

Woman Suffrage Memorabilia

A Site Devoted to Such Artifacts as Buttons, Post Cards, Ribbons, Sheet Music, and Ceramics

Memorabilia Home Page



About This Site

The primary purpose of this site is to provide a repository for information about memorabilia connected to the woman suffrage movement in both England and America. Subjects discussed here will include buttons, ribbons, sashes, advertising cards, jewelry, sheet music, post cards, Cinderella stamps and other aspects of suffrage ephemera. The focus will not be on pamphlets and autograph material, although articles about these types of items may appear on occasion. I will also be using this site to promote my forthcoming book *Women's Suffrage Memorabilia: an Illustrated History* that will be published by McFarland Books sometime in the early part of 2013.

This site will include short articles about various items of suffrage memorabilia, generally with images.

While suffrage scholars have long recognized the importance of memorabilia to the movement, it is a subject that has not been explored extensively apart from a few restricted, albeit excellent, studies. Part of the problem is that such objects are often scattered about; therefore, any comprehensive collection is difficult to both find and access, although museums both in America and England do have impressive holdings in some areas. Another problem is that most

scholars do not have ready knowledge of the general nature and history of the type of objects (post cards, badges, sheet music, etc.) that suffragists produced. There is a direct correlation between the growth and development of many of these various types and their exploitation by the movement. This site and my book are both designed to respond to these problems.

Please feel free to comment on this site and to ask questions and submit articles or notes on suffrage artifacts. I would like to make this page as interactive as possible. As this site develops, I may include a page whereby readers can offer period suffrage artifacts for sale.

Forthcoming Book

The title of my forthcoming book from McFarland Press is *Women's Suffrage Memorabilia: An Illustrated History*. It probably will be available sometime in the Spring of 2013. Please check with this site for additional details or send me a post in the box below, and I will send you a publication announcement when one comes available.

This work addresses the needs of interested scholars and collectors by discussing seventy different categories of suffrage memorabilia, providing numerous images of relevant objects along the way. It also deals with innovative production methods involved in the creation of those artifacts, and how they dovetailed with the needs of suffragists. More importantly, in an effort to develop a broader understanding of the suffrage movement, this study analyzes period accounts, often quite fascinating, of how, why, when, and where that memorabilia was used in both America and England.

It will contain over 215 images, many in full color, of such suffrage artifacts as buttons, ribbons, sashes, sheet music, post cards, jewelry, Valentines, advertising cards, and Cinderella stamps. It will include also discussions on official suffrage colors, suffrage shops where memorabilia was sold, and the presidential candidacies of both Belva Lockwood and Victoria Woodhull.

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on **August 22, 2012 at 2:53 pm** said:

I am looking forward to the publication of your book.