

Side 1

Mary Garrett Hay, ca. 1857-1928

Women's rights activist and political strategist Mary Garrett Hay was born in Charlestown.¹ She worked with the WCTU here and in Indianapolis in the late 1800s, honing her leadership and speaking skills and advancing women's suffrage.² Susan B. Anthony chose Hay to help lead a suffrage campaign in the West, where she founded local leagues and spoke at rallies.³

Side 2

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Hay moved to New York City by 1900, where she organized for the National American Woman Suffrage Association.⁴ She lived and worked with companion Carrie Chapman Catt for decades. Their nationwide speaking tours proved crucial to the 1920 ratification of the 19th Amendment.⁵ Hay educated newly-enfranchised voters by helping establish the NYC League of Women Voters.⁶

Learn more about Hay's work for women's rights with the [Indiana History Blog](#).

* All newspaper clippings were accessed via Newspapers.com.

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