

Dr. Mary Walker - Excluded

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GENEVA DAILY TIMES, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1901.

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The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Marian W. Chapman, Brooklyn; vice president, Mrs. Ella Hawley Crosett, Warsaw; corresponding secretary, Miss Ada M. Hall, Syracuse; recording secretary, Mrs. Mary T. Sanford, Rochester; treasurer, Mrs. Priscilla D. Hockstaff, Brooklyn; auditors, Mrs. Eliza W. Osborne, and Rev. George C. Baner, Geneva.

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This photograph, taken in 1896, captures Susan B. Anthony (center) on her front porch with other early woman's rights advocates including Laura Clay, Anna Howard Shaw, Alice Stone Blackwell, Annie Kennedy Bidwell, Carrie Chapman Catt, Ida A. Husted Harper, Rachel Foster Avery, and two others thought to be Winfred Harper and Mary Hayes. (This photograph is in the public domain because the copyright term is the author's life plus 70 years or less.)

Image: Dr. Mary E Walker (right) with
Mrs. Dorothy Hunt, Chicago, 1912

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Questions:

1. Who was the audience for this convention?
2. What was the purpose of this convention?
3. Who was excluded from participating?
4. What were the reasons she was excluded?
5. Why didn't Dr. Mary Walker think a 16th Amendment was necessary?
6. Why do you think her exclusion made the news?
7. What is a third class city?
8. How did President Roosevelt support Woman's Suffrage?