

Suffrage Resources at The History Center

History of League of Women Voters and the rights of women

Archival Collections

League of Women Voters Record Collection

V-10-3-5 (A.1-N.3)

Collection includes correspondence (1940-1976), newsletters, pamphlets, flyers, speeches, essays, charts, maps, state and national bulletins, position papers for political issues, handbooks, financial and budget records, annual reports, minutes of board meetings, news clippings, and reports and studies.

See also:

Austin Collection, William Austin V-3-4-4; V-3-4-8 (A,B); V-3-4-12 (A,B)

Ithaca Times Research Files V-1-3-11

Margaret Feldman Collection V-39-1-1 (1,2)

League of Women Voters Local Records Collection

V-63-9-1

Materials related to voter service activities of the League of Women Voters of Tompkins County between 1985 and 2005.

Then & Now/Pieces of the Past Newspaper Articles

4/4/92: *Suffragettes in Ithaca*

3/28/98 7/4/98, 10/31/98, 11/6/99

The American Woman and her Political Press

3/15/97: *Benchley, Marietta (1873), Van Cott, Mrs. (1870's)*

4/4/92: *Dr. Helen Brewster Owens, American Woman – painting*

5/20/00: *Women's Suffrage in Tompkins County*

11/6/04: *"Stand and be counted: Women's suffrage in NY"*

4/29/06: *Tompkins County Women Suffrage Association*

Including information on Juanita Breckenridge Bates, Harriet May Mills

5/13/06: *New York Women's Suffrage Association meeting in Ithaca, including information on the Cornell Equal Suffrage League, Harriet May Mills, and Rev. Anna Howard Shaw*

03/08/08: *This article discusses the history of the Ithaca Women's Club and Political Study Club.*

7/19/08: Woman's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, July 19, 1848

5/13/06: Meeting in Ithaca – NY Suffrage Association

3/20/10: Column describes the beginnings of higher education opportunities for women in New York State. Early colleges admitting women were Elmira Female College, Vassar College, Cornell University, and the Ithaca Conservatory, which became Ithaca College. Mentioned are the Rev. Samuel May, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Simeon Benjamin, Ezra, Mary Ann, and Eunice Cornell, Andrew D. White, and the Women's Rights Convention.

3/5/11: Chronicles the 1894 and 1911 New York Suffrage Association conventions, organized by Cornell

3/01/08: Article discusses Frederick Douglass' involvement with the women's suffrage movement

7/19/08: Woman's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, July 19, 1848

Scrapbook Collection

s-63-a p.115 Charity, Prohibition, Suffrage goals of early women's organizations

S-115 a pg 138 - Maria K. Benchley

s-215-a p. 93 Equal Rights for Women all started here 57 years ago 9/10/1977

s-263-a p. 51 N.Y. Suffragettes meet in Ithaca by Carol Kammen 7/24/1982

s-305-a p. 175 Suffragettes in Ithaca 4/8/1992

s-335-a p. 25 Filmmaker Burns to shoot in Seneca Falls 3/31/1998

s-173-a p. 114 Photo of women distributing charter leaflets 5/22/59

University graduate Harriet May Mills, and convoked by Susan B. Anthony (in 1894).

s-321-a p. 69 The Ithaca women's club was founded 100 years ago 5/12/95

s-330-a p. 15 Louisa Riley founds an institution 11/4/95

S-94-B, S-94-C, and S-94-D all contain information on the Ithaca Woman's Club and its sub-division, known as the **Political Study Club**, which worked for women's suffrage in the very early years of the 20th century. (*Very important collection*)

People

Belle Sherman

s-145-a p. 46 Belle Sherman Name Recalls an Extraordinary

Teacher 6/12/71

See Sherman family genealogy file for obituary of notable Ithaca educator Belle Sherman

Bucklin, Sophronia E.

Sophronia E. Bucklin Papers, 1846-1902

V-1-1-4

Grace Miller White, Tess of the Storm Country, Rhine, Women's movement, suffrage, Chi Psi fire

Then & Now 11/07/14

Article discusses 1909 Grace Miller White book, Tess of the Storm Country, and IC Professor David Kramer's efforts to re-issue an annotated version of the book. Column was written by Jason Potel, a student assisting Prof. Kramer on the project. It covers a range of topics relevant to the time, including women's issues like suffrage.

Susan Hall, Sophronia Bucklin, Julia Cook, Sarah Palmer (Aunt Becky)

Then & Now 09/11/10

Discusses the history of nurses in the Civil War. Roles of four Tompkins County women (Susan Hall, Sophronia Bucklin, Julia Cook, Sarah Palmer [Aunt Becky]) are highlighted, covering risks and conditions of service.

Riley, Louisa Lord

Then & Now 10/21/95

Ithaca Women's Club

Then & Now 03/08/08

This article discusses the foundation of the Ithaca Woman's Club and their suffrage goal.

Notes: **S-94-B, S-94-C, S-94-D.** all contain information on the Ithaca Woman's Club and the Political Study Club, founded, in part, by Louisa Riley

Galvin, Emma Corinne Brown

Black History Collection

V-3-2-13

"The Lore of the Negro in Central New York State" 1943

Samantha Nivison, Emma Corinne Brown Galvin, women's history

Then & Now 3/13/15

Article discusses two prominent women: Samantha Nivison of Dryden and Emma Corinne Brown Galvin, originally of Virginia, and later Ithaca. Both were pioneers in the community. Nivison was one of the first women doctors in Tompkins County, and responsible for opening Dryden Springs House, a water cure sanitarium. Galvin was one of the first African American women to receive a PhD from Cornell. She later went on to teach at Ithaca College among her many other accomplishments.

Nivison, Samantha

Medicine Collection

V-15-1-11

See also folder 4 for brochure for Female Medical College, with Nivison's name listed as a student

See also: **S12a**- unpaginated scrapbook - sale of her estate

See also:**S-39-A p43**

S-113-A p.4

Then & Now Newspaper Article 8/1/98

Then & Now Newspaper Article 3/3/01

Proposed a water cure hospital which failed to materialize

Then and Now 8-28-10

Then & Now 4/1/00

Van Rensselaer, Martha

S-3-A p 80

Note: College's first director

Morse, Effie, (Mrs. Virgil)

Then & Now Newspaper Article 2/19/94, 3/2/02

Then & Now 3/2/02, 2/19/94,

Marsh, Welthea

Banks -- First National Bank of Groton

Speed Collection V-14-3-22

***Images of America – Groton* by Rosemarie Palmer Tucker pg 76, 104**

Business Organizations

Zonta International Collection V-64-5-2

This collection covers materials from the Zonta International Organization, a women's business organization that started in 1919 and lasted until 1997.

Ithaca Downtown Business Women's Organization Collection V-63-5-9

Women's Organizations Collection V-6-4-4

Community Organizations

Ithaca Federation of Womens Organizations

Women's Christian Temperance Union Papers

V-10-3-1 (C)

See also **Young Women's Community Club Collection V-63-3-7 (1-3)**

Ithaca Women's Club

Frear Collection

10-1-12 (H)

See also

Ithaca Organizations Collection V-1-4-1 (A,B)

Della Cook Clark Collection V-38-1-4 (1,2)

Club Essence Photograph Collection FBO - 0123.1-672

Dating to 1976, photos of Club Essence, a civic and social club for black women

Women's Community Building, City Federation of Women's Organizations

Then & Now 4/28/2012

Article surveys the history of the house on the northwest corner of Cayuga and Seneca Streets, from its time belonging to the Winton family in the 1870s, to its demolition in 1959 to make way for the new Women's Community Building.

Women's Community Building Organizations Collection

V-64-2-7 (1,2)

Collection contains material on the various women's organizations that collaborated to form the City Federation of Women's Organizations, including Ithaca Woman's Club, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ithaca, and the Political Study Club (later the League of Women's Voters of Tompkins County). Covers the period 1910, when the organization was founded, up to 2012, when the building was razed.

Education

American Association of University Women

American Association of University Women Collection V-63-6-7

Women and Girls

Then & Now Newspaper Article 3/13/93, 3/7/98

Then & Now Newspaper Article 3/14/98

First Women Undergraduates at Cornell

Women's Education

Then & Now 11/23/06

Schools for girls, 1820's

Women's Organizations -General

V-6-4-4

See also:

League of Women Voters Record V-10-3-5 (A.1-N.3)

Women's Christian Temperance Union Papers V-10-3-1 (A.1-F)

Ithaca Junior Guild V-2-3-4 (1-4)

Ladies Union Benevolent Society V-10-3-12 (A.1-C)

Ithaca Times Research Files V-1-3-11

Columbian Club Collection V-40-1-1

Ithaca Downtown Business Women's Organization Collection V-63-5-9

Women's Clubs

Women's Organizations Collection

V-6-4-4

Miscellaneous

Diaries, Women's

Women's Diaries Collection

5-4-1 (A,B,) V-5-4-1 (C); V-5-4-1 (C)

See also:

Mamie Straight Mitchell Diary Transcripts V-3-3-7

Town of Lansing Collection V-16-1-4 (B)

Carrie Manning Diary 1869 V-2-8-6 (A)

Cowdry Collection, Belle Cowdry V-3-4-5

Rebecca Harris Diary 1974-1975 V-2-3-5

Jay and Helen Coryell Diaries V-56-1-2 (1,2)

Mineah Family Papers, Clara Mineah V-63-5-8

Lounsbery Family Collection V-63-7-2

Women's Defense Committee of Tompkins County

War Memorial Records - Women's Defense Committee of Tompkins County V-3-6-4

Civil War, medicine, women, Dr. Mary Walker

Then and Now 6/12/10

Unconventional Physician Had Mettle - and a Medal

World War I, women

Then & Now 3/13/99

Local women in service

Notes: see also s-42-b p 15,18

Tompkins County, women, Civil War, Ithaca Ladies Volunteer Aid Association

Then & Now article 4/17/2010

Column describes the Civil War efforts of women's groups in Tompkins County. Women prepared food and sewed useful items, which they sent to soldiers. This aid, in addition to fundraising, was undertaken in such communities as Ithaca, Dryden, Groton, Danby, Mecklenburg, Peruville, Enfield, West Danby, Lansingville, and Newfield. Organizations included the Groton Methodist Society and the Ithaca Ladies Volunteer Aid Association. Local women mentioned are Jane Hardy, Julia Cook, Mary Ann Cornell, Mrs. Vorhis, and Delia Allen.

Civil War, women, nurses, Elizabeth Blackwell, Susan Hall, Harriet Dada, Georgeanna Woolsey

Then & Now 04/02/11

Explains how women served critical role as nurses in the Civil War. Offers background info on Elizabeth Blackwell's journey as a woman in medicine, and how she passed that onto others. Provides excerpts from Georgeanna Woolsey's letters to her sister and sister-in-law that chronicled her training and time as a Civil War nurse.