

**Four Wooden Steps and 86 Years**

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I am standing on the sidewalk next to a front yard fence made of wood painted hunter green. On the other side is a red brick house with light brown trim around the porch and window shutters. The front door is painted a flat black. I then push the gate open walk in just a couple of feet view many flowers, bushes, and a lush green grass. I then walk up the four wooden steps onto the porch which is small around five by six foot. There is nothing painted with gold or made with imported granite or polished marble. This house is located on 17 Madison Street in Rochester, NY it was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1966. Once you make your way through the front door a few feet stop on the left is a staircase to the second floor then up another staircase to the attic. Now, on your right is a parlor where a U.S. Marshal arrested the owner of this house and was convicted of a major crime. Now, continuing this tour all the rooms are comfortable with plenty of furniture for family and friends. This house has had many guesses in the past and in the present because now it is a museum. Frederick Douglas, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Lucretia Mott. They for sure had many meals with coffee, tea, and desserts for many years there are cookbooks with recipes by these people. The attic of this house is the most important crucial area for the owner to conduct all the work which needed to be done. Basically, for 50 years 365 24/7 until this person passed away was trying to fix a wrong. This person was exactly like Martin Luther King Jr., Mandela, Gandhi, and Mother Teresa all giving their lives for people. Because in their views was broken unjust systems regular people needed to stand up and fight till the end. I am now incredibly pleased and honored to introduce this heavy weight fighter to you Susan B. Anthony!! She wanted all the people be given the Rights to VOTE!! However, It took 86 years for the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to be ratified by congress into law giving all men and women the equal rights to have a voice in their government and households.



Susan B Anthony, 04/1958

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