

“ ‘STONY THE ROAD WE TROD’: BLACK WOMEN AND THE SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT”

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How “stony the road” was for those Black suffragists who participated in the long and arduous journey to the ratification of the 19th Amendment which gave American women the right to vote. In 2020, the beneficiaries of this great liberation movement commemorate its Centennial with recognition and appreciation for Black women who transitioned their energies from the Abolitionist Movement to confront “Jim Crow” oppression, racial prejudice from other suffragists, southern segregation and anti-suffrage sentiments from the patriarchal status quo. Ms. Jackson will focus on the following African American women who were the leaders of Black suffragists (especially in New Jersey), and will mention many of the other Black women generally recognized as participants in the Suffrage Movement.



Sojourner Truth



Harriet Tubman



Sarah J. S. T. Garnet



Ida B. Wells-Barnett



Mary Church Terrell



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