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INDIANA WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION RECORD BOOK, 1851-1886

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 bound volume (BV 2577) and one photocopy of its contents (SC 1792).
COLLECTION DATES:	1851-1886
PROVENANCE:	The bound volume came to the Indiana Historical Society at an unknown date. It was placed in the Indiana State Library collection, apparently before the William Henry Smith Memorial Library existed. It was returned to IHS from ISL on 10 October 1935.
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indiana Woman's Suffrage Association, originally known as the Woman's Rights Association of Indiana, was founded in Richmond (Wayne County), Indiana, in October 1851. Hannah Hiatt of Winchester, Ind., was its first president; others associated with its early history included Amanda M. Way and Mary F. Thomas.

According to the preamble to its constitution (1852), the association was founded to promulgate "information regarding woman's condition, needs and claims." Its constitution stated that "all laws or customs, having only for their perpetuation the plea that they are *time-honored*, which do in any manner infringe upon woman's equal rights, trammel her energies, cramp her efforts, or place her before the eyes of the world or her family, in an inferior or *governed* position, are wrong entirely, and should be immediately abolished."

The association did not meet from 1859 to 1869, when it was reorganized as the Indiana Woman's Suffrage Association.

Sources:

Information in the collection.

L. Alene Sloan, *Some Aspects of the Woman Suffrage Movement in Indiana*. Ph.D. dissertation (Ball State University), 1982. HQ1236.5 .I6 S5 1996

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bound volume contains minutes of annual and semi-annual conventions, treasurer's reports, and the preamble and constitution of the Woman's Rights Association of Indiana. Also included is a four-page report concerning the founding of Howard University.

The last set of minutes is dated 29 October 1881 and has the title, "Proceedings of the 30th Anniversary Meeting." A final document, pasted in, refers to a meeting of the Richmond (Indiana) Woman Suffrage Society, held on 16 June 1886.

SC 1792 is a photocopy of the contents of BV 2577.

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Photocopy of the record book (five folders)

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