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Introduction
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The subjects of these papers—Florence Allen, Frances Payne Bolton, and Mary Rose Oakar—represent the first three generations of Cleveland women to win public office after the achievement of women’s suffrage in 1920. Each began her public career at the local level and then moved to national prominence. Each was a pioneer, blazing new trails, achieving new political successes, and—most important—inspiring other women to follow in their footsteps.