

## GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS:

### WOMEN'S HISTORY SOURCES SINCE 1979

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The Department of Special Collections and Archives has added a number of significant collections relating to Women's Studies since the 1979 publication of our holdings in the pioneer work *Women's History Sources: A Guide to Archives and Manuscript Collections in the United States*, ed. Andrea Hinding, Ames Sheldon Bower, and Clark A. Chambers. This brief description updates our holdings. In 1980 the Department published *A Guide to Manuscript Diaries and Journals in the Special Collections Department, Rutgers University*, compiled by Donald A. Sinclair.

1. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, NEW JERSEY DIVISION, INC. Records. 1928-1976. 6 cubic feet. Open. Accession card.

Notebooks (31) kept by each president containing the most significant records including: constitutions, by-laws, agendas, minutes, annual reports, correspondence, budgets, resolutions, publications, clippings, and photographs.

2. CONSUMERS' LEAGUE OF NEW JERSEY. Records. 1932-1979. 44 cubic feet. Open. Accession cards.

Since 1900 the League has worked on reform issues such as working conditions for women and children, consumer protection, unemployment, the environment, health and aging. These accessions triple our previous holdings, and add back files including: the records of Mary L. Dyckman (President 1929-1967), minutes, correspondence, memos, reports, studies, committees, legislation, publications, scrapbooks, clippings and photographs. Records reveal reform issues of the 20th century, relationships with other reform groups and state and federal government.

3. DOUGLASS COLLEGE. (Formerly New Jersey College for Women.) Records. 1887-1981. 51 cubic feet. Partly restricted. Finding aid.

Records of the deans from the founding of the college in 1918. Included are materials documenting the effort to establish a state

women's college from 1887 to 1918, annual reports, minutes, Trustees' Committee, general files, appointment and promotion, committees, budgets, curriculum, commencement programs and activities.

4. GRANT, Frances Collection. Records and Papers. 1929-41 cubic feet. Partly restricted. Finding aids.

Frances Grant is the Secretary General of the Inter-American Association for Democracy and Freedom, and the President of the Pan-American Women's League. The collection contains the records of these organizations as well as her papers relating to her trips to Latin America including: correspondence with major Latin American leaders and related materials.

5. HARGER, Eone. Papers. 1956-1982. 5 cubic feet. Open. Accession card.

Eone Harger's papers as Director of The New Jersey Division of Aging, including: correspondence, speeches, notes and reports, subject files. Also papers of 1971 and 1981 White House Conferences on Aging, Advisory Council of the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, and Retired Senior Volunteer Programs.

6. LIBRARY SCHOOL OF THE NEW JERSEY COLLEGE FOR WOMEN. (Became Douglass College in 1955.) Records. 1927-1952. 9 cubic feet. Partly restricted. Finding aid.

Official records for the undergraduate library program which existed from 1927-1952. Include: histories, annual reports, policies, correspondence, faculty records, student records, enrollments, curriculum and activities. In 1953 The Graduate School of Library Services was established, and in 1978 this became the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies (GSLIS) and in 1982 the School of Communication, Information and Library Studies.

7. LOWELL, Amy, 1874-1925. Papers (1 item).

Letter to Alfred A. Knopf regarding Arthur Waley's "170 Chinese Poems," with Knopf's draft reply on verso, May 22 and 23, 1919. Open. Accession card.

8. MADISON, N.J. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS. 1747-1935. 2 reels. Open. Accession card.

These records include: parish minutes, session minutes, accounts, catalog of members, marriages and burials, baptisms, list of trustees, accounts of Female Charitable Society, minutes of the Ladies Missionary Society, Sunday School roll, and Church histories.

9. MARTINEZ, Anna (Vail). Broadsides. 1852-1868. 17 items. Open. Finding aid.

Broadsides announcing concert engagements of Miss Vail in Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Paterson, N.J.

10. MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY, OLD FIRST CHURCH. Records. 1712-1929. 5 cubic feet. Open. Accession card.

These records include: minutes, membership lists, baptisms, marriages, deaths, financial records, treasurers' reports, trustees' book, constitution of the Female Missionary Society (1839-1863), minutes of the Women's Baptist Missionary Society (1884-1894), records of Middletown Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Society (1894-1915). Also includes papers of Abel Morgan, pastor from 1738-1785, and other miscellaneous documents and publications.

11. NATIONAL MUSICAL STRING COMPANY. New Brunswick, N.J. Records. 1897-1960. 18 cubic feet, 49 vols. Open. Finding aid.

Records of the company which employed women and men include: letter books, order books, sales books, payroll records, ledgers, trade catalogs, publications and photographs.

12. NEILSON PAPERS PROJECT. Papers. 1976-77. 3 reels. 8 papers. Open. Accession card.

Oral history tapes of interviews with Douglass College alumnae, 1976. Student research papers on historical aspects of the Neilson family and the project sponsored by the Douglass College Alumnae Association to study the Neilson papers, 1977.

13. NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION HOME ECONOMISTS. Records. 1959-1970. 20 cubic feet. Open. Accession card.

These records include: constitution and by-laws (1968), minutes of executive board and general meetings, committee records and membership lists.

14. NEW JERSEY HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION. Records. 1960-1979. 1 cubic foot. Open. Accession card.

These records include: by-laws, minutes of the board of trustees, executive committee and general membership, and membership lists, officers, reports, and recommendations for N.J. Home Economics Teacher of the Year and other miscellany.

15. PASSAIC HOME AND ORPHAN ASYLUM ASSO-

CIATION. Records. 1882-1978. 10 cubic feet. Partly restricted. Accession cards.

These records include: records of incorporation, by-laws, minutes of the Board of Governors and Auxiliary, annual reports, correspondence, accounts, treasurer's reports, donation books, "inmate" registers and roll call books, visitors lists, publications, garden committee minutes, and photographs.

16. QUIET HOUR CLUB, Metuchen, N.J. Records, 1895-1982. 3 cubic feet. Open. Accession card.

Women's Literary Society records include: minutes (1895-1979), treasurer's books (1918-1962), yearbooks (1899-1979), constitution and by-laws, manuscripts of papers delivered, correspondence, photographs, clippings and sheet music.

17. ROEBLING COLLECTION. Papers. 2 cubic feet. Open. Finding aid.

Primarily correspondence of Emily Warren Roebling and Margaret Shippen McIlvaine Roebling, 1864-1907. Includes: letters from Emily Warren Roebling to husband Washington A. Roebling, brother-in-law Ferdinand W. Roebling, and son John A. Roebling II; letters to Emily from Washington; correspondence between Margaret Shippen McIlvaine Roebling and husband John A. Roebling II; numerous Roebling family photographs. Part of a larger body of Roebling papers.

18. RUTGERS UNIVERSITY COLLECTION OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE. Papers. 23 cubic feet. Open. Finding aid.

In conjunction with the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers, the Department of Special Collections and Archives has established a collection of the papers of contemporary authors. The Gallery will maintain the illustrative material, while the Library will house the manuscript material, corrected typescripts, galleys, and correspondence.

19. SOMERSET COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, Somerville, N.J. Hall-Mills Murder Case. Records. 1922-1962. 5 cubic feet. Open. Finding aid.

Additions to courtroom exhibit materials used in the Hall-Mills murder trial, including: clothing, diaries, letters, and other personal papers of the participants, legal papers, and photographs.

20. SUYDAM, Mildred Voorhees. Papers. 1935-1978. 4 cubic feet. Open. Accession card.

These papers include: correspondence, notes, clippings relating to N.J. imprints and bibliography, N.J. cemeteries, juveniles, almanacs, the fiftieth reunion of New Brunswick High School class of 1913, photographs of cemeteries in the New Brunswick area, scrapbooks, miscellaneous genealogical material.

21. VINELAND LIBERAL LEAGUE. Records. 1882-1885. 1 volume. Open. Accession card.

These records include: declaration of principles, list of members, constitution and by-laws, minutes, financial records.

22. WALDRON, Marion Craig. Records. 1930. 1 cubic foot. Open. Accession card.

These include: songs, clippings, costumes, artifacts, charters of the Camp Fire Girls of Oldwick, N.J.

23. WELLS, Julia L. Papers. 1750-1955. Open. 7 cubic feet. Accession card.

These papers include: correspondence, financial papers, legal papers, financial and other records of Elm Farm (now owned by Rutgers Preparatory School), 1908-1955; legal papers of Thomas and John Wells, 1750-1868; papers of Reverend Abraham Beach, c. 1770-1824; miscellaneous papers of Wells-related families, c. 1765-c. 1875. New Brunswick, N.J. and New York, etc., 1750-1955.

24. WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION, Bergen County, N.J. Records. 1892-1948. 7 volumes. Open. Accession card.

These records include: executive committee minutes, monthly meetings, annual convention and spring institute.

25. WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION, Monmouth County, N.J. Records. 1893-1930. 2 volumes. Open. Accession card.

These records include minutes and treasurer's reports.

26. ZOETE, Beryl de. Papers. 3 cubic feet. Open. Accession card.

Letters received, notes and drafts of writings on folk dances and the drama, typescript copies of English translations from various Romance languages, articles, travel journals, address and appointment books, poems and prose compositions, 1912-1962. Part of a larger body of Arthur D. Waley papers.