



# OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

September 2017

## Calendar

**September 7, 8, 9, 2017**

**Old Settlers Days**  
**Visit us at the OHS booth!**

**September 21, 2017**

**OHS General Meeting**  
**Program: Katie Lange as**  
**Susan B. Anthony**  
**7 p.m.**

**October 19, 2017**

**OHS Board meeting**  
**Heritage Center**  
**5:00 p.m.**

If you plan to attend the meeting and are in need of a deaf interpreter, please contact Bob Courtney by email at [bobandlilacourtney@att.net](mailto:bobandlilacourtney@att.net) at least 48 hours in advance.

### Olathe Historical Society

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<http://www.olathehistoricalsociety.org>

## Susan B. Anthony

*Oh, if I could but live another century and see the fruition of all the work for women! There is so much yet to be done.*

Join us as we meet Susan B. Anthony (AKA Katie Lange) at the next general meeting of the Olathe Historical Society. The program will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heritage Center on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.



**Susan B. Anthony** (1820-1908) was an American civil rights leader during the 19th century and a prominent figure in the campaign to secure women's suffrage in the United States. A staunch abolitionist in her younger years, Anthony is known more for her role as a women's rights activist. Together with Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Anthony founded a number of organizations committed to social reform. They include the Women's Loyal National League, the American Equal Rights Association, a women's rights newspaper called *The Revolution*, and the National Woman Suffrage Association. Anthony became the first woman to be featured on U.S. currency in 1979 when her face appeared on the dollar coin.

*"Cautious, careful people, always casting about to preserve their reputation and social standing, never can bring about a reform. Those who are really in earnest must be willing to be anything or nothing in the world's estimation."*

*from On the Campaign for Divorce Law Reform (1860)*

Source: bigthink.com

Olathe Historical Society  
BOARD MINUTES  
August 17, 2017

Margaret Endicott, Bob Courtney, Ann Johnson, Mary Cochran, Ken Roberts, Max Beets, Karen Sutton Beets, Maureen Donegan, Anne Seitz, Mary Jo O'Brien

MINUTES

Minutes were approved as presented. Committee reports will be briefly summarized and attached in the future.

FINANCIALS

Vicki Holdman, Treasurer, reported on each of the accounts held by OHS. Report is attached. Action on the inquiry to invest some monies was postponed while the committee explores all options.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bob Courtney reported on a letter sent to OHS by Debbie Brelsford, a real estate developer, about a complex plan to create a historic subdivision using the historic dwellings that are slated for destruction due to the needs of the new Johnson County Courthouse. He also attended meetings regarding this proposal. Some of the houses affected were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on the presentation given by Louise Welborn from the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation was postponed until the committee could meet and gather information.

The President thanked everyone for helping with the July membership meeting.

Old Settlers Booth Sign-up and Merchandise for Sept. 7, 8, and 9 were reviewed. More volunteers are needed.

It was moved and seconded that the OHS newsletter will no longer be mailed as of April, 2018. Discussion reported that the cost of printing and postage, as well as labor involved made this membership benefit no longer feasible. Motion carried. The OHS Newsletter will continue to be emailed.

NEW BUSINESS

Status of the homes for the 2017 Homes Tour are: Ryan Hill/Melanie Hall Home, 414 S. Water Pickering House (Terry Presley), 507 W. Park Daniel and Monica Frost Home, 400 S. Chestnut Frank Hodges Home, 432 S. Water (tentative)

Another house or two would be ideal. Suggestions would be welcomed.

COLLECTIONS

Anne and Margaret concentrated on solutions for storage in the archive space and research room. They made several trips to retail and museum establishments and acquired some items and much good information. They also worked on collections of material from Lee Shriver and the Rendleman family. New items will be reviewed by the committee. Anne's report follows the minutes.

The next General Meeting is Thurs., Sept. 21, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Center. Next Board Meeting, Thurs., Oct. 19, 2017, 5:00 p.m. Heritage Center.

**Collections Report**

June 2017

Submitted by Anne Seitz

The committee focused on dispersals left from 2016 including the following:

- Took items to the Gardner Historical Society that were accepted into their collections.
- Took items to the auction as approved by the Board at the February 2017 meeting.
- Took camera to Weston Antique Photography Shop for advice and appraisal. The camera was dated at 1907-1917.
- Research Room added three maps: an enlarged copy of the 1874 Johnson County Atlas map of Olathe and surrounding towns (thanks to Rosalie Sode and Mary Cochran), a heavy wooden Kansas map with the counties and their history of name and origin (has already helped with research), and a map of early railroads (donated by Peg Nichols in 2015).
- Increased newspaper article and preservation collection for research

access and visited other historical societies for ideas on access for researchers and what will work for OHS. Consulted with downtown Olathe library.

- Took Bible to a collector of Bibles for advice on dispersal. The OHS currently has three very old Bibles. The Board has recommended that all three Bibles go to the collection at Baker University.

- Coming up: working on getting dividers installed in the basement storage area to protect large photographs, posters, paintings, etc.

## **Susan B. Anthony Timeline**

Found online at the National Susan B. Anthony House and Museum website - <http://susanbanthonyhouse.org/blog/her-life/>

**1820** – Susan Brownell Anthony is born on February 15 in Adams, Massachusetts, the second of 7 children.

**1838** – Daniel Anthony takes daughters Susan and Guelma out of school. The 1837 depression causes him to declare bankruptcy and the family loses their home.

**1845** – The Anthony family moves to Rochester, N.Y., on the Erie Canal. Their farm on what is now Brooks Avenue becomes a meeting-place for anti-slavery activists, including Frederick Douglass.

**1846** – Susan B. Anthony begins teaching at Canajoharie Academy for a yearly salary of \$110.

**1851** – Susan B. Anthony travels to Syracuse, N.Y., anti-slavery convention. She visits Amelia Bloomer, hears William Lloyd Garrison and George Thompson, and meets Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

**1852** – Anthony attends state convention of Sons of Temperance and is told to “listen and learn,” which goes against her Quaker upbringing. She attends her first women’s rights convention.

**1854** – Anthony circulates petitions for married women’s property rights and woman suffrage. She is refused permission to speak at the Capitol and Smithsonian in Washington. She begins her New York State campaign for woman suffrage in Mayville, Chautauqua County, speaking and traveling alone.

**1856** – Anthony becomes agent for the American Anti-Slavery Society.

**1857** – At a New York State Teachers’ Convention in Binghamton Anthony calls for education for women and Blacks.

**1861** – Anthony conducts anti-slavery campaign from Buffalo to Albany-“No Union with Slaveholders. No Compromise.”

**1863** – Anthony and Stanton write the “Appeal to the Women of the Republic.”

**1868** – Anthony begins publication of The Revolution and forms Working Women’s Associations for women in the publishing and garment trades.

**1869** – Anthony calls the first Woman Suffrage Convention in Washington D.C.

**1872** – Anthony is arrested for voting in the front parlor of 7 Madison Street (now 17 Madison) on November 18 and is indicted in Albany. She continues to lecture and attend conventions.

**1873** – Anthony is tried and fined \$100 with costs after the judge ordered the jury to find her guilty. Anthony refuses to pay but is not imprisoned so cannot appeal the verdict.

**1881** – Anthony, Stanton, and Matilda Joslin Gage publish Volume I of the History of Woman Suffrage, followed by Volumes II, III and IV in 1882, 1885 and 1902.

**1898** – The Life and Work of Susan B. Anthony, A Story of the Evolution of the Status of Women is published. Anthony establishes a press bureau to feed articles on woman suffrage to the national and local press.

**1900** – Anthony pledges the cash value of her life insurance to meet the University of Rochester's financial demands for the admission of women.

**1902** – Anthony delivers the keynote address to the New York State Nurses Convention, advocating for the standardization of training and state registration of nurses. The Nurses Practice Act is passed in 1903.

**1905** – Anthony meets with President Theodore Roosevelt in Washington, D.C., about submitting a suffrage amendment to Congress.

**1906** – Anthony attends suffrage hearings in Washington, D.C., She gives her “Failure is Impossible” speech at her 86th birthday celebration. Anthony dies at her Madison Street home on March 13.

**1920** – The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, also known as the Susan B. Anthony amendment, grants the right to vote to all U.S. women over 21.

**Historical Homes Tour Update:**

Since the August board meeting, the decision has been made to cancel this year's historical homes tour in December due to a lack of homes volunteered for the tour. The OHS board will continue to look at different options for the future.

Beginning with the May 2018 issue, the Olathe Historical Society newsletter will no longer be mailed through the post office to members. The newsletter will continue to be emailed electronically to members and will also be available online on the Olathe Historical Society website. If you currently receive your newsletter by mail, please send your email address to [olathehistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:olathehistoricalsociety@gmail.com) so that you will continue to receive your newsletter.