

Official Portrait of Susan B. Anthony

Date

1905

Primary Maker

Susan B. Anthony

Medium

Paper

Description

A black and white photograph of Susan B. Anthony, taken at Lochland School, Geneva, New York. James E. Hale, photographer, New York, 1905. The photograph shows Anthony at side profile in a black dress with white lace. She is wearing glasses and looking down at a book that is in her hands. The photograph is faded, with three

noticeable spots of dark accretions. In a gilt relief frame with ornate scroll motif. This is one of the last photographs of Susan B. Anthony and it was taken in early November 1905, only four months before her passing. This photo hung in J.E. Hale's Studio in Geneva, NY. This photograph was later selected as official Anthony's official photographic portrait by the Susan B. Anthony Memorial Association. J.E. Hale copyrighted the image in 1907. Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) was an American political and social activist, who was a key figure in the women's suffrage movement of the United States. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton founded several women's rights organizations throughout the 19th century, campaigning for equal rights for women - and for African Americans. In 1869, they founded the National Woman Suffrage Association (later merged with the American Woman Suffrage Association to become the National American Woman Suffrage Association), which was led by Anthony. In 1872, Anthony attempted to vote in Rochester, New York, and was arrested for illegally voting. Her widely publicized trial became a national spectacle, and served as a major turning point in the women's suffrage movement. Anthony was ordered to pay a fine, which she refused to do. Although the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote was not enacted until 1920, Anthony's activism helped lay the foundation for the new law. Susan B. Anthony is remembered as an ardent fighter for women's right and her legacy lives on through the 19th Amendment and the International Council of Women, which continues to fight for human rights of women across the globe.

Dimensions

Frame (Framed): 27 1/2 x 23 1/2 x 2 in. (69.9 x 59.7 x 5.1 cm) Other (Photograph): 20 x 16 in. (20 x 16 in.)