

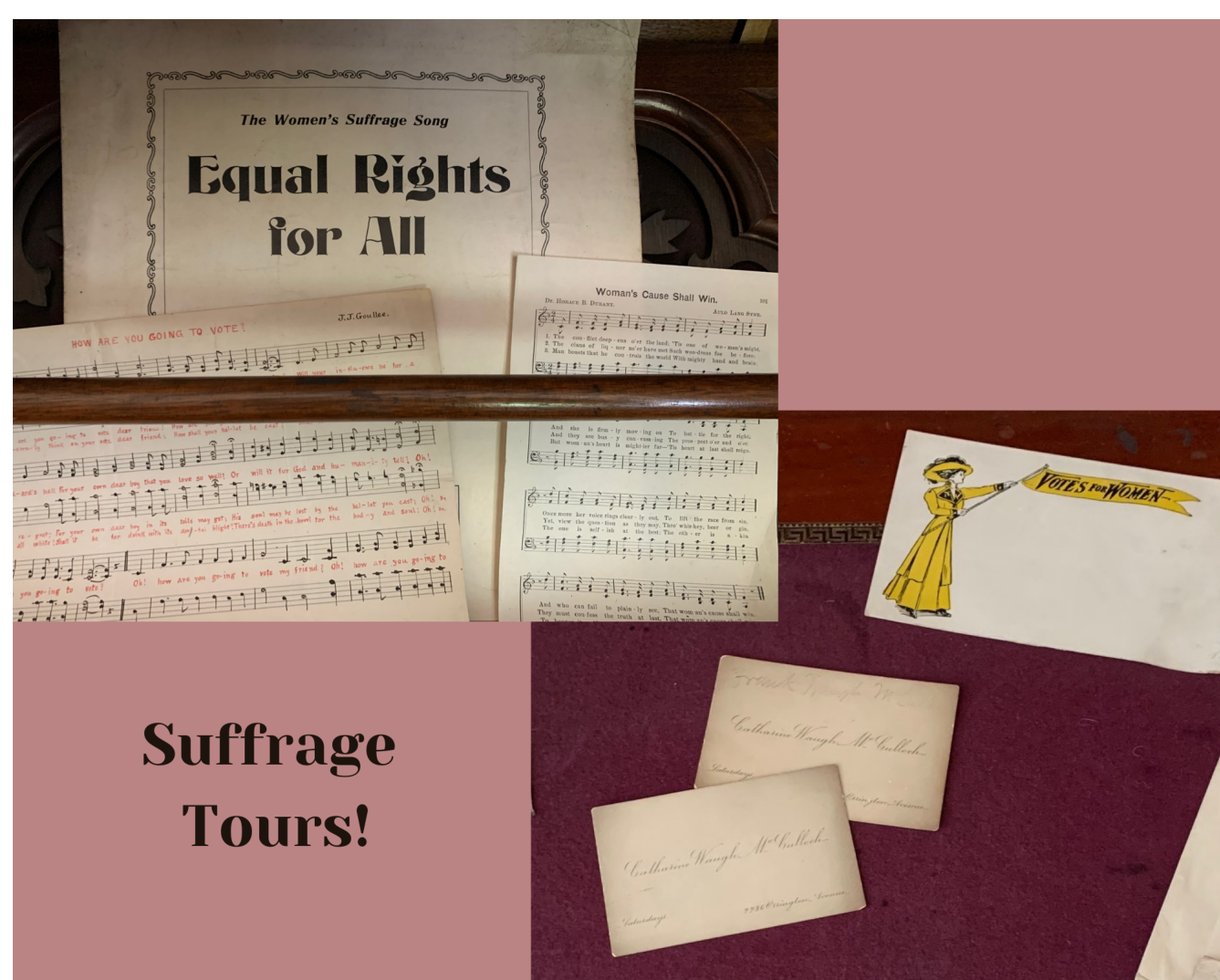


Suffrage and Women's Equality Day Tours

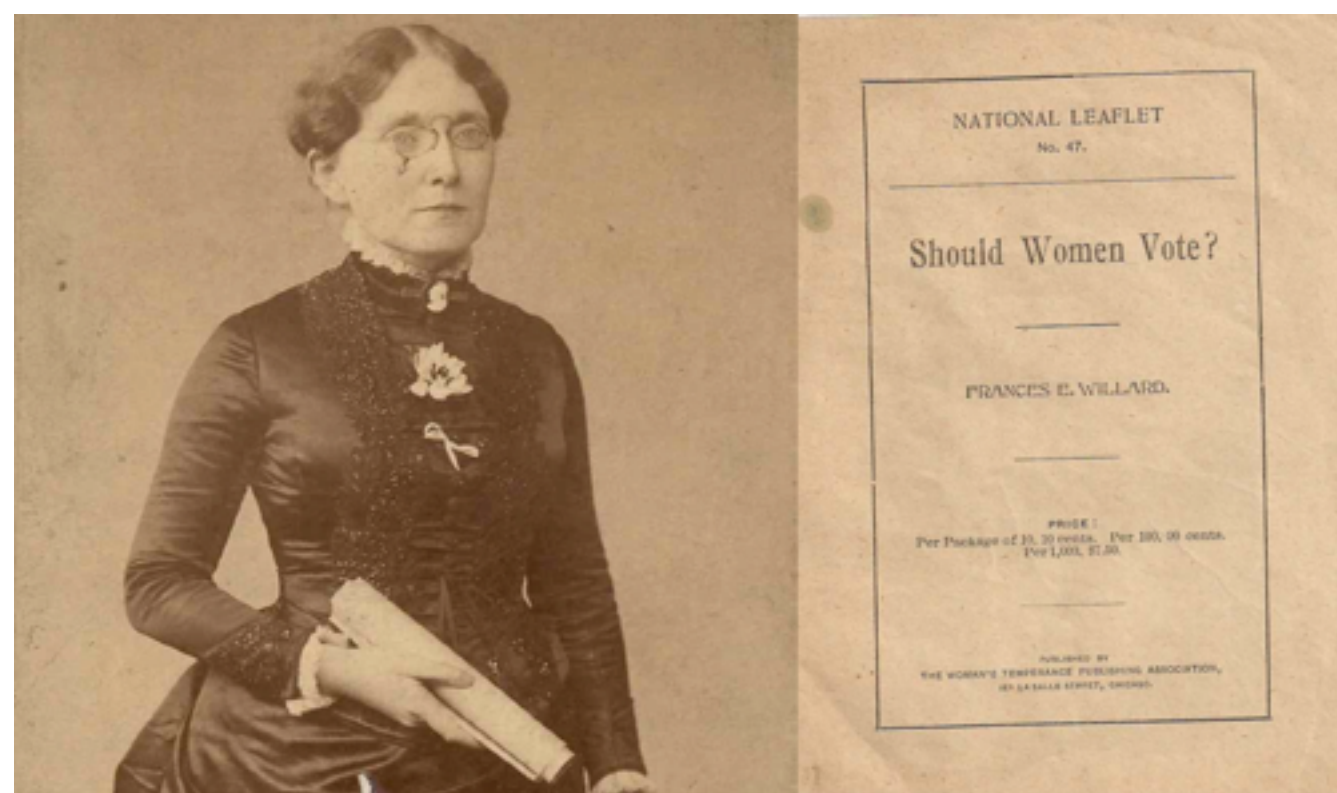
In honor of the ratification of the 19th Amendment in August 1920, our tours this month have a women's suffrage theme. **On Thursday, August 26, special tours will be held in honor of Women's Equality Day and take place at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm.** We're highlighting a range of items from our collection that tell the suffrage story, and we're hosting *Rightfully Hers*, a visiting pop-up display from the National Archives. What better way to commemorate the struggle for women's rights than visiting the home and workplace of one of the most prominent suffragists of the nineteenth century!

For a preview, check out the [Women's Suffrage](#) page on our website and learn more about the crucial role Frances Willard and the WCTU played in the suffrage movement.

All tours are available by reservation only. For more information and to schedule a tour, visit our [online reservation form](#) or call 847-328-7500.



New Digital Exhibit: Frances Willard and Woman Suffrage



A new exhibit has been added to our growing collection of online resources: [Womanly Liberty or Home Protection: Frances Willard and Woman Suffrage](#). This digital exhibit, created by Archives intern Margaret Reilly, is based on a physical exhibit on display in the Frances Willard House Museum that was curated by Janet Olson and Mary McWilliams.

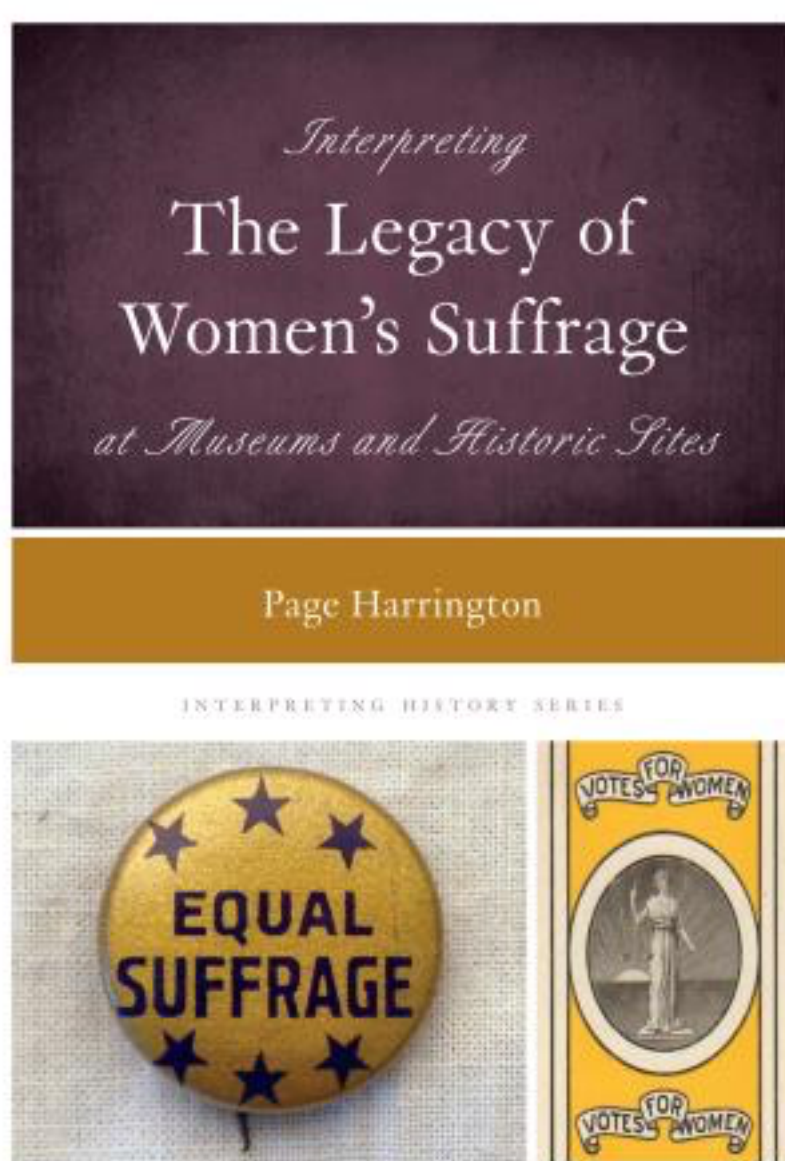
Frances Willard's conviction that women should vote engaged her from her youth and throughout her life. Her work for suffrage spanned the local and national scenes. Although she believed in suffrage as a right, she taught reluctant followers in the WCTU that it was a duty, establishing the idea of the ballot as a necessary tool for the advancement of the organization's mission. During her lifetime, Willard bridged the temperance and suffrage movements, and is recognized today for her influence in both areas of reform.

This exhibit uses materials from the WCTU Archives to illustrate the development of Willard's thought on women's duties – and rights – and how the WCTU joined the fight for the vote. These documents and images represent just a fraction of the materials in the Archives relating to the complex interaction of the WCTU and the woman suffrage movement.

You can explore our wide range of digital exhibits [here](#).

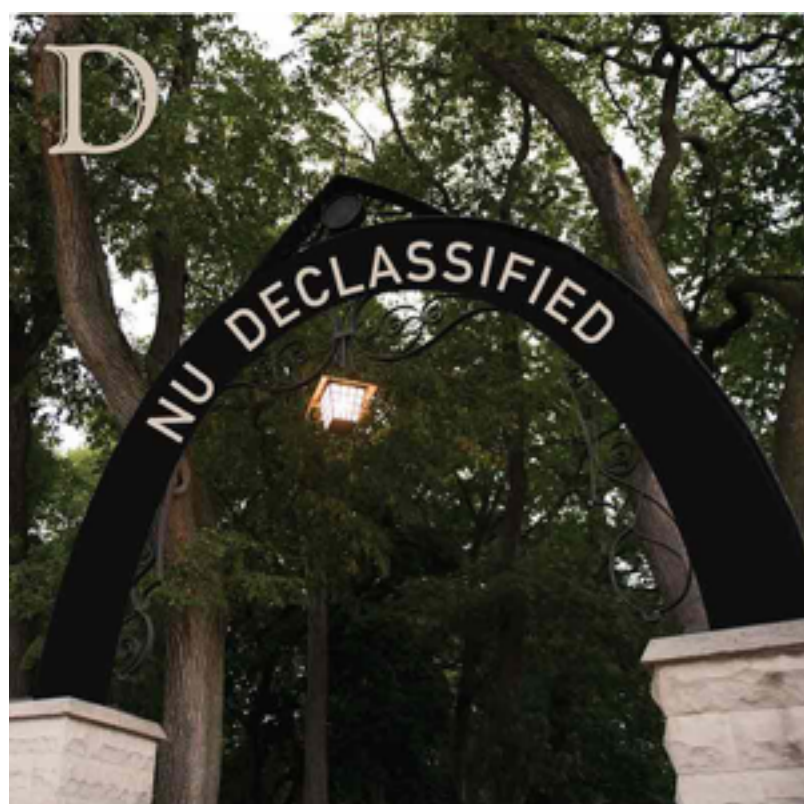
Interpreting the Legacy of Women's Suffrage

The Frances Willard House Museum's digital exhibit [Truth Telling: Frances Willard and Ida B. Wells](#) is featured as a case study in a new book by Page Harrington, *Interpreting the Legacy of Women's Suffrage at Museums and Historic Sites*. Harrington, the past executive director of the National Woman's Party at the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument, uses the Willard House and other women's history sites to suggest how public historians and practitioners can present an updated and inclusive narrative of the suffrage movement. Learn more about the book and pre-order your copy [here!](#)



Frances Willard: A Name You Need to Know

The latest episode of the Daily Northwestern's *NU Declassified: Names You Need to Know* podcast explores Frances Willard's contributions to the suffrage, temperance, and women's rights movements. Lori Osborne, our executive director, features prominently, and explains why grappling with the moments in which Willard failed to lead is just as important as celebrating her accomplishments. Listen [here!](#)



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