Independence National Historical Park



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cast in Troy, New York, 1915; first rang in September, 1920



Inspired by the Liberty Bell, the Justice Bell traveled through Pennsylvania in 1915 to rally support for women's voting rights. It bore an additional inscription to "Establish Justice," and its clapper remained silent wrapped in chains — until women got the right to vote in 1920. Catherine Wentworth first rang the Justice Bell on Independence Square, celebrating the adoption of the 19th Amendment.

"The original Liberty Bell announced the creation of democracy, the women's Liberty Bell will announce the completion of democracy." (New York Times, March 31, 1915)

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