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After four years of study at Oberlin College, all the while teaching and doing housework to pay for the costs, Lucy Stone graduated in 1847.

Lucy Stone, Black Activist and Women's Rights Reformer

She eventually graduated from Oberlin College and then became a full-time public speaker for an anti-slavery society and for women's rights. Of equal importance is Kerr's discussion of Stone's relationship with Susan B. She also organized and was elected president of the State Woman's Suffrage Association of New Jersey, and spent her life serving the cause.

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Eventually, the NWSA began a parallel effort to secure the right to vote among the individual states with the hope of starting a ripple effect to win the franchise at the federal level. The couple eventually moved to Orange, New Jersey and became the parents of a daughter, Alice Stone Blackwell.

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She and Henry carefully kept her property in her name, giving her independent income during their marriage. Women's historians, the general reader, and historians of the family will appreciate the story of Stone's attempt to balance the conflicting demands of career and family. Her refusal to surrender her birth name was one example of her determination to retain her individuality in an era where a woman's right to a separate identity ended with marriage.

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Although Kerr tells us about Stone's public accomplishments, she emphasizes Stone's personal struggle for autonomy.

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Anthony as vice president, and Lucy Stone as chairman of the executive committee. Henry was seven years younger than Lucy and courted her for two years.

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