient's condition, mentally as well as physically; the impairment of vision should also be improved.

The wound was closed in the usual manner by bringing the muscle and fascia together, and suturing them and the scalp in layers by catgut and finally silk.

Two hours after ~~the~~ the operation the patient was regaining consciousness and apparently was in excellent condition.

April 17, 1917. (Signed) William Sharpe, M. D.  
Assisted by John M. Emmett, M. D.

[Apr. 19, 1917]

PROVIDENCE, R.I.



VOTES FOR WOMEN

394 Angell St.

Patriots' Day, 1917.

Dear Miss Clay-

Probably you have  
learned ere this that  
we have Presidential  
Suffrage in Rhode Island.  
It came with a push at  
the last and may be  
considered as distinctly a  
political measure as  
you said it would be.  
Both parties stood for  
it and only cautious  
individuals opposed it

Apr 19, 1917

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In the Senate it stood 32-3;  
in the House 71-20 so you  
see we had a good majority.

It was all very exciting  
at the end and this is  
the first time for me to  
write those whom I know  
are rejoicing with us.

Many times since you  
were here people have  
spoken of what you said  
and how you put it  
in a way that impressed  
them as they had never  
before been impressed  
with suffrage arguments.  
So you can feel that  
you had your part  
in the victory. Mrs.

[Apr. 19, 1917]

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Perry was at the House  
Debate and Mrs. Elliott  
came on all the way  
from New York just for  
the day.

Are you working on your  
farm now? Mr. Algeo tells  
me that he and the  
other members of the  
firm are going to plant  
a garden near their  
office and each take  
turns in working therein.  
If their energy does  
not fail them we should  
have some fresh vege-  
tables notwithstanding  
the war and soaring prices.

[Apr 19, 1917]

P.S. Did you get my other letter all right?

We secured more than one hundred Red Cross members in the P. W. S. P. In all over 32,000 enrolled leading Boston by over two thousand. At times we can be very energetic.

I think our victory will mean much to the State of Maine. Have just written Mrs. Leonard in regard to a U.E. Conference to discuss the question of helping Maine.

Miss Erwin has come for rejoicing also free by the Bulletin. Lookout Mountain has granted municipal suffrage to women. Cordially yours, Sara M. Algeo.

Lexington, Ky., April 23, 1917.

Hotel Deshler,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

I wish to engage one of your \$2.00 rooms for the  
Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference for May 12th, 13th and  
14th.

Respectfully yours,



189 North Mill Street,

Lexington, Ky., April 23, 1917.

Mrs. Sarah M. Algeo,  
324 Angell St.,  
Providence, R.I.

Dear Mrs/ Algeo:-

Your welcome letter of April 19th was the first news I received of Rhode Island's great victory though my Woman's Journal came the same day and I had the satisfaction of reading the detailed account.

It must have been a most exciting day for all of you. I wish I had been there.

No, I am not on my farm now. I put my corn out on the shares, so I have no responsibility for it, and I am now at my little flat in Lexington. My tenants in the other flats have plowed up our back yard and have put in a fine garden. We are all imbued with the food preparation idea. On the farm my tenants are putting in some beans in the corn field so as to add to the food supply.

Tell Mr/ Algeo that I will run him a race as to how many vegetables our emergency gardens will grow. You must write to me as the season advances what you get out of your garden and I will find out what we get from ~~ya~~ ours.

I am glad to know that you made such a success in securing your one hundred Red Cross members/ They are making an effort ~~xxxx~~ to roll up a good membership in Lexington also.

Our state president, Mrs. Christine Bradley South, chris-

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tened the battleship Kentucky when she was a girl. She is a good temperance woman, and she christened it with water from the Hodgenville spring, Hodgenville being in the Ky. county where Abraham Lincoln was born. Now she has been asked to supply 500 sets of mufflers, mittens and sleeveless jackets for the sailors of the battleship; and she has engaged the patriotic services of the Ky. B. R. A. to provide them. We are taking hold of that job with zeal, as well as Red Cross work.

I am planning to go to the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference in Columbus, Ohio, on May 12, 13, and 14 inclusive. There will be great rejoicing there over our recent victories, and I hope Rhode Island will have some representatives to celebrate their victory.

Please remember me to Mr. Algee, and also to the members of your Board whom I met. Tell them I feel very proud that I was in Rhode Island whilst your victory was still pending; and as no one can dispute it, I am always going to feel that I had a part in bringing about the victory!

Very cordially yours,

P.S. I forgot to mention that I received both of your previous letters in due time, and that I enjoyed them very much.

Lexington, Ky., April 23, 1917.

Miss Elizabeth J. Hauser,  
Warren, Ohio.

My Dear Miss Hauser:-

Your letters of the 19th and the 20th are at hand.

My niece, Mrs/ Thomas Jefferson Smith. is no longer ~~of~~ President of the Kentucky E. R. A. because she resigned after she was elected to the National ~~XXX~~ Board. Our President now is Mrs/ Christine Bradley South, of Frankfort, and I think she would be an excellent person to put on your list as representative of Kentucky.

We did not have a Legislature in Kentucky this winter except the extra session, which was called for special purposes, among which there was no opportunity for our Suffrage work. Our legislative work of the last regular session has already been reported at various times and I do not think would be of any interest at all when there are so many victorious campaigns to report. Therefore I shall not wish to talk on legislative work of the Kentucky Association.

If you wish, certainly I will give the invocation at the Sunday afternoon mass meeting.

I will also speak on the Saturday afternoon at your session devoted to finance; though as I have nothing really valuable to suggest I shall not take it amiss if you put some one on in my place on further reflection.

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April 20th.

I am afraid that we will not get much of a delegation from Kentucky. Everybody is interested in the various woman's associations of the soldiers and for suffrage agriculture, and they are afraid of spending money for anything outside. Have you sent any notices to any of the suffrageists at Louisville and at Covington. These are your best chances. I would like a special invitation sent to Mrs. South to attend. I mentioned the conference at a Board meeting in Louisville the other day, but there was not much interest expressed. I do not know of any one who is coming except myself.

Window cards are received.

Very cordially yours,

189 North Hill St.,

Lexington, Ky., April 25, 1917.

Miss Elizabeth W. Yates,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

My Dear Miss Yates:-

I am writing just to say that I give you my warmest congratulations on the successful termination of your years of labor for ~~the~~ Presidential Suffrage in Rhode Island.

The whole country is rejoicing with you and nobody more than your old friend. I suppose you have observed that in its foreword the Women's Journal considers it one of the ~~very~~ most significant victories our cause has ever had.

I am rejoicing with you.

Cordially your friend,

189 Mill Street,

Lexington, Ky., April 23, 1917.

Mrs. William McPherson,  
198 E. 16th Ave.,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Madam:-

Will you kindly reserve for me one ticket for the  
banquet Saturday evening at the Mississippi Valley Conference.

Very truly yours?



394 Angell Street, May 1, 1917

Miss Laura M. Clay,  
189 North Mill Street,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

It was a great pleasure to read your letter and I wish I might be with you and all the brave Suffrage women at the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference in Columbus on May 12, 13 and 14th. I doubt if any Rhode Island women are there, but Miss Blackwell has been associated so closely in all the work in our State that she understands the situation as well as any of us. I hope you ~~too~~ will have an opportunity to speak of your New England experiences and to put in a strong plea for Maine and tell a little about the Rhode Island situation.

You, when here, in your ~~discussion~~ discussion of the political situation sized up ~~the situation~~ correctly as did Miss Blackwell in the second editorial in the last Woman's Journal on "Why Rhode Island Won". While just as she said, our women have worked, they have not worked as long or as hard as the women in other states, especially Massachusetts, but our Republican leaders were clever enough to see that it would be a feather in their cap to grant this measure at this particular time. Our future Senator, Governor Beeckman has his ear to the ground and as Mr. Perry says understands how to stand in with the people by granting popular measures.

Again thanking you for your good letter,  
I am,

Yours cordially,  
*Sara M. Algeo*

C O P Y

May 1, 1917.

My dear President:

We have been very much surprised to find that three of the members of the Board of the National American Woman Suffrage Association have been appointed by the Council of National Defense, which Council includes four members of the Cabinet, to serve on a Women's Advisory Committee of the Council of National Defense. The meeting of this Committee will take place this week in Washington. Mrs. Catt wishes me to say that you must not interpret this to mean that we are laying aside Federal Amendment work. On the contrary the National Board will meet this week in New York City, at which time elaborate and irresistible plans will be made for the passage of the Federal Amendment. These will be forwarded to you in the near future.

Our attention has been called to the report of Mrs. Ella Hoover Thacher, Superintendent of work among soldiers and sailors for the National W. C. T. U., who recently visited Fort Bliss, Texas, and reports appalling conditions just outside the camp. Similar reports received through the Y. M. C. A. workers at El Paso, New Orleans and other mobilization camps prove that the saloon and commercialized vice are ruining thousands of lads from pure homes. Miss Anna A. Gordon, President of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, asks the co-operation of our organization and requests that you write or wire individually or collectively to President Wilson urging that he recommend to Congress the enactment of prohibition as a war measure.

Our Association has never asked its members to take part in work for any other cause, but with war, new conditions have arisen which require this departure.

Yours faithfully,

Nettie R. Shuler, Corresponding Secretary  
National American Woman Suffrage Association

Dear Board Member:

The above letter has just reached me in the morning mail. Will you read the last paragraph carefully and write me by return mail if it is your opinion that the Kentucky Equal Rights collectively should send a telegram as suggested by Mrs. Shuler to President Wilson urging that he recommend to Congress the enactment of prohibition as a war measure. If it is the opinion of the majority of the Board that this message be sent I will send it at once. It is my opinion that it is a good thing to do. I feel the whiskey interests are already our bitterest enemies and I can see no particular good in our present non-committal attitude on this question.

Cordially yours,

*Christine Druephy Smith*



189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

May 4th, 1917.

Gerhard Sisters,

St. Louis.

Dear Madam,

I have just received the communication which I enclose. I do not know what is the meaning of it. I have had no bill from you nor have I made any order which seems to come under it. If it is not altogether a mistake, you will have to explain it so that I can judge of it. Apparently, it has <sup>been</sup> been an order from Syfrage Headquarters, of which I have never heard.

Respectfully yours,

189 N. Mill, Lexington, Ky.

May 4th, 1917.

My dear Mrs. South,

I am answering your letter of May 3rd by return mail, with its enclosures.

Prohibition War Measure. By all means, let us, as a state Association, petition Pres. Wilson to recommend prohibition as a war measure. We need not be afraid of antagonizing the liquor interests. They already hate us as much as they can; and just now they are afraid to oppose food conservation too much, lest it rebound against them. I believe it is both politic and patriotic for us to throw ourselves on the side of this war measure.

Suffrage Fund for Russia. I approve of the Ky. R. R. A. sending the ten dollars out of the State treasury. It is too small a sum to collect by subscriptions; but if any opposition should be manifested, we could replace it by personal subscriptions. The larger amount for relief work ought to be raised by subscriptions. I will see what I can do to interest others, and I will send to headquarters (National) something myself when I have time to think a little.

Petitions for appointment of Mr. Howe. At present, I cannot think of any persons to whom I can apply. Have you asked the Breckinridges? If I think of anything thing later, I will let you know. Just now, I am anxious to get this off without delay, so you may telegraph our petition for prohibition as a war measure.

Very cordially yours,

[ May 6, 1917 ]

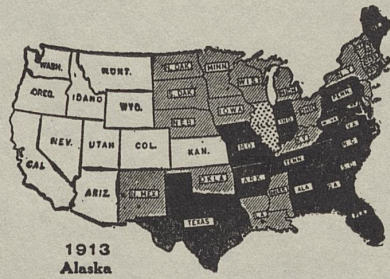
# Rhode Island Equal Suffrage Association

(R. I. Woman Suffrage Association Woman Suffrage Party College Equal Suffrage League)

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1913  
Alaska  
White States—Full Suffrage. Black States—No Suffrage.

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Providence, R. I. 1917

Yes - My dear Laura Clay,  
 My "Holy Home" "Presidential  
 Suffrage" went over the wire in  
 five months April 17 - It did not  
 just happen but took years of conser-  
 crated and concentrated endeavor.  
 I never doubted that it ~~is~~ the  
 line of least resistance for full suf-  
 frage, and am so happy to demonstrate  
 its possibility here in R. I.  
 Your visit was a gracious blessing  
 to all who met you. Come again!  
 Faithfully & affectionately  
 Elizabeth U. Yates

Richmond Ky  
A. P. 4 May 7 1917

Miss Laura I quit Fencing  
your cattle May 7<sup>th</sup> 1917  
There in The Pike Pasture  
The grass is good The Fence  
on the road is down Mr Dozger  
is fencing now. We are  
getting ready to Plant corn  
now " Miss Laura in The  
new clover field there neither  
clover nor Blue grass it ought  
to be in something

Mr Bennett want your  
hogs this week. Will you try  
to buy some to raise

They very high But you  
ought to have some

I am sorry to say your  
yellow calf is dead it bleed  
to death the night after  
I had castrated

Respects

Howard Bush

account 1916

May 7, 1917

work By month in Nov 5 days  
work with colony hog & on other work 2.9 day  
Dec 1916 Begin to feed th 16  
cattle at 3 hours per day to th 31  
1917 Jan work By month 10 day  
Begin plowing feeding from  
th 11 to th 31 at 3 hours a day  
1917 Feb work Full day 17  
march feeding th 1 to th 31  
April work sowing seeds <sup>9</sup> fence  
I work the man 17 day  
That I have in all of the  
work 17 days I pay \$16  
per month on Board

[May 7, 1917]

Account of corn

no. of loads of corn

29 loads in 5 Barriol Bead

3 in 3 Barriol Bead

1/3 of one load must be  
deducted I put it in your  
crib it is only a Barriol  
and I thought you could  
pay me at what I got for  
it last fall \$4.50

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

May 8th, 1917.

Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers,

Madison Ave. N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Rogers,

I enclose a N.Y. draft for thirty dollars, which is a donation from Mrs. Mary G. Morton, Lexington, and myself to the fund for the hospital work of Dr. S. Yavein of Russia, which Mrs. Catt is asking the suffragists to send.

Mrs. Catt says in her circular letter to the presidents that the money will be returned if she is not able to get a respectable amount. I think she will make a mistake if she returns any amount, however small; and I wish particularly to make the request of your kindness that what I enclose will not be returned but forwarded to Dr. Yavein, as you have facilities for sending mail at headquarters which are not usual among the people. For that reason, perhaps, Russia is not getting as frequent remembrances as other nations with whom it is easier to get in touch.

I believe that Mrs. South will send from the state treasury the ten dollars asked for Russian Suffrage work.

Very cordially yours,



# NEW YORK STATE WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY

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New York, May 17, 1917

Miss Laura Clay,  
189 N. Mill St.,  
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

We are planning a hard fight for this year's campaign in New York State, and are hoping to have you help us win it.

Knowing of your fine work in Kentucky, Maine and elsewhere, we feel sure that you would be a most valuable addition to our list of speakers here. Would it be possible for you to give us one month in this State at the end of the campaign, and would you undertake to do this if we paid your expenses?

In anticipation of a favorable reply, I am

Yours sincerely,

*Violet Morawetz*

(MRS. VICTOR MORAWETZ, Chairman Speakers' Bureau.)

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Copy of Letter to Sen. Robert L. Owen, May 17, 1917.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Sen. Robert L. Owen,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I write to ask if you do not think that now is the opportune time, in the interests of the Democratic party, to press your United States Elections bill, for giving women, by Congressional action, the right to vote for United States Senators and Representatives, as set forth in S. bill 4257 which you introduced Febr. 4, 1916 at the request of the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference?

The momentum the suffrage movement has now attained seems to assure its victory before the Presidential election of 1920; so that if any party is to win prestige by its victory it must be won in this administration. The Federal Amendment is the measure now most conspicuous among suffrage bodies; and if that measure is the only one brought before Congress, whether it wins or loses, the prestige of advocating suffrage for women will go to the Republican party, since it is certain that a larger proportion of Republicans than of Democrats will vote for it in Congress; and if it is submitted by Congress to the States for their action a larger number of Republican than of Democratic legislatures will ratify it. If something is not done whereby the Democratic party shall obtain a greater share of the honor of Congressional suffrage legislation, personally I expect the Republican party to strengthen itself in the popular vote just as it did by extending the vote to the negro men.

On the other hand, if your United States Elections bill is pushed to success in this Congress, it will be a great Democratic measure; and though undoubtedly its success would ~~immensely~~ insensibly strengthen the chances of the subsequent success of the Federal Amendment, and the parties would be aligned on that then as they are now, yet the prestige of the Republican party thereby could not throw into the shade the superior and previous prestige of Democratic action.

The passage of the United States Elections bill would be a timely national recognition of the great services of women in the war, which have won for them the reward of suffrage for them already in the larger part of Canada, and seems likely to do so in the near future in England and Russia. The United States Elections bill is the only one by which Congress could confer upon American women a similar prompt reward.

Hoping that these and other considerations which will readily occur to you will prevail to induce you to give energetic effort to securing the passage of the United States Elections bill, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Vice-president-at-large of the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.  
May 17th, 1917.

My dear Mrs. South:-

This letter is sent as a sort of report from the Miss. Valley Suffrage Conference.

It is considered a great success, having many delegates from a number of states, including Missouri, Tennessee, W. Virginia and Kentucky. Mrs. Larue, formerly from Kentucky, was there, but did not seem to regard herself a representative of our Ky. E. P. A. I did that in your place, to the best of my ability. I did the Press work by mailing every day the Columbus papers to Mrs. Leech, which was the Press service I was advised to do by the Press Chairman there.

There was one closed executive meeting, in which Mrs. Catt explained her plan for a strong drive for the Federal Amendment. When I was asked what I thought Ky. E. P. A. would do, I answered that I thought our Board would co-operate in the plan; and I thought its chance of success in Ky. could be better stated by Mrs. Post and Mrs. Elise Smith. In this way I escaped expressing my own conviction that it would be effort thrown away as far as Kentucky was concerned. Of course, nothing that was done at the conference is binding on any Association, as it is only for conference. I think you will receive officially soon the plans I speak of.

In reply to your letter asking if I could get any letters sent to Pres. Wilson asking him to appoint Mr. Fredrick Howe on the commission to Russia, I will say that I did not think of any persons whom I could ask to write letters; but that your letters to some other persons were more successful, as our newspapers informed the public that some such letters had been forwarded.

With the assistance of Mrs. Mary C. Morton I was able to send to the National treasurer thirty dollars for Dr. S. Yavein's hospital work. Did our Board vote to send the ten dollars asked for her suffrage work? Please let me hear about that, for I think it has now become quite a patriotic duty that Americans should do all they can by showing our interest to keep the Russians steady in their war efforts with the allies.

Did you notice that the English navy men said our American sailors are not warmly enough clad for those waters? This seems to me to stress the usefulness of those knitted garments you have asked our Ky. E. P. A. to supply for our battleship. I would like to say that unavoidable delay in getting the yarn has prevented Lexington from being prompt with its quota; but that soon now we hope to come up to the mark.

Very cordially yours,

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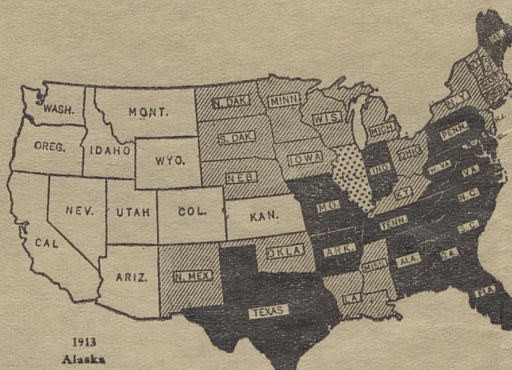
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Miss Laura Clay,  
 Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

I received your letter yesterday and I am so grateful to you for your splendid work at the Mississippi Valley Conference. It was simply impossible for me to arrange to go yet I was so anxious to have Kentucky represented. This you did more ably than anyone else could have.

I am leaving Monday for the Federation Meeting at Fulton. I dread it very much as I am painfully timid and these big things are terrible trials to me.

I think you did splendidly in regard to raising the fund for Dr. S. Yavein's hospital work. In addition to the \$30.00 that you and Mrs. Morton sent, Mrs. Henning sent \$10.00, Mrs. Breckinridge \$10.00, Madison County League \$10.00 and I sent \$10.00. Our Board also voted to send \$10.00 asked for Russian suffrage work. I also sent a telegram to the President respectfully urging that he use his efforts for the passage of the prohibition law.

The work for the Battleship Kentucky is coming along splendid. I have received letters from all over the State commending the work. I have sent out all communications in regard to this work on suffrage stationery and over my signature as President of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association as I was anxious to have it understood that the suffragists were pushing this work. Mrs. Hutchinson has written me that you were having great trouble in securing the yarn. This has been the case in all the towns. I suppose there is some unavoidable delay at the Washington end of the line.

Thanking you again for all the aid you have given me, I am

Most cordially yours,

*Christina B. Sullivan*

(Mrs. John Glover South) Pres. K. E. R. A.

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189 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Kentucky.

May 22nd, 1917.

Mrs. Victor Morawetz,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam;-

Your letter of May 17th is at hand, in which you ask if I can give one month to speaking in New York in the end of the campaign, and if I would undertake to do this if my expenses are paid.

I will be pleased to comply with your request, on the terms you mention, hoping I may be of some service, however small, in winning the Empire State for woman suffrage.

I shall be ready when you call upon me any time after September 15th.

I shall be glad to receive suggestions from you as to any particular line of work you may wish me to undertake. Perhaps it is just as well to say that I am quite ignorant of all Labor Union questions, and doubt my usefulness among them.

Very sincerely yours,

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Miss Laura Clay,  
189 N. Mill Street,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

Your esteemed favor of the 3rd. of April received. Your letter through an oversight of some one in the office was mislaid, ~~not~~ and it did not turn up until yesterday. I was assorting some papers, and the letter was discovered among them.

I am delighted to learn that you will write, as per Mrs. Barlett's request, an article for the book "Woman's Work in Kentucky." You are at liberty to make your article cover anywhere between 1200 and 2000 words. I fact you can use your own judgment as to space.

If you cannot supply the article at once. I will be glad if you will let me have the beginning of the article, sufficient to fill one page, say about 400 words. I want to place this page in a prospectus, ~~which will be sent~~ which will be sent through the mail to interested persons, and to the newspapers.

I am enclosing an information blank, which I would be pleased to have you fill out with as much information concerning yourself and your work as you may care to give.

I assure you the ladies as well as myself, will appreciate anything that you write for the book. Hoping I may be favored with a reply, and thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Yours cordially,

*Ben. Labree*

*P.S. I would also like to have a photograph of yourself, if you have not got one handy to loan me, perhaps you can tell me where I can obtain one in Louisville. B. L.*

720 Georgia St;  
Gary, Indiana.  
May 24, 1917.

Miss Laura Clay  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Madam:

Would you be able to refer me to any material favoring the adoption of Woman's Suffrage by State?

If you can send me any material or references, I will gladly pay for the same.

Very respectfully yours,

Alveretta Davies

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189 N. Mill, Lexington, Ky.

May 24th, 1917.

Colonel Ben Labree,

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

After writing to you my letter of April 3rd I received a communication from Mrs. Bartlett saying the book "Woman's Work in Kentucky" had been given up on account of the war and the consequent disarrangement of business. Therefore I dismissed from my mind the article I had promised to write. It seems from your letter that you still wish to collect the material; and I shall, of course, be willing to write the article I promised. But just now I have undertaken some other work which will prevent my adding anything else for some week or more. After that time, I will try to send the beginning of the article, as you request.

Under another cover I am sending my latest photograph, taken in June, 1916, which you can return at your convenience. I also enclose answered the list of questions on the information blank you sent.

Very truly yours,



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My dear Miss Clay:-

We trust you will have noticed with pleasure, in the Woman's Journal of April twenty-eighth, that in June it is to be consolidated with the Woman Voter and the National Suffrage News, in accordance with the plan announced at the Atlantic City Convention in September. It will then be published in New York under the able leadership of Mrs. Catt, with the continued feature of Miss Blackwell's editorials. This will mean the great advantage of having a single suffrage paper with the backing of the National organization.

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Now that the Journal is to leave its old home, should not we, its friends, aid as a matter of pride and honor in having it go with its debts all paid, as Miss Blackwell has agreed that it shall? To accomplish this, about \$10,000 will be needed, in addition to the amount granted by the Leslie Commission for the purposes of the transfer.

As a friend of the Journal, will you not contribute ten dollars toward this sum, or as much more as possible? If the suggested amount seems large in proportion to your means, a smaller check will still be welcome.

Sincerely yours,

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New York, May 25, 1917

Miss Laura Clay,  
189 N. Mill St.,  
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

Thank you ever so much for your kind acceptance of our request to speak in the New York campaign this Fall.

As soon as possible I shall make definite arrangements for a tour of the State for you after September 15th, and shall let you know in time what I have done.

Sincerely yours,

*Violet Morawetz.*

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Mrs. Laura P. Clay  
President of Fayette Equal Rights Association.

Dear Mrs. Clay

I am complying with your request, and am today issuing credentials to Mrs. Martha Lume of Fayette County, and to Mrs. J. M. Kelly of Lexington, Ky. to be members of the executive committee to represent the government relative to War Savings Stamps, in this county and city.

I wish to sincerely thank you for your interest in our country at this time, and wish to further state that the Equal Rights Association was the first to offer its service

Sincerely yours  
John Skain  
Chairman.

April or May 1917

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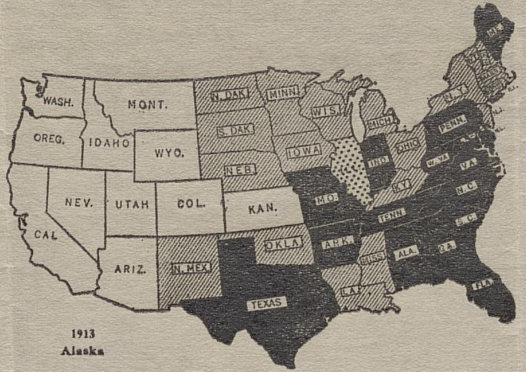
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Paducah, Ky. — Today —

Dear "Miss Laura":

The Ky Federation of Women's Clubs - meet at - Fulton Ky - May 22<sup>nd</sup> - and we people who live in Paducah - (just 2 hrs - from Fulton.) - are hoping that you will stop in your way "back home" and spend Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> "with us?" You can get the night train (12 o'clock) & reach home the following morning; The Equal Rights Assoc. wishes to give a Luncheon - on Saturday noon - in honor of you - Mrs Smith, Mrs South - Mrs Leech - & the other visiting "Supplicants";

We want you to give a ten minute talk or treat-  
at this luncheon - Choose your own subject & send  
the title to me? We must limit the time because  
there will be several speakers. I wish I were going  
to the Mississippi Valley Conference on May 12<sup>th</sup> -  
such an interesting programme. Always so  
proud for Kentucky - when you are  
present, I know you will <sup>be</sup> glad to ~~hear~~  
hear - that Mr. C. W. Anderson Bartley -  
was here - that our Lolly well - among the  
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of your subject? With best wishes always -  
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