

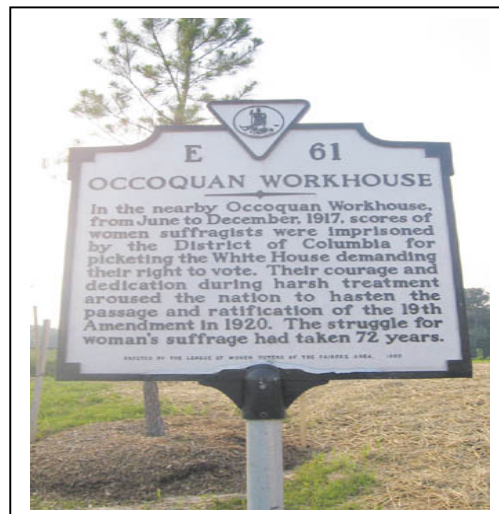
**The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area
Presents Historical Picture to Fairfax County on March 12, 2007**

In conjunction with March being proclaimed Women's History Month in Fairfax, The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) gave a framed photograph of the Occoquan Workhouse to Fairfax County at its Board of Supervisors Meeting on March 12, 2007. The building, located in the Lorton area of Fairfax County, played an important role in obtaining the right to vote for women in America.



The picture shows a **wooden** structure, known as the “Occoquan Workhouse”—part of the federal prison at Lorton—where many of the suffragists who picketed the White House in 1917 for the right to vote were imprisoned. While there, the women were force-fed when they staged a hunger strike to protest their arrest and incarceration. Eventually, the negative publicity about their treatment generated nationwide concern and moved Congress and President Wilson to pass legislation granting women the right to vote (the 19th Amendment).

As far as is known, this photo of the actual **wood** building where the women were held is the only one in existence in the County. The original photograph is the property of the D.C. Department of Corrections and is kept in their archives.



An historical marker, commemorating the event, has been placed on the property of Fairfax Water's Griffith Water Treatment Plant on Route 123, near the site of the original wooden building depicted in the photograph.



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Information “box” on backside of framed photographs of the Occoquan Workhouse & Historical Marker:

THIS PHOTOGRAPH OF THE
“OCCOQUAN WORKHOUSE” circa 1920
WAS DONATED TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BY
THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE FAIRFAX AREA
ON
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007

In conjunction with
Women’s History Month in Fairfax County, 2007

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