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Susan B. Anthony - Part II

Lead: Devoted to a succession of causes, Susan Brownell Anthony did not hesitate to challenge laws she felt were discriminatory.

Intro.: *A Moment in Time* with Dan Roberts.

Content: At the end of the Civil War, women's rights advocates renewed the struggle which had lain fallow as the North concentrated on saving the Union. In 1869, Susan Anthony and her associate Elizabeth Cady Stanton formed the National

Women's Suffrage Association and a national newspaper, *The Revolution*, which in its short life vigorously addressed women's issues including problems they faced in the workplace. Despite the good reception Anthony was receiving around the country, it seemed to her that little real progress was being made, therefore she decided to take more direct action. In the elections of November 1872, she and a handful of women walked into the Rochester, New York registration office and demanded to be registered as voters. Four days later they cast their ballots, three weeks after that, Anthony was arrested.

As can be imagined, the fix was in and she lost, the judge gave a directed

verdict. Despite a public outcry the cause of women's rights seemed not helped at all by Anthony's radical tactics. On July 4, 1876 at the Centennial Celebration in Philadelphia she and her associates used the occasion to present a declaration of women's rights. The suffragists were denied permission to present their document formally, therefore at the end of the ceremonial reading of the Declaration of Independence, Anthony and her followers rose, approached Vice-President Ferry and placed their declaration in his hands. They then marched to a nearby bandstand where Anthony read the document aloud.

She and Stanton collaborated on a three volume *History of Woman*

***Suffrage* which was completed in 1901. For the remainder of her life, Susan B. Anthony toured the country giving lectures on expanded rights for women. A stroke nearly incapacitated her but she rallied and kept up the pace. She died in 1906, thirteen years before the nineteenth amendment to the Constitution realized the dream of her lifetime.**

At the University of Richmond, this is Dan Roberts.

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