

## Susan B. Anthony Birthplace

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**S**he's become such an important part of America's history that Susan B. Anthony was added to the citizenship test for new Americans in 2007.

To help people better understand Anthony's major influence in granting women the right to vote in 1920, the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum opened earlier this year in Adams.

As the 90th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment approaches on Aug. 26, the museum will commemorate Anthony's accomplishments with the unveiling of a special exhibit. The museum will mark the occasion on Aug. 20 with the display of a special digital image production of Anthony as a child, as she would have appeared when she lived in the home.

"This image fits so well with the mission of her birthplace, because she was a child when she lived there," says Carol N. Crossed, president of the museum's board of directors. "The reason we're using this kind of process is basically because photography was not developed when Susan was a child and lived here in this home and there is no image of Susan B. Anthony as a child."

The museum commissioned the special image production from Synthespian Studios of Williamstown. Conducting historic research and using photographs of Anthony when she was 28 and 32 years old, Synthespian Studios artists utilized computer graphics tools to bring Anthony back to as she would have appeared as a 6-year-old girl.

The 24- by 18-inch image, which took two months to create, depicts Anthony in front of the hearth of the home where she was born.

"When I saw it being created, when I saw the final image, I just cried," Crossed said. "It's a very endearing child."

The museum features several other exhibits which tell the story of Anthony and her family.

"We think the birthplace is important because that shaped who she became; the community of Adams, her Quaker life, her home in that kitchen with the large hearth," Crossed said. "All of that created who she was."

The official unveiling of the image will be Aug. 20 from 6 to 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

### IF YOU GO

#### Susan B. Anthony Birthplace

**Where:** 67 East Road, Adams

**Directions:** Take Interstate 91 north to Exit 19 in Northampton; stay straight onto Damon Road and continue through intersections onto Bridge Road; turn right at end of Bridge Road onto Route 9 west; travel 2.5 miles to Route 8A and turn right onto Savoy Road; follow Route 8A and turn left onto Route 116, Main Road; turn right onto Henry Wood Road which becomes Bucklin Road and then East Road where the museum is located on the right.

**Hours:** Friday-Monday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., through Oct. 1  
**Cost:** \$5, adults; \$3, seniors, students; free, children age 6 and younger

**For more information:** Call (413) 743-7121; online, [www.susanbanthonybirthplace.org](http://www.susanbanthonybirthplace.org)