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Collection Summary

Repository: Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries

Creator: Vassar College

Title: Woman Suffrage and Women's Rights Collection

Dates: 1866-1989

Quantity: 3.2 cubic feet (4 boxes)

Abstract: An artificial collection of petitions, speeches, correspondence, publications, scrapbooks, and broadsides relating to the struggles for woman suffrage and other women's rights. Includes documents relating to debates over the suffrage issue at Vassar College.

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Scope and Content Note

Materials relating to woman suffrage include a petition to the New York State Assembly signed by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Henry Blackwell, and Lucy Stone, 1866; Stanton's speech "Solitude of Self," 1892; speeches by Clara M. Hill and Dr. Howard B. Kelly; correspondence of Henry MacCracken on suffrage and Vassar College, 1917-1918; publications of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, and other suffrage organizations; scrapbooks of clippings, 1906-1917; and other programs, songs, plays, speeches, broadsides, government documents, and clippings on woman suffrage in the United States and abroad. Materials relating to women's rights include publications, programs, and other printed materials on equal rights, women and war, women in education, and women's liberation; organizations include the National Woman's Party, Women's Bureau of the U.S. Dept. of Labor, the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, and the National Organization of Women.

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Access and Use

Access

This collection is open for research according to the [regulations of the Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#) without any additional restrictions.

Restrictions on Use

Permission to quote (publish) from unpublished or previously published material must be obtained as described in the [regulations of the Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#).

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Subject Headings

Names:

- Anthony, Susan B. (Susan Brownell), 1820-1906
- Blackwell, Henry Browne, 1825-1909
- Hill, Clara M.
- Kelly, Howard B.
- MacCracken, H. N. (Henry Noble), 1880-1970
- Stanton, Elizabeth Cady, 1815-1902
- Stone, Lucy, 1818-1893

Organizations:

- International Federation of Business and Professional Women
- Men's League for Woman Suffrage
- National American Woman Suffrage Association
- National Organization for Women
- National Woman's Party
- Political Equality Association
- Vassar College

Subjects:

- Feminism
- Feminists--United States
- Women and war
- Women in business
- Women in education
- Women in politics
- Women in the professions
- Women social reformers
- Women's rights
- Women--Employment
- Women--Societies and clubs
- Women--Suffrage

Places:

- United States. Women's Bureau

Document Types:

- Broadside
- Printed ephemera
- Publications
- Scrapbooks
- Songs

VCL Categories:

- Women's History

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Processing Information

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Acquisition Information

Gift of various donors, including Priscilla Leith (M2004-003).

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[Series III.](#) Women's Rights

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| Folder 1.2 | Men's organizations for woman suffrage |

Folder 1.3	Petition to the New York State Assembly, signed by E. Cady Stanton, S.B. Anthony, Henry Blackwell, and Lucy Stone, on behalf of the American Equal Rights Association, 1866 Jan 3
Folder 1.4	Facsimiles of suffrage broadsides (see also Folder 37), cartoons, and other materials
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Folders 2.35-36	Miscellaneous associations' publications
Folder 2.37	Suffrage broadsides
Folder 2.38	Suffrage band and banner
Folder 2.39	Suffrage: Great Britain: Government reports, 1894, 1912
Box 4	Scrapbooks of suffrage-related clippings, 1906-1917 [2 scrapbooks]
Folder 2.40	Scrapbook enclosures, 1906-1917
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Folder 3.73	"The New York State Woman Suffrage Party - Educational Section," [1920?]

Series II. Woman Suffrage - Vassar College

Folder 1.23	General — includes prison notes of Elizabeth McShane Hilles, VC 1913
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Series III. Women's Rights

Folder 2.42 Miscellaneous printed material regarding equal rights for women, 1921-1935, undated

Folders 2.43-46 Miscellaneous items relating to and/or printed by the National Woman's Party, 1920-1945, undated

Folder 2.47 Miscellaneous publications regarding women and war (especially World War II), 1920-1945, undated

Folders 2.48-51 Miscellaneous publications of the Woman's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor regarding employment of women during World War II

Folder 2.52 First-day-of-issue stamp commemorating women in the armed forces, 1952

Folder 2.53 Miscellaneous publications of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, 1942-1947

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Folder 2.55 Miscellaneous publications of the National Council of Women of the United States, 1969-1970

Folder 2.56 Materials relating to the National Organization for Women, 1955-1970

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Folders 3.70-72 Miscellaneous publications of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and other feminist organizations, circa 1974-1986

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