Mary Ritter Beard: A Sourcebook

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Mary Ritter Beard (1876-1958) was co-author, with Charles Beard, of The Rise of American Civilization and author of many other books. Ann J. Lane is professor of history and director of women's studies at the University of Virginia and is author of To Herland and Beyond: The Life and Work of Charlotte Perkins Gilman. ...more. Get A Copy. Kindle Store. Amazon. Mary Ritter Beard spent the better part of her life trying to prove the utility of history, especially by recovering women’s past. She insisted that history was not whole without women’s story. She persevered in seeing women both as cooperators with men and as makers, themselves, of civilization (a word she imbued with particular meaning). During the suffrage years, Mary Beard had struggled to concentrate solely on the vote, preferring a more inclusive approach to reform. In ensuing years the National Woman’s Party kept its single-issue focus, replacing the goal of a constitutional amendment for suffrage with the goal of a constitutional amendment for equal rights, while Beard’s principles and inclinations led her elsewhere.