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NATIONAL WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION FOR INDIANA RECORDS, 1887-1893

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 bound volume (72 pages filled in)

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The National Woman Suffrage League was founded in 1869 by Susan B. Anthony (chairman) and Elizabeth Cady Stanton (president) "to secure National protection for women in the exercise of their right to vote". In 1890 the organization merged with the American Woman Suffrage Association to form the National American Woman Suffrage Association. The American Woman Suffrage Association, which had also been formed in 1869, concentrated on attaining suffrage through amendments to state constitutions. Stanton was the president of the combined organizations while Anthony served as vice president at large. The association apparently remained active until women received the right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920.

The Indiana National Woman Suffrage Association was started in 1887 to "organize the State of Indiana, thoroughly, with a view to effective legislative and congressional suffrage work". May Wright Sewall was chairman of the Indiana Association and Helen M. Gougar was its president. The organization held meetings in the Indiana Congressional Districts in the effort to influence national legislation.

Sources:

Dictionary of American Biography, vol. 1, p. 320.

Dictionary of American History, vol. 5, p. 478.

Information from minute book.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Included in the minute book are news clippings about the Indiana association's activities and relative items concerning the woman suffrage movement. There are also written reports of the meetings and minutes from the sessions. In addition, there are minutes from the association's board meetings from 1887-1893. The back of the volume (pages 136-144) contain the organization's financial records, 1889-1891.

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