

THE BEGINNINGS  
OF  
THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB  
OF FAYETTE COUNTY, KY.

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The Fayette County Women's Democratic Club was the first club of its kind to be organized in the State of Kentucky. Its organization took place on April 16, 1920.

Preceding and leading up to the organization of the Lexington Democratic Club was the securing by a citizens committee, of which Miss Laura Clay was the moving spirit, from the Kentucky Legislature, in March, 1920, of Presidential Suffrage for Kentucky women.

The Kentucky Legislature having on January 16, 1920, ratified the 19th Amendment to the Federal Constitution which became fully ratified by the following August, this legislative action, secured through the statesmanlike leadership and efforts of one of the nation's greatest States' Rights advocates, Miss Laura Clay, gave to the women of Kentucky a five months' advantage over the women of the other states, all of whom were enfranchised by the Federal Amendment on August 26, 1920.

Promptly upon securing this legislation, Mrs. Wm. D. Oldham, in consultation with Miss Laura Clay, and sensing the importance of the speedy organization of the newly enfranchised women, issued a call for a meeting of the Democratic women of the city and county.

At the request of Miss Laura Clay, I will read a clipping from the Lexington Herald of April 1, 1920, preserved by her and