

CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT

Throughout her life, Carrie Chapman Catt achieved many accomplishments and changed the world for the better. She not only founded many institutions, but she played a leading role in the triumphant campaign to win voting rights for women. In her book, she wrote, “This book is dedicated on behalf of the women who have gone before to the women who come after.” Mrs. Catt paved the way for many other women, like herself, to make a difference in the world.

- Born Carrie Clinton Lane on January 9, 1859, in Ripon, Wisconsin
- Graduated from High School in Charles City, Iowa in 1877
- In 1880, graduated from the Iowa Agricultural College and Model Farm in Ames (now Iowa State University), not only at the top of her class, but also as the only woman in her class
- In 1883, became one of the first women in the nation appointed superintendent of schools
- Married Leo Chapman in February 1885; he died of typhoid fever a year later
- Became the first woman newspaper reporter of San Francisco in 1886
- In 1887, started working for the Iowa Woman Suffrage Association as a professional writer and lecturer
- Married George Catt in June 1890
- In 1890, began to work nationally for the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA)
- Spoke to Congress, at the request of Susan B. Anthony, on the proposed suffrage amendment
- Succeeded Susan B. Anthony as president of NAWSA in 1900
- In 1902, helped organize the International Woman Suffrage Alliance (IWSA)
- In 1904, resigned as president of NAWSA to take care of ailing husband, who died in 1905
- Traveled worldwide to promote equal rights
- Returned to USA in 1915 and resumed leadership of NAWSA
- In 1916, spoke at convention and revealed her “Winning Plan” to campaign for suffrage on both state and federal levels; plan won backing of government
- Nineteenth Amendment officially became part of United States Constitution on August 26, 1920, with the help of Catt’s efforts
- Founded the League of Women Voters
- Wrote Woman Suffrage and Politics: The Inner Story of the Suffrage Movement in 1923
- Founded the National Committee on the Cause and Cure of War in 1925
- Continued to offer numerous services to the community
- Died on March 9, 1947

This and more information on Carrie Chapman Catt found at- <http://www.catt.org/ccabout.html> and <http://www.greatwomen.org/catt.htm>