

The Women's Suffrage Movement in New Jersey

Part I



While many people know of the Seneca Falls Convention, the Women's **Suffrage** Movement began much earlier in New Jersey. In 1776, the New Jersey Constitution allowed all citizens who were of age, who had 50 British pounds, and who lived in New Jersey for at least one year to vote. In 1790, the constitution changed "all" citizens to he and she.

Unfortunately in 1807, the constitution was changed again to allow voting for "free, white males" only, Women could not vote anymore. It was only until suffragists Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott came together and held a women's suffrage convention in Seneca Falls, New York in 1848 that the Suffrage movement truly started in the United States.

Suffrage: the right to vote in political elections.

1. What year did New Jersey allow women to vote?

2. What were the requirements of being allowed to vote?

3. When did the New Jersey Constitution change to omit women?

4. Who were the women who started the Seneca Falls Convention?
