

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY ARCHIVES**

**Guide to the Records of**

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
1941-1990, 1925-2010**

**Record Group 18: Civic Organizations**

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY**

Following the 1920 ratification of the nineteenth amendment which granted women the right to vote, the American Woman Suffrage Association was reorganized as the League of Women Voters. The Montgomery County League of Women Voters was established the following year. The League's primary objective was to operate as a non-partisan organization that would educate and encourage women to participate effectively in politics, and would endorse legislation to improve the quality of life for citizens within their communities.

In the new era of suburban development of the 1950s and 1960s, the League sought to strengthen local government further. The organization was involved in all areas of county planning and civic activity, including the reorganization of the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission, the desegregation of the school system, and the Charter revision of the 1960s. Members educated the community in regard to County politics and government, and encouraged individuals to utilize their right to vote. On the state level, the League played a vital role in ensuring that Montgomery County voted in favor of a proposed new constitution for Maryland in 1968. Although the constitution was defeated in the state overall, the County vote was testament to the success of the League's campaign, to the importance of political activity at a grass roots level, and to the level of local citizen participation in government and community affairs.

### **EXTENT**

9.33 cubic feet: 7 records boxes, 7 letter-size Hollinger boxes.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The original core of this collection was compiled by the Marie Bennett Memorial Library and contains subject files and the personal papers of individuals who worked directly with the League of Women Voters or who were involved with issues of concern to the League. The records, therefore, do not constitute a history of the League itself but provide a general overview of the significant social and political issues which concerned County citizens during this period. The records are particularly strong in the areas of the history of the home rule movement, issues of land use and planning, the development of the merit system for County employees, and the campaign to ratify the proposed state constitution in 1968. The materials also include a variety of publications produced and distributed by the Montgomery County and National League of Women Voters which document the origins, goals, and operations of the League. Records include correspondence, memoranda, publicity material, campaign literature, reports, resolutions, historical publications, newsletters, interviews, speeches, notes, photographs, and clippings. The records range in date from 1941 to 1990, with the bulk of the records dating from 1941 to 1969.

They are arranged as four series:

Series I: Personal Papers (*see also* Series V)

*Subseries 1: Dinwoodey, Edith*

*Subseries 2: Garber, Marie*

*Subseries 3: Garrott, Idamae*

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- Series X: Charter Movement
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- Series XIII: Scrapbooks
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  - Subseries 2: Transcripts*
  - Subseries 3: Incomplete Files (RESTRICTED)*

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Series I: Personal Papers, 1941-1986** (*see also* Series V) **(1.66 cubic feet)**

These files were originally organized into two sets, one containing biographical information and the other consisting of personal papers. During processing they were consolidated into one series. The records chronicle positions held and activities performed by various individuals which significantly affected the politics and government of the County. Record types include correspondence, memoranda, reports, minutes, agenda, campaign literature, publications, clippings, photographs, speeches, notes, and press releases.

This series is arranged in six subseries; records are arranged alphabetically by subject within each subseries:

#### ***Subseries I: Dinwoodey, Edith, 1942-1985*** ***(0.33 cubic feet)***

Edith Dinwoodey was president of the League of Women Voters in 1943, and worked full-time without pay for the Charter Committee in the 1944 Charter campaign. When the

new Charter government was formed in 1948 she was named to the County Personnel Board where she helped to create the County's first merit system. Of particular significance in this series are the correspondence files from the 1940s, and the files which document the activities of the Conflicts of Interest Committee to which the League of Women Voters submitted recommendations for the establishment of a County Ethics Commission. Both contain the correspondence of F. P. Lee, who was Chairman of the Special Committees of the Montgomery County Charter Committee, and Chairman of the Conflicts of Interest Committee.

***Subseries II: Garber, Marie, 1941-1969***  
***(0.33 cubic feet)***

Marie Garber was Vice-Chairman of the Precinct 13-31 Democratic Party in the 1950s, and Chairman until 1965. In 1967 she was appointed Minority Clerk to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, and became Elections Supervisor under the merit system in 1972. During the course of her career Garber spoke often before local groups regarding education, finance, and the history of Montgomery County government. A large proportion of the papers in this subseries pertains to Garber's work on the history of the Charter movement. In 1961 she submitted a seminar paper for a history class entitled *The Campaign for a Home Rule Charter in Montgomery County, Maryland, 1938-1948*. The paper was later used as the basis for her 1964 master's thesis *E. Brooke Lee vs. Charter: The Fight to Modernize Montgomery County Government, 1938-1950*. Preparatory material for both documents, and the documents themselves, provide an in-depth and comprehensive analysis of the home rule movement in the County. The last five folders in Box 2 were transferred to the collection from the Rockville Regional Library local history collection.

***Subseries 3: Garrott, Idamae, 1966***  
***(1 folder)***

Idamae Garrott was President of the League of Women Voters from 1963 to 1966. This subseries contains memoranda, correspondence, and campaign literature documenting Garrott's campaign as a democratic candidate for the Montgomery County Council in 1966.

***Subseries 4: Kiplinger, Austin, 1948-1976***  
***(0.34 cubic feet)***

Austin Kiplinger was Chairman of the Charter Committee Education and Publicity Committee in 1948. The Committee was charged with keeping the charter issue before the public through newspapers, radio, and the mail, and played a crucial role in combating the opposition of the Democratic machine. In March 1965, Kiplinger was appointed to the Montgomery County Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Commission, becoming Chairman in August of that year. The Commission operated until 1970, when it was dissolved by a Council resolution. In October 1965, Kiplinger became one of the original members appointed by the County Council to the Community Action Committee

(CAC).

Kiplinger served as Chairman of the Committee until November 1969, and continued to serve on the Executive Committee and as Chairman of the CAC Employment Committee in the early 1970s. The records documenting Kiplinger's involvement with the CAC include material relating to the Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC), a federally funded program to train the unemployed and underemployed which established a satellite program in Rockville in the early 1970s. In addition, the subseries includes one folder containing working papers from a Committee on Financing Education in Montgomery County in 1960. A note attached to the material indicates that this Committee did not complete its work or issue any reports.

Records types in this subseries include press releases and correspondence from the Education and Publicity Committee; minutes, agendas, and resolutions from the Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Commission in 1965; and founding documents, agendas, minutes, correspondence, memoranda, and clippings, from the CAC and its Education Committee. Several issues of *Community Tip Sheet*, a monthly publication of the former Department of Community Development, can also be found in the CAC files.

***Subseries 5: Kiplinger, Willard, 1942-1947***  
***(2 folders)***

Willard Kiplinger served on the Charter Committee Education and Publicity Committee during the 1944 and 1948 Charter campaigns. Austin Kiplinger requested his services in 1948 for the insight he might be able to offer from his experience in 1942-1944. The publicity strategies used by the Committee, which Willard Kiplinger helped to devise, are well documented in this subseries. Records types include press releases, pamphlets, newspapers, and other campaign literature.

***Subseries 6: Smith, Lathrop, 1948-1986***  
***(0.66 cubic feet)***

Colonel Lathrop E. Smith served Montgomery County as president of the County Council from 1951 to 1952. He was also active in a variety of other civic organizations and County Commissions through which he advocated that conservation and watershed protection be included in the process of County planning and development. Records documenting Smith's work as Chairman of the Rock Creek Watershed Association, Chairman of the Upper Montgomery County Planning Commission, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the Montgomery Soil Conservation District, and Chairman of the West Montgomery Citizens Association are particularly well represented here. The files contain a significant collection of photographs depicting the persistent flooding of Rock Creek during the 1950s.

The subseries contains background material relating to, and the report of, the Public Administration Service Committee of the League of Women Voters. The purpose of this

Committee was the “preservation and strengthening of the provisions of the home rule and council manager government as embodied in the Charter of 1948.” Also included here is a notebook of records assembled by Smith, the bulk of which were collected between 1961 and 1965 when Smith was a member of the Board of Governors for the Montgomery County Citizens Planning Association. Material from the notebook includes papers by planners and consultants; an application for a zoning text amendment to create a rural zone in the County; and several founding documents of the Rock Creek Watershed Association. The material was removed from the notebook for preservation reasons and left in its original order.

Records in this subseries found within the Audiovisual Record Group 19 are:

- Rock Creek Watershed Association, 1951-1956 (5 folders)

### **Series II: Subject Files, 1944-1975**

#### **(0.33 cubic feet)**

This series contains the subject files compiled as part of the Marie Bennett Memorial Library to represent various issues with which the League of Women Voters was involved primarily from the period 1944 to 1968. The scope of the series is indicative of the degree to which the League immersed itself in all aspects of County development and progress, and its commitment to building a government which answered the needs of the community. Particularly well represented in the series is the history of the Charter movement and Charter revision, and the issues of zoning and County planning. The material relating to desegregation provides an excellent overview of the process by which the County integrated its school system in the late 1950s.

Records in this series include correspondence, memoranda, publicity material, reports, resolutions, historical publications, newsletters, interviews, speeches, notes, and clippings. The series is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Records in this series found within Audiovisual Record Group 19 are:

- Master Plan: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, 1968

### **Series III: Maryland Constitutional Convention, 1967-1968**

#### **(0.34 cubic feet)**

From September 1967 to January 1968, 142 delegates representing all the counties of Maryland met at the Maryland Constitutional Convention in Annapolis to draft a new constitution for the state. The old constitution, written for the rural Maryland of 1867, had been amended 200 times and was now considered by many to be “a clumsy patchwork of obsolescence and contradiction.” On the final vote of the Convention, only three of the 142 members voted against the constitution that had been drafted. Delegates were confident that the constitution would be subsequently ratified in May 1968.

With the Montgomery County Citizens for the Proposed Constitution which was formed in 1968,

The League of Women Voters strongly supported the Montgomery County “Pro-Con” campaign to ratify the proposed constitution. The members argued that Montgomery County would be able to function far more effectively as part of the state under the proposed constitution. Their opponents, however, were equally convinced that the new constitution awarded the Governor “dictatorial powers” and represented “bigger government and bigger taxes.” Opponents also feared that the new constitution would erode the powers of the municipalities in the County and render them puppets of the County government. When the people of Montgomery County went to the polls in May, 62,832 voted in favor of ratification, while 26,251 voted against it. The overwhelming approval by Montgomery County Citizens was not enough, however, to counteract strong opposition to the constitution in the rest of the state.

Records in this series consist of correspondence, memoranda, publicity material, clippings, and photographs documenting the work of the Montgomery County Delegation to the 1967 State Convention, as well as efforts undertaken in support of, and in opposition to, ratification of the constitution. The text of the constitution and the political issues involved in its support and ultimate defeat, are well documented. Correspondence includes that of Helen L. Koss, Montgomery County Delegate to the Convention. Photographs of the campaign tour of Governor Spiro T. Agnew and Senator Joseph D. Tydings to Wheaton in May 1968 are also included. The series is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Records in this series found within the Audiovisual Record Group 19 are:

- Montgomery County Citizens for the Proposed Constitution, General Correspondence, 1968 (3 folders)

**Series IV: Printed Material, 1954-1993**  
**(0.33 cubic feet)**

This series contains printed material circulated by the League including guides to the County, informational publications about the Charter system, County and State correctional systems, welfare, energy, civil rights. Additional printed material of this kind can also be found in Series I, Series II and Series X. The series is arranged chronologically.

Records in this series located within Flat File 17 are:

- 1974 Voters Guide, Montgomery County Primary Election, September 10, 1974

**Series V: Personal Papers, 1911; 1940-1998**  
**(0.15 cubic feet)**

This series consists of research and background material collected by Nancy Aldous and Betty Morehouse to write histories and create exhibits for anniversaries relating to the Suffrage movement and the establishment of the League of Women Voters.

*Subseries 1: Aldous, Nancy, 1995*  
*(1 folder)*

Material and photographs related to a suffrage exhibit at the Rockville Public Library

***Subseries 2: Morehouse, Betty, 1911; 1940-1998***  
***(0.1 cubic feet)***

Articles and scripts collected by Ms. Morehouse and work she did on preparing a history of the League of Women Voters.

**Series VI: Correspondence, 1979; 1994**  
**(1 folder)**

Memos regarding Lavinia Engle's papers, DC voting representation and a letter from Ida Mae Garrott.

**Series VII: Subject Files, 1896; 1925-1938; 1943-1996**  
**(0.4 cubic feet)**

This series of subject files includes documents regarding the Memo of Understanding for the Bicentennial project: A Grateful Remembrance, resolutions, photographs programs, bylaws.

Records in this series located within Flat File 20 are:

- 3 Newspaper Pages from "The Maryland News"; 1942 Nov 6: [Montgomery County] Election Returns; 1946 Jun 28: Unofficial returns of Democratic Primary Election; 1946 No 8: Unofficial returns of General Election. [**RESTRICTED**: fragile paper, use photocopies.]
- 3 Newspaper pages from "The Maryland News"; 1942, November 6: "Montgomery County" Election returns; 1946, June 28: Unofficial returns of Democratic Primary Election; 1946, November 28: Unofficial Returns of General Election; 35"w x 21"h. Digitized 20 Jul 2015 by Records Center.

**Series VIII: Publications, 1943-1999**  
**(1.8 cubic feet)**

This series contains publications produced by the League, including their newsletter as well as a series of fact sheets designed to aid constituents in understanding issues up for vote. They are divided into two subseries:

***Subseries 1: Fact Sheets, 1958-1999***  
***(0.33 cubic feet)***

This subseries contains the fact sheets which were compiled by the League and distributed to members. The sheets discussed various local and national issues of public interest.

***Subseries 2: Newsletters, 1943-1996***  
***(1.5 cubic feet)***

The collection of LWV newsletters begins with Volume I, Issue 1 in 1943. Issues include reports on National League activities and local chapter information. The issues are arranged in chronological order.



**Series IX: Meetings, 1938-1941; 1961-1997**

**(0.2 cubic feet)**

This series includes Annual meeting workbooks from 1961-1997 (non-inclusive) and meeting minutes from 1938-1941.

**Series X: Charter Movement, 1941-1974**

**(0.8 cubic feet)**

This series includes material created by the Charter Committee, the "Defeat the Charter" group, and the League. There is campaign material from both sides of the issue and a noteworthy letter from the Committee of Colored Voters to Beat the Charter. This series is arranged in two subseries.

Records in this series located within Flat File 20 are:

- Charter Campaign Material, 1946—Sample ballot 1946 Nov 5 for the Montgomery County General Election. Candidates endorsed by "The County Congress of the United Democratic Org"
- Charter: Clippings 1941-1942—The Sunday Star 1941 Mar 16. Brookings Institution on Montgomery County Government. [RESTRICTED: because of condition. Use photocopies]
- Charter: Campaign Material: 1948—Sample ballot from 1948 Nov 2 Montgomery County General Election

***Subseries 1: Subject Files 1944-1974***

***(0.3 cubic feet)***

Material in this subseries includes reports, correspondence, clippings and campaign material related to the Charter Movement, arranged alphabetically by subject.

***Subseries 2: Charter Movement Clippings, 1941-1948***

***(0.5 cubic feet)***

This subseries contains newspaper clippings from several local and national newspapers covering the Charter Movement campaign.

**Series XI: Maryland State Constitution Clippings, 1967-1968**

**(0.2 cubic feet)**

This series includes newspaper clippings covering the discussion to change the Maryland State Constitution and the related activities in Montgomery County.

**Series XII: General Clippings, 1939-1995**

**(1 cubic foot)**

The clippings in this series cover a large number of civic issues that the League became involved with including fire departments, and housing welfare. There are also typed copies of newspaper articles from columns written by Marjorie Garfield and Elsie White Haines.

**Series XIII: Scrapbooks, 1962-1968; 1980**  
**(0.1 cubic feet)**

This collection contains material from four scrapbooks, consisting of newspaper clippings and other ephemera on various topics of interest to the League.

**Series XIV: Oral Histories, 1969-1981; 1995**  
**(?? cubic feet)**

In 1971, the League of Women Voters, in cooperation with the Montgomery County Public Libraries, began systematically conducting oral history interviews to compile a “history of Montgomery County.” They organized various aspects of history they wished to highlight and went about finding “old timers” to tell those stories first hand. Between 1971 and 1973, more than 26 people were interviewed. Transcriptions of those interviews were placed in a special section of the new Rockville Public Library, called the Marie Bennett Memorial Library, and opened to the public. This series has been arranged in three subseries, by type of material:

***Subseries 1: Subject Files, 1969-1980; 1995***  
***(0.5 cubic feet)***

This subseries contains working papers and background information on the Oral History project itself, including notes and research, meeting minutes/reports, grant application material and other financial information, correspondence, newspaper clippings and other publicity material. Material is arranged alphabetically by subject.

***Subseries 2: Transcripts, 1969-1981***  
***(0.83 cubic feet)***

This subseries contains the transcripts of all interviews that were completed, with signed release forms. Copies of most of the transcripts also appear in Record Group 16: Oral Histories, and some copies also appear in the Oral History collection at the Jane Sween Research Library and Special Collections, Montgomery History. Transcripts are arranged alphabetically by surname of interview subject.

***Subseries 3: Incomplete Files, 1974; undated***  
***(0.33 cubic feet)***

This subseries contains paperwork and recordings that were left incomplete at the close of the project. The bulk of the series contains recordings of interviews for which there is no transcript and no release form. Some material is restricted for this reason.

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS**

This collection is open for research. Some records are restricted for reasons of content or privacy. Restricted records will not be served to researchers. Please contact the archivist with any

questions.

### **LANGUAGE**

English.

### **PROVENANCE**

The original portion of these records was transferred from Rockville Regional Library in October 1997. Additional items were transferred in 1999 and 2000. An addition to the collection was donated by the League of Women Voters in 2015 (Accession # 2015-03).

### **RELATED RECORDS**

For additional records related to the topics and people covered in this collection, see the following:

Record Group 16: Oral Histories

Record Group 18: Civic Organizations

Record Title: Guide to the Records of the Montgomery County Charter Committee

Record Title: Guide to the Records of the Community Action Committee

### **USING THESE RECORDS**

To request records listed in this finding aid, the following information should be given to the archivist:

Record Group 18, **Records of the League of Women Voters**, Series Number and Name, Box Number and Folder Title(s).

The preferred citation for materials from these records is:

Montgomery County Archives; Gaithersburg, Maryland. Record Group 18: Civic Organizations. Records Title: The Records of the League of Women Voters. Series number and series name. Box number and folder title, if appropriate.

### **PROCESSING PROCEDURES**

General processing procedures consist of discarding duplicates, unnecessary binders, and routine transmittals. Oversized documents and photographs were removed from the original location in their assigned series and placed in separate containers. Separation sheets were inserted in the original location within the folder to indicate the new location of any records placed elsewhere.

Preservation copying of newspaper clippings was performed whenever feasible. Some clippings were removed from original containers (scrapbooks, envelopes, etc.) due to condition. Records relating to the Maryland Constitutional Convention of 1967 which did not pertain to Montgomery County were transferred to the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis.

### **PROCESSING STAFF/FINDING AID AUTHOR**

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**BOX INVENTORY**

**Series I: Personal Papers, 1941-1986**

***Subseries 1: Dinwoodey, Edith, 1942-1974; 1985***

**Box 1**

Anne Arundel County, 1959-1974

Biographical Information, 1985

Conflicts of Interest Committee

1958-1959

1959-1960, n.d.

Correspondence and General Information,

1942-1947

1947-1949, 1956, n.d.

Lindsay Law, 1946-1947

Merit System Law/Personnel Board, 1946-1956

**Flat File 17**

Voters, Know your Charter! (two copies) with annotations, [1948]

The Charterite, 1950

***Subseries 2: Garber, Marie, 1941-1969; 1976-1977***

***(Box 1, Cont.)***

Biographical Information, 1976-1977

Education: Need for Additional Statewide Funds, 1967

Montgomery County Charter History, 1941-1950

Political Commentary, 1959-1966

Precinct Democrat Newsletter, 1956-1965

Seminar Paper

1961

Draft, [c. 1961]

Seminar Paper/Thesis: Background Material

1948-1961

1962-1969, n.d.

Thesis

Comments/Notes of Edith Dinwoodey, 1960-1961

Draft, 1964 (2 folders)

Illustration Material, [c. 1961]

Miscellaneous Correspondence and Notes, 1961-1963, n. d.

Outlines, [c. 1964]

***Subseries 3: Garrott, Idamae, 1966***

***(Box 1, Cont.)***

Correspondence and Publicity Material, 1966

***Subseries 4: Kiplinger, Austin, 1948; 1960-1976***

***(Box 1, Cont.)***

Committee on Financing Education in Montgomery County, 1960  
Community Action Committee, 1967  
Community Action Committee, 1968-1971  
Community Action Committee - Employment and Training, 1969-1976, n.d.  
Montgomery County Charter Committee Education and Publicity Committee, 1948  
Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Commission, 1965-1970

***Subseries 5: Kiplinger, Willard, 1942-1947***

**Box 2**

Montgomery County Charter Committee Education and Publicity Committee  
[1942-1946]  
[1946-1947]

***Subseries 6: Smith, Lathrop, 1944-1986***

***(Box 2, Cont.)***

Biographical Information, 1971-1986, n.d.  
Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission Reorganization, 1953-1960, n.d.  
Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission Reorganization: Clippings, 1953  
Montgomery County Citizens Planning Association Notebook, 1955-1964  
Montgomery County Soil Conservation District, 1956-1967, n.d.  
Public Administration Service, 1962-1970

**Box 3**

Rock Creek Watershed Association  
1954-1956  
1957-1974, n.d.  
Upper Montgomery County Planning Commission  
1950  
1951  
January-August, 1952  
September-December, 1952, n.d.  
1953-1957  
West Montgomery County Citizens Association Committee on Road Markings and Historical  
Monuments, 1948, n. d.

**Flat File 17**

The Proposed Charter With Comments, 1944  
Voters, Know your Charter! (two copies), [1948]

**Series II: Subject Files, 1940-1979**

**Box 4**

Agreement: M-NCPPC and LWV as Consultant, 1973 Sep 27 (accn. 2015-003)  
Alcoholic Beverage Laws, Montgomery County Citizens Study Report on, 1964  
Assessments: Agriculture, 1960-1967  
Bennett, Marie: Biographical Information, 1965-1967  
Community Development, 1962-1975, n.d.  
Education: Desegregation, 1956-1959, 1963-1964, 1970  
Elections  
    Redistricting, 1966-1967  
    Voters Information, 1944, 1960-1964, 1968, 1970  
Maryland Court System, Studies of, 1963-1967  
Master Plans  
    Bethesda-Chevy Chase, 1968  
    Olney, 1964-1966  
    Potomac-Travilah, 1964-1965  
Montgomery College Education Committee, 1964  
Montgomery County Charters and History, 1944-1968  
Montgomery County Charter Revision  
    1964-1965  
    1967-1968  
Montgomery County Charter Revision Commission Minutes, March-August 1967,  
    January-April, 1968  
Montgomery County Government, 1947-1968  
Montgomery County History: Early History (Public School Data Bulletin #36), 1940, 1953  
Nonpartisans for a Better Montgomery County, 1952, 1964-1966

**Box 5**

Planning: Agricultural, 1963-1979 (acc. 2015-003)  
Planning: General Plan, 1960-1968, (1975, 1986 acc. 2015-003)  
Planning: General Plan, "County Comments" on Revisions of General Plan, 7 ½ in. reel,  
    1 Dec 1963 (acc. 2015-003)  
Potomac River Basin Compact, 1967-1968 and "Water Facts", 1970 (acc. 2015-003)  
Report on Use of Public Facilities by Recreation and Group Work Agencies in Montgomery and  
    Prince George Counties, 1959 and Report of the Study Committee on Recreation and Park  
    Services in Montgomery County, 1960  
Zoning, 1962-1965, n. d.

**Series III: Maryland Constitutional Convention, 1967-1968**

**(Box 5, Cont.)**

Anti-Ratification Campaign, 1968  
League of Women Voters Pro-Con Campaign, 1968  
Montgomery County Citizens for the Proposed Constitution Campaign Literature, 1968

*(Series III: Maryland Constitutional Convention, cont.)*

*(Box 5, Cont.)*

(Montgomery County Citizens for the Proposed Constitution)

Endorsements, 1968

General Correspondence, 1968

Precinct Newsletters, 1968

Press Releases, 1968

Montgomery County Delegation, 1967

Proposed Amendments to Maryland Constitution and the Maryland General Assembly, 1964,  
1990, 1992 (acc. 2015-003)

**Flat File 17**

“Existing vs. Proposed Constitution”: 3 copies of newspaper, 1968

**[Clippings are located in Series XI: Maryland State Constitution: Clippings]**

**Series IV: Printed Material, 1946-1993**

**Box 6**

Child Welfare program of Maryland, [1946], 1964-1965

It's Your Government, [1947]

World Trade is Our Business, 1953

Know Your County, 1954-1993

This Is Montgomery County, Maryland, 1960 edition

Directory of Groups Working for Human and Civil Rights, 1964, 1967

America's Disadvantaged, 1965

Publications Report, 1965, 1966

Local Programs, 1965-1984

Montgomery County's Charter: The Challenge of Change, 1965

Seminar Papers from the League of Women Voters Workshop on Montgomery County's  
Charter: The Challenge of Change, 1966

Charter Understanding Seminar: Transcript, 1970

Montgomery County's Corrections System and Adult Corrections in Maryland, 1971, 1973

Money for Montgomery County: A Survey of Local Finance, 1970, 1971, 1991

Voters Guide, Primary Election, 1974 (**Flat File 17**)

Energy: Electric Utilities, Energy Conservation, Solar Home Tour, 1980, 1985, n.d.

Minerals: Foundations of Society and Slide Program Guide by Ann Dorr, 1984, 1987

**Series V: Personal Papers, 1911; 1940-1998**

*Subseries 1: Aldous, Nancy, 1995*

**Box 7**

Photos and Material of 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Suffrage Exhibit at Rockville Public Library, 1995

***Subseries 2: Morehouse, Betty, 1911; 1940-1998***

***(Box 7, cont.)***

A Woman's Declaration of Independence (reprint of 1848)  
Articles about League's History, 1940-1995  
Brochures, Programs, Invitation, 1941-1976  
Carrie Chapman Catt Biographical Information, 1993-1995  
History of Marie Bennett Library Fund, 1968  
LWV History: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History Project, Draft Notes, 1968  
LWV History: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History Project: Working Papers, 1968-1970  
LWV History: History of League of Voters: Typescript, 1969  
League of Women Voters History: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1994-1998  
Philadelphia Press: Suffragists at State House, 1911  
Script: Will Barbara Bob Her Hair, n.d. and Snow Dreary and the 7 Dreadfuls, 1979

**Series VI: Correspondence, 1979; 1994**

***(Box 7, Cont.)***

Memo re: Obtaining Papers of Lavinia Engle, 1979  
Memo re: DC Voting Representation and Broadsheet, 1979  
Letter from: Ida Mae Garrott Thanking League for Award, 1994

**Series VII: Subject Files, 1896; 1925-1938; 1943-2010**

***(Box 7, Cont.)***

League of Women Voters History (1<sup>st</sup> draft), 1969  
Agreements: A Grateful Remembrance and MCHS Participation in "The History Project, 1973  
By-laws, including Drafts, Correspondence, and Committee Reports, 1943-1985  
Certificates, Proclamations, Resolutions 1969-2010  
History  
    Treasurer's Account Book, Feb 1925-1938  
    History of League of Women Voters (U.S.), 1949-1962  
    Photograph Elizabeth Rohr, c. 1958 (*see Flat File 17*)  
    Photo: Carrie Chapman Catt, 1896 (**Original Photo is RESTRICTED**)  
    Photos: Lavinia Engle and Early 20<sup>th</sup> century Women, n.d.  
    Photos: Group Photos of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Annual Meeting, Board, 1970-1976  
Housing  
    Public Accommodations and Fair Housing, 1962-1968, 1989  
    Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (includes photos of Judith Heimann and Peg McRory),  
        1970-1976, 1995  
    Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County Mortgage Purchase Program,  
        1981  
Legal Actions: Court of Appeals #77-2143, George E. Gould vs. Patricia A. Gavett, et al., 1977  
Non-Partisanship Policy, 1955-1991  
Programs: Montgomery County Press Association; Montgomery County Bicentennial  
    Celebration, 1975, 1983



*(Series VII: Subject Files, cont.)*

*(Box 7, Cont.)*

Silver Spring Metro Opening: Remarks by Mrs. Julia M. Marsden, Pres., 1978

Voter Services

Congressional Redistricting Campaign, 1961-1963

Making a Difference: Citizen Information Handbook and Government of the USA, 1978

Polling Place Support Pilot Program, 1996

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Annual Meeting Workbooks, 1961, 1964-1969

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**Series X: Charter Movement, 1941-1974**

*Subseries 1: Subject Files, 1944-1974*

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Montgomery County Charter Committee Material and “Perfect Charter and Letter to Colored Voter,” 1944

Montgomery County Charter Campaign Material: League of Women Voters Charter Information, 1944-1971

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Charter Campaign Material, 1946  
Charter Campaign Material w/pin, 1948  
Charter Committee Campaign Fundraising Letter, 1954  
Brookings Report, 1941-1942  
Proclamation: Charter Understanding Day, 1970  
Charter Reports, Correspondence, Clippings, 1941-1952, n.d. (*see Flat File Box 17*)  
Charter Reports, Correspondence, Clippings, 1953-1957  
Charter Reports, Correspondence, Clippings, 1958-1962  
Charter Reports, Positions, Correspondence, Clippings, 1963-1967  
Charter Reports, Positions, Correspondence, Clippings, 1968-1969  
Charter Reports, Positions, Correspondence, 1969-1974  
Clippings, 1941, 1942 Jan-Jul  
Clippings, including Brookings Report, 1942 Aug-Dec

***Subseries 2: Charter Movement Clippings, 1943-1948***

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Clippings, 1943  
Clippings, 1944  
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Clippings, 1946  
Clippings, 1947  
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Clippings, 1967 Feb-Dec  
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**Series: XII: General Clippings, 1939-1995**

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Fire Departments, 1951  
To: Mrs. James V. Bennett from: R.G. Lewis, 1963  
n.d., 1963-1964  
Cartoons, 1984, 1990's  
Editorials, 1974-1976  
Housing Welfare, 1968-1972  
LWV Activities and Mrs. P.B. Morehouse, 1941  
"Montgomery Sidelights" by Elsie White Haines and "County Housekeeping" by Marjorie Garfield, 1950 Feb-Jul, n.d.  
Primary and General Election Results from *The Maryland News*, 1942, 1946

*(Series: XII: Clippings, cont.)*

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General, 1939-1955

1949 Jan-Jun

1949 Jul-Dec

1952 Jan- Aug

1952 Oct-Dec

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1966 May-Dec to 1971 Jan-May

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1974 Jan-May

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1975-1976

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**Series XIII: Scrapbooks, 1962-1968; 1980**

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1967 April-December and 1968 January-March (removed from scrapbook; placed in folder)

Newspaper Scrapbook, 1962 April 26-November 21

Newspaper Scrapbook, 1965 May 21 to 1966 January 28

Photograph Scrapbook, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LWV, 1980

**Series XIV: Oral Histories, 1969-1981; 1995**

**Subseries I: Subject Files, 1969-1980; 1995**

**Box 12**

Memo of Understanding between League and Montgomery County Public Library, 1973

Notes on Oral History Project (2 folders), 1969-1991

Minutes and Reports, 1969-1973

Handbook for Recorders and Material for Oral Historians, 1968-1973

History and Documentation for Memorial Library Fund and Oral History Program, 1971-1973,  
1995

NEH Grant Application, 1973-1974

Oral History Reports, Correspondence, Forms, Clippings, 1968-1983

Release Forms (signed) and Notes Removed from Safety Deposit Box, 1971-1980

Notes for Interviews with Bain, Hemingway, Vinson, and Others, 1969-1972

Tape Indexes for Dr. Charles Armstrong and Dr. Francis A. Arnold, Jr. of NIH, 1964, 1966

Lists of Interviewees and Notes on Sandy Spring, MD, 1972-1975

Marsden, [Julia], Notes on Oral History Program and Memorial Library Fund, 1967-1976

Marsden, [Julia], Notes on Oral History Program, 1969-1976

*(Subseries I: Subject Files, cont.)*

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Marsden, [Julia], Miscellaneous Notes, 1968-1972  
Budget and Expenses, 1974-1976  
Clippings: E. Guy Jewell, 1971 and n.d.  
Clippings: Blair Lee and family, 1973  
Clippings and Other Material: Lavinia Engle, 1969-1980  
Clippings of Other Interviewees, 1972-1974  
Correspondence with Interviewees, 1971-1974  
Equipment: Packing Slips and Catalogs, 1968-1973  
Montgomery County Historical Society, 1970-1974  
Interview Outlines (see folder for list of names), 1971-1972  
Letter to: Farquhar, Roger B., re: Permission to Photocopy Oral History Transcript, Nov. 16, 1980  
Articles Concerning Oral History, 1965-1973  
Publicity, 1971-1974  
Techniques, 1973-1974  
Committee, 1973-1974  
Elizabeth G. Rohr Fund, 1962  
Marie Bennett Memorial Library Building Fund, 1966-1977, n.d.  
Marie Bennett Memorial Library Correspondence, Donor Lists, Clippings, 1965-1976  
Marie Bennett Library and Oral History Program Opening, 1973

*Subseries 2: Transcripts, 1969-1981*

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Abbe, Leslie Morgan, 1971  
Bain, Henry, 1969  
Bennett, James V. [1975]  
Bloomer, Esther, 1971  
Bullard, Anne W., 1974-1982  
Bullard, Dexter M., Sr., M.D., 1970-1981  
Coffman, John W., [1972]  
Curtis, Frances Vinson, 1972  
Gertrude Bradley Dalrymple, 1971  
Donaldson, Mary Macatee, 1972  
Eig, Sam, 1972  
Farquhar, Roger, 1972  
Gardner, Allen H., 1973  
Gustafson, Forest, 1971  
Himstead, Dorothy, 1972  
Hostetler, Alice, 1971  
Jarvis, Edith Claude, 1971  
Jewell, E. Guy, [1973]

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Jones, Margaret Taylor, 1971  
Lee, E. Brooke, 1974-1975 (notes only, MCHS project)  
Mohler, Mary, 1972  
Moreland, George, 1974  
Ofsthun, Neil A., 1971  
Sandifer, Irene R., 1971  
Siegel, Joyce B., 1972  
Sims, Lewis B., [1974]  
Smith, Lathrop E., 1971  
Werner, Stella B., 1973-1981 (notes only)

*Subseries 3: Incomplete files, 1974; undated*

**Box 14**

Dawson, Rose with transcript, 7" reel and 4 cassettes, no release form (**RESTRICTED**)  
DuFour, Kathryn J. notes only  
Hemingway, Marian SeCheverell, notes only  
Leary, Kathleen with 7" reel, no transcript/release form  
Miller, Robert with 7" reel, no transcript/release form, 1974  
Prath, Ruth, notes only  
Wilson, Lillian Earnest, no transcript/release form  
Wilson, Herman Monroe, no transcript/release form