

The Chronology of America and Its Women

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| 1804-
1806 | Lewis and Clark explore the West with the help of Sacagawea | 1848 | Women's Rights Convention held at Seneca Falls, New York |
| 1821 | Emma Willard founds the Troy Female Seminary; Mexico grants Stephen Austin the right to settle in Texas with 300 families | 1849 | Elizabeth Blackwell receives a medical degree from Geneva College; Gold Rush to California begins |
| 1828 | Sarah Josepha Hale founds the <i>American Ladies' Magazine</i> | 1852 | Vicar Apostolic Jean-Baptiste Lamy accompanies the first Sisters of Loretto to New Mexico with Mother Magdalen Hayden as their first superior |
| 1829 | Fannie Baker Darden, "The Poet Laureate of Columbus, Texas," born | 1853 | Sisters of Loretto open the Academy of Our Lady of Light in Santa Fe |
| 1832 | Harriet Bunce Wright is teacher/cofounder of Wheelock Academy, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory | 1855 | Sara Robinson arrives in Lawrence, Kansas |
| 1833 | Lydia Maria Child publishes <i>An Appeal for That Class of Americans Called Africans</i> | 1856 | Elizabeth Fulton Hester, teacher/founder of Muskogee Day Nursery, begins 70 years of service to American Indian people in Oklahoma |
| 1836 | Sarah Josepha Hale becomes editor of <i>Godey's Lady's Book</i> ; Eliza Hart Spalding and Narcissa Whitman become the first two white women to cross the Rocky Mountains on their way to Oregon; Emily Morgan (Emily D. West) becomes the Yellow Rose of Texas for her exploits in the Texas war with Mexico | 1859 | Mary Bridget Hayden named mother superior at Osage Mission School; Clear Creek, Colorado, and "Comstock Lode" in Nevada strikes continue migration to mining regions |
| 1839 | Mary Avery Loughridge becomes a teacher at the Koweta Manual Labor Boarding School, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory | 1864 | Eliza Wood Burhans Farnham's <i>Woman and Her Era</i> published |
| 1841 | Nancy Kelsey departs Missouri for California with the Bartleson/Bidwell Company | 1865 | The first all-women's college founded: Vassar |
| 1846 | Susan Shelby Magoffin sets off down the Santa Fe Trail | 1867 | Kansas legislature refuses to extend voting rights to women; Mollie Evelyn Moore Davis's <i>Minding the Gap</i> published; Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) founded |
| 1847 | Tamsen Donner dies in Donner Pass, the victim of a man who would not ask for directions; Mary Bridget Hayden arrives at Osage Mission Government School | 1868 | Laura de Force Gordon delivers her first speech for woman suffrage in California |
| | | 1869 | Wyoming Territory passes a female suffrage statute; Eagle Woman takes over the Grand River Agency trading post; National Woman Suffrage |

- Association founded; American Woman Suffrage Association founded; Transcontinental Railroad completed
- 1870 Utah Territory passes a female suffrage statute
- 1871 Lawrence, Kansas, Friends in Council founded
- 1872 Kate Flint opens a brothel two blocks from Temple Square in Salt Lake City; Victoria Woodhull runs for president of the United States
- 1873 Abigail Scott Duniway named president of the Oregon Equal Suffrage Association; (*Women's Home Companion*) founded
- 1874 Women's Christian Temperance Union established; Occidental Mission Home for Girls opened by the Presbyterian church to minister to Asian females in San Francisco; Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) emerges as a national organization from its midwestern roots
- 1876 Oakland Ebell Society founded; Annie Oakley outshoots Frank Butler in a demonstration of world-class marksmanship
- 1877 Salt Lake City Lady's Literary Society founded; Elizabeth Culver elected first female school superintendent in Hamilton County, Kansas
- 1878 Clara Shortridge Foltz is the first woman admitted to the California bar; Buffalo Calf Road leads Cheyenne in battle against the U.S. Army; Caroline M. Severance founds the Los Angeles Women's Club
- 1879 Frances Willard named president of the WCTU
- 1880 Mary E. Foy appointed the first Los Angeles City Librarian
- 1881 First suffrage bill introduced in Arizona Territorial Legislature
- 1882 Association of Collegiate Alumnae founded
- 1883 Washington Territory extends voting rights and jury service to women, but the statutes are declared unconstitutional by the Territorial Supreme Court; Sarah Winnemucca's *Life Among the Piutes* published; Mary Hallock Foote's *The Led-Horse Claim* published; *Ladies Home Journal* founded
- 1885 Mary Elizabeth "Hell Raising" Lease admitted to the Kansas bar; *Good Housekeeping* founded
- 1886 Rebecca Lee Dorsey opens a medical practice in Los Angeles
- 1887 Congress disfranchises women in Utah Territory with the Edmunds-Tucker Act
- 1889 Ella L. Knowles passes the Montana bar examination with distinction; Jane Addams and Ellen Gates Starr establish Hull House in Chicago
- 1890 Wyoming is admitted as a state with woman suffrage, the first in the nation; General Federation of Women's Clubs founded
- 1891 Sophie Alice Callahan's *Wynema* published; Friday Morning Club of Los Angeles founded; Katherine Drexel founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Colored and Indian People
- 1893 Colorado amends its constitution to grant women the vote
- 1896 Utah enters the union with woman suffrage; Idaho adopts a woman suffrage amendment to the state constitution; woman suffrage lost at the polls in California
- 1898 Freda Ehmann starts the Ehmann Olive Company in Oroville, California
- 1900 Carrie Nation starts her prohibition campaign at the Cary Hotel in Wichita, Kansas; Donaldina MacKenzie Cameron becomes superintendent of the Mission Home of the Women's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions in San Francisco
- 1902 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini visits Denver
- 1903 Women first compete in rodeo at Cheyenne Frontier Days; Mary Hunter Austin's *The Land of Little Rain* published; Women's Trade Union League founded
- 1904 Annette Abbott Adams is the first woman to graduate from the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law
- 1905 Alice Eastwood's *A Handbook of the Trees of California* published
- 1906 Elsie Clews Parson's *The Family* published; Bertha Muzzy Sinclair's *Chip, of the Flying U* published
- 1908 Woman's Club of Huntington Beach, California, founded
- 1910 Frances Marion signs a contract with Bosworth Studios; Alice Stebbins Wells becomes the first

- policewoman of the Los Angeles Police Department
- 1911 California extends the franchise to women; Triangle Shirtwaist fire in New York kills 146 workers, mostly women
- 1912 Kansas and Arizona extend the franchise to women
- 1913 Montana and Nevada extend the franchise to women; Willa Cather's *O Pioneers!* published
- 1914 Gloria Bullock graduates from the University of Southern California Law School
- 1915 Alice Stebbins Wells organizes the International Association of Policewomen; Woman's Peace Party founded
- 1916 Annie Webb Blanton becomes the first female president of the Texas State Teachers Association; Jeannette Rankin of Montana elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1917 North Dakota and Nebraska extend presidential suffrage to women
- 1918 Minne Grinstead becomes the first woman elected to the Kansas legislature
- 1920 Nineteenth Amendment ratified giving women the right to vote; Nellie Trent Bush elected to the Arizona Legislature; Hildegard Flanner's *Younger Girl and Other Poems* published; Ruth Murray Underhill's *White Moth* published
- 1921 National Woman's Party starts a state-by-state campaign for an Equal Rights Bill; Sheppard-Towner Act passes in Congress to provide maternal and infant health education; Alice Mary Robertson (R-Okla.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1923 Aimee Semple McPherson opens the Angelus Temple in Los Angeles; Mae Ella Nolan (R-Calif.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives; Congress holds hearings on an Equal Rights Amendment
- 1924 Miriam "Ma" Amanda Wallace Ferguson elected governor of Texas
- 1925 Emma Grigsby Meharg appointed first female Secretary of State in Texas; Edith Eunice Therrel Wilmans appointed to the Texas Supreme Court; Florence Prag Kahn (R-Calif.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1926 Margie Elizabeth Neal becomes the first woman elected to the Texas Senate; Laura Scudder introduces Mayflower Chips to California
- 1929 Florence "Pancho" Barnes wins the First Women's Air Race in Glendale, California; Ruth Leah Bunzel's *The Pueblo Potter* is published; Isabella Selmes Greenway (D-Ariz.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1930 Jessie Daniel Ames helps found the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching
- 1931 Ruth Winifred Brown elected president of the Oklahoma Library Association; Gloria Bullock is the first woman appointed to the California Superior Court bench
- 1932 Helen S. Richt graduates from the veterinary medicine program at Kansas State University; Ella Cara Deloria's *Dakota Texts* published; Amelia Earhart makes her solo flight over the Atlantic
- 1933 Kathryn O'Loughlin (McCarthy) (D-Kan.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1934 Gladys Amanda Reichard's *Spider Woman* published
- 1935 Sarah Tilghman Hughes becomes first woman to serve as a Texas district judge; Mari Sandoz's *Old Jules* published
- 1936 Katherine Cheung obtains her commercial pilot's license; Nina Otero Warren's *Old Spain in Our Southwest* published; Mary McLeod Bethune named Negro Affairs Director of the National Youth Administration
- 1937 Nan Wood Honeyman (D-Ore.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1938 Lorna Lockwood elected to the Arizona legislature
- 1939 Cleofas Martinez Jaramillo's *Cuentos del hogar/Spanish Fairy Tales* published; Elsie Clews Parson's *Pueblo Indian Religion* published
- 1940 Jeannette Rankin of Montana wins a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives a second time
- 1941 Agnes Morley Cleaveland's *No Life for a Lady* published
- 1942 Charlotte Winter King wins a seat on the South Pasadena City Council; Maria Tallchief becomes

- America prima ballerina with Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo
- 1944 Mildred Jeffrey and Lillian Hatcher lead the United Auto Workers Women's Bureau
- 1945 Helen Gahagan Douglas (D-Calif.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1947 Rose Hum Lee completes her doctorate at the University of Chicago; Georgia Lee Lusk (D-N.Mex.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1948 Marie Callender starts selling her pies commercially to Long Beach, California eateries
- 1949 Georgia Neese Clark Gray named U.S. Treasurer; Reva Boone (D-Utah) elected to U.S. House of Representatives
- 1953 Ivy Baker Priest appointed U.S. Treasurer; *Kinsey Report* issued; Gracie Pfof (D-Idaho) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1955 Adlai Stevenson exhorts Smith College graduates to become republican mothers; Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon found the Daughters of Belitis in San Francisco; Rosa Parks refuses to sit in the "colored" section of a Montgomery, Alabama bus; Edith Green (D-Ore.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1958 Donna Joy McGladrey starts teaching in Alaska
- 1959 Ruth Handler creates Barbie; Catherine Dean May (R-Wash.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1960 Alice Ramsey named Woman Motorist of the Century; Julia Butler Hansen (D-Wash.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1963 Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystique* published; Presidential Commission on the Status of Women, chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt, issues its report and only Marguerite Rewalt supports an Equal Rights Amendment; Equal Pay Act becomes law
- 1964 Civil Rights Act of 1964 becomes law
- 1966 Barbara Jordan elected to the Texas Senate; National Organization of Women founded; Ivy Baker Priest elected Treasurer of California; Lera Thomas (D-Tex.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1968 Shirley Ann Mount Hufstedler appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; Kuniko Terasawa receives the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Zuiosho-5th Class
- 1969 Hattie Burnstad is named Washakie County, Wyoming, teacher of the year
- 1971 Octavia Butler's *Crossover* published
- 1972 Barbara Jordan elected to the U.S. House of Representatives; Sarah Ragle Weddington is the first woman elected to the Texas House of Representatives; Title IX of the Higher Education Act becomes law, increasing access to higher education for women, particularly athletics; Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm runs for president of the United States; the journal *Women's Studies* founded; the journal *Feminist Studies* founded; Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution approved by Congress; Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1973 Sarah Ragle Weddington successfully argues *Roe v. Wade*; Billie Jean King defeats Bobby Riggs in a tennis match; Yvonne Brathwaite Burke (D-Calif.) and Barbara Jordan (D-Tex.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1974 Leslie Marmon Silko's *Laguna Woman Poems* published; Mary Ann Graf is the first female graduate of the University of California, Davis, enology program; March Fong Eu elected California's first female Secretary of State
- 1975 The journal *Signs* founded; Congress mandates that U.S. military academies admit women; Shirley Pettis (R-Calif.), Martha Keys (D-Kan.), and Virginia Smith (R-Nev.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1976 Maxine Hong Kingston's *The Warrior Woman* published
- 1977 Rose Elizabeth Bird becomes the first female Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court; United Nations International Women's Year declared; Phyllis Schlafly's *The Power of the Positive Woman* published
- 1978 Sally K. Ride joins NASA
- 1979 Mildred Imach Cleghorn named chair of Fort Sill Apache tribe; Dorothy Wright Nelson appointed to

- the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; Ruth Murray Underhill's *Papago Woman* published
- 1980 Kathleen M. Conley is the first woman to graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy
- 1981 Margaret Coel's *Chief Left Hand: Southern Arapaho* published; Linda Hogan's *Daughters, I Love You* published; Molly Ivins takes a job with the *Dallas Times Herald*; Bobbi Fiedler (R-Calif.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1982 A sufficient number of states fail to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment
- 1983 Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), Sala Burton (D-Calif.), and Barbara Vucanocick (R-Nev.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives; Sally K. Ride is first female in space on the shuttle *Challenger*
- 1984 Gloria Anzaldua's *Borderlands/La frontera: The New Mestiza* published; Cynthia Holcomb Hall appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- 1985 Jan Meyers (R-Kan.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1987 Linda M. Hasselstrom's *Going Over East* published; National Museum of Women in the Arts opens in Washington, D.C.; Wilma Mankiller becomes Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation; Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) is elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1988 Amy Tan's *The Joy Luck Club* published; Dr. Mae C. Jemison becomes first African American woman in space; Congress passes the Family Support Act to collect from "deadbeat dads"
- 1989 Joyce Kennard appointed to the California Supreme Court; Patricia Schroeder's *Champion of the Great American Family* published; Jolene Unsoeld (D-Wash.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1990 Ann Richards elected governor of Texas; Maxine Waters elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1991 Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder's rider to a Department of Defense bill leads to the assignment of women to combat aircraft
- 1992 Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) elected to the U.S. Senate
- 1993 Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) elected to the U.S. Senate; Mary Crow Dog's *Ohitika Woman* published; Janet Campbell Hale's *Bloodlines* published; Karan English (D-Ariz.), Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.), Jane Harman (D-Calif.), Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-Calif.), Lynne Schenk (D-Calif.), Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif.), Elizabeth Furse (D-Ore.), Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Tex.), Karen Sheperd (D-Utah), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), and Jennifer Dunn (D-Wash.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives; Wilma Mankiller's *Mankiller: A Chief and Her People* published
- 1994 Kathryn M. Werdegar appointed to the California Supreme Court
- 1995 Eileen M. Collins of San Antonio, Texas, becomes first woman to fly the space shuttle; Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), Andrea Seastrand (R-Calif.), Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-Calif.), Helen Chenoweth (R-Idaho), Darlene Hooley (D-Ore.), Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-Tex.), Enid Green (Waldholtz) (R-Utah), Linda Smith (R-Wash.), and Barbara Cubin (R-Wyo.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1996 Janice Rogers Brown appointed to the California Supreme Court
- 1997 Ellen Tauscher (D-Calif.), Loretta Sanchez (D-Calif.), Diana DeBette (D-Colo.), and Kay Granger (R-Tex.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives; Maria Tallchief receives Kennedy Center Honor
- 1998 Patricia Schroeder's *24 Years of House Work . . . and the Place is Still a Mess* published; Lois Capps (D-Calif.), Mary Bono (R-Calif.), Barbara Lee (D-Calif.), and Heather Wilson (R-N.Mex.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1999 Dawnine Dyer named Mentor of the Year by winemakers; Team USA wins Women's World Cup of soccer; Eileen M. Collins becomes the first woman space shuttle commander; Shelley Berkley (D-Nev.) and Grace Napolitano (D-Calif.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives

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| 2000 | U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Tex.) named Border Texan of the Year | 2002 | Delphine Red Shirt's <i>Turtle Lung Woman's Granddaughter</i> published |
| 2001 | Rosario Marin named U.S. Treasurer; Susan Davis (D-Calif.), Hilda Solis (D-Calif.), and Diane Watson (D-Calif.) elected to the U.S. House of Representatives | 2003 | Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) named House Democratic Whip |