

3. *Who was the first woman in NH to attempt to vote?*

A. Susan B. Anthony

B. Marilla Ricker

Answer: B, Marilla Ricker of course. In 1870 she demanded the right to vote in her home town of Dover NH declaring that she was of age and a property owner and thus eligible to vote.

If you answered A, here is Miss Anthony's story: Susan B. Anthony famously registered to vote two years later, in **New York state**: On November 5, 1872, **Susan B. Anthony** cast a ballot in the presidential election, though women at the time were prohibited from doing so. Two weeks later, she was arrested, and the following year, she was found guilty by a judge (not a jury) of illegal **voting**. The judge made the mistake of asking if she had anything to say in her defense before sentencing. She had plenty to say, so the judge in anger fined her \$100. "May it please your honor," Anthony replied. "I shall never pay a dollar of your unjust penalty. And I shall earnestly and persistently continue to urge all women... that resistance to tyranny is obedience to God." She neither paid a fine nor was jailed and continued her fight for women's right to vote.