

**Guide to the Oral History of
ENGLE, LAVINIA (1892-1979)**

Biographical/Historical Notes

Lavinia Engle was a suffragette and civic leader in Montgomery County. She was born in 1892 in Forest Glen, Maryland. She earned a Bachelor's degree at Antioch College and undertook graduate studies in Political Science and Economics at Johns Hopkins University. Engle was a leader in the woman's suffrage movement, and she served as Maryland's first woman delegate and the first woman Montgomery County Commissioner. She was also one of the founders of the League of Women Voters. During World War I, she served overseas with the YWCA Canteen Service. She also assisted with the organization of Social Security Field Services. Engle's other community activities included chairing the Montgomery County Welfare Board and the Women Speakers Bureau for Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Campaign Committee in the 1930s and serving on the Montgomery County Commission on Aging.

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Subject

League of Women Voters
Montgomery County (Md.) – Political History
Montgomery County (Md.) – Quaker community
Montgomery County Commission on Aging
National American Woman's Suffrage Association
Public Health
Social Security
Suffrage Amendment

Subject Names

Anthony, Susan B.
Carroll Family
Carroll, Nancy
Catt, Carrie Chapman
Cone, Claribel
Cone, Etta
Lee, E. Brooke
Ritchie, Albert C.
Shaw, Anna Howard
Walker, Mary

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