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## **Local DAR presents Clerk & Master's Office portraits of prominent Tennessee Suffragettes**

JONESBOROUGH – In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, the Julius Dugger-John Carter Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented the Washington County Clerk and Master's Office with two portraits of suffragettes.

The presentation was made by Jean Potter, Registrar; Patsy Greene, Corresponding Secretary; and Lois Shults-Davis, Chaplain. The chapter selected portraits of Anne Dallas Dudley, president of the Tennessee Equal Suffrage League, and Abigail Adams, former first lady, for the presentation.

"We are honored to display both portraits and plan to add other portraits of women of significance to our office in the coming months," said Sarah Lawson, Clerk and Master.

In 1920, Dudley attended the Democratic national convention in San Francisco as the first woman delegate-at-large. In August of that same year Dudley successfully worked to achieve the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment by the Tennessee General Assembly and thereby add the amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Dudley's two children were frequently photographed as they led suffrage parades with their mother across Nashville. These photographs were a deliberate effort by the suffragists to counteract negative stereotypes of suffragists as mannish, childish radicals who were attempting to destroy the American family.



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Adams, wife of President John Adams and mother of President John Quincy Adams, was a somewhat vocal supporter of women’s rights. During the Second Continental Congress, she wrote her husband the following:

*“And, by the way, in the New Code of Laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors ... Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could. If particular attention is not paid to the Ladies we are determined to foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no Voice, or Representation.”*

Both portraits will be displayed in the Clerk and Master’s office at the George Jaynes Justice Center in Jonesborough.

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Photo Caption: Jean Potter Registrar, Patsy Greene Corresponding Secretary, Lois Shults-Davis Chaplain, all members of Julius Dugger- John Carter Chapter NSDAR, present portraits to Washington County Clerk & Master Sarah Lawson and Roberta Hall.