Sadie Jacobs Crockin



Under Crockin's leadership, the Baltimore chapter of the League of Women Voters helped women exercise their newly won right to vote. She was the founding president of the Baltimore chapter of Hadassah, the first Zionist women's organization. Once she had firmly established these and other organizations locally, Crockin

achieved statewide prominence as an advocate for social justice and world peace.



(Top) Sadie Crockin, about 1915 Jewish Museum of Maryland, 1996.21.9b

(Above) Sadie Crockin (standing) leading a meeting of a woman's club, 1950s Courtesy of Arthur C. and Sally T. Grant. L2010.14.3 Vote!
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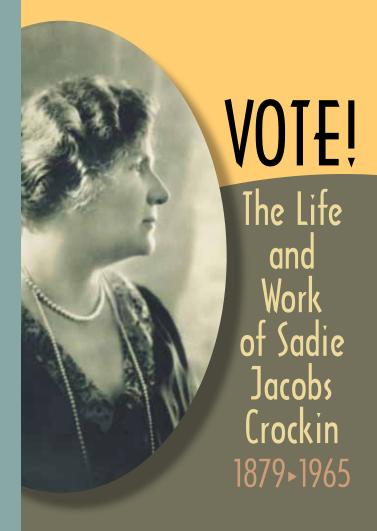
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Growing into Womanhood 1879-1920



Sadie Jacobs Crockin was born in Baltimore in 1879 and grew up in Lynchburg, Virginia. Graduating from Randolph-Macon Women's College in 1898, she joined the first generation of college-educated women. They enjoyed unprecedented freedom, and many achieved great influence.

In 1903, Sadie wed Emil Crockin and settled in the city of her birth. In Baltimore, Sadie Crockin immersed herself in a range of educational and philanthropic organizations. Much of her work focused on "Americanization," the effort to help new immigrants adapt. Her intelligence, strong presence, and inspired public speaking soon vaulted her into leadership roles.

(Top) Sadie Crockin and Emil Crockin, Lynchburg, 1903 Courtesy of Arthur and Sally Grant, L2010.14.19

(Center) Certificate from Randolph-Macon Women's College Jewish Museum of Maryland, 1996.21.20.1

(Right) Sadie Crockin with daughter Frieda, about 1910 Courtesy of Arthur C. and Sally T. Grant, L2010.14.5

Every Woman an Intelligent Voter 1920-1935

After decades of struggle, women won the right to vote with ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920. As passage of the amendment drew near, suffragist leaders organized the League of Women Voters to encourage women to vote and to educate them so they could make good choices at the ballot box. Inspired by a thrilling address by first League President Maud Wood Park, Crockin stepped forward to lead the Baltimore chapter.

Crockin threw herself into organizing programs on citizenship, domestic policy, and foreign affairs. She helped spearhead the creation of the Maryland Legislative Clearing House, designed to streamline the work of sixteen women's

organizations in Annapolis and join their combined membership of 30,000 into a single powerful voice.



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A Senior Stateswoman 1935-1965



By the 1930s, Sadie Crockin had founded, joined, or led nearly a dozen women's organizations. Her lengthy service as

president of Hadassah and the League of Women Voters—two of Baltimore's largest and most active women's groups—brought Crockin to prominence throughout the state.

Throughout her life, Crockin acted upon her progressive belief in reason, dialogue, and education to reform institutions and solve social problems. She used her prodigious energy to rally women for women's rights, aid to immigrants, Zionism, good citizenship, efficiency in government, and other causes.

Leading by her own example, Crockin assured women that activism would bring them "a

different outlook on life, a bigger, broader view," that would enrich their own lives and the lives of women and men in Maryland.



(Top) Sadie Crockin and League of Women Voters meet, 1939 Jewish Museum of Maryland, MS 95

(Above) Sadie Crockin giving Hadassah award to Mrs. Israel Shapiro, 1955 Photo by Jack Classon Courtesy of Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Baltimore Chapter