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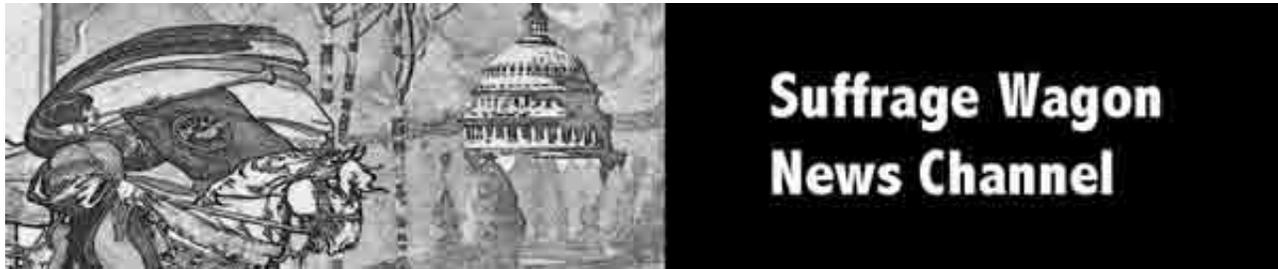
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Five co-conspirators who crashed a Fourth of July celebration  
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**Do you know the story of five co-conspirators who crashed a national Fourth of July centennial celebration?**

**If not, you're not alone.**

**Picture the scene:** July 4, 1876. Philadelphia, PA.

A national celebration with visitors from all over the world.

**The platform's filled with dignitaries, but the co-conspirators wait until after the reading of the Declaration of Independence.**



**Susan B. Anthony's ready to make a move along with: *Matilda Joslyn Gage, Sara Andrews Spencer, Lillie Devereau Blake, Phoebe W. Couzins.***

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Anthony marches up to the platform lined with officials. She formally presents the Declaration of Rights of the Women of the United States, an update on the declaration from back in 1848 in Seneca Falls, New York.

**THE MESSAGE:** that the nation must not turn its back on the Unfinished American Revolution by denying women equality and the right to vote. Actual text.

After delivering the proclamation, Anthony and others distribute copies to the crowd and leave the centennial hall.

**THE RESULT:** Pandemonium. General Howley, chairman, shouts for order to be restored.

**THE OUTCOME:** Suffrage activists hold their own independence celebration in Philadelphia.



**Three of  
the July 4th  
Co-Conspirators:**

**Left to Right:**  
**Susan B. Anthony, Matilda Joslyn Gage, Phoebe W. Couzins**

**Not shown: Sara Andrews Spencer, Lillie Devereux Blake**

I'm sending this update to you because I know you're interested in finding out more about our nation's social movements in support of freedom.

**AUDIO ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED** on July 4, 1876 at the Fourth of July national centennial, as told by Elizabeth Cady Stanton in her memoir, *Eighty Years and More*. Read by Amelia Bowen.



Share this story with others on this Fourth of July holiday weekend. If you like this slice of American history, write to me at [suffragewagon at gmail dot com](mailto:suffragewagon@gmail.com)

*Encourage me to keep writing!*

**NOW, LET'S FIRE UP THE BARBEQUE GRILL**

and have some fun!

**Love, Marguerite Kearns**

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An opportunity to find out about visiting the "Cradle" of the U.S. women's rights movement

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