

Dakota Resources

Woman Suffrage on the Northern Great Plains: An Annotated Bibliography

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Scholarship on the history of woman suffrage has proliferated in the years leading up to the centennial of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. This research has frequently engaged more deeply with local history, elucidating the breadth and complexity of the suffrage movement throughout the Northern Great Plains. Scholars are analyzing the role of state and local groups and the campaigns they ran—with or without the assistance of national suffrage organizations—across immense distances, adjusting to conditions within each community. Historians are also examining the roles that local women and men embraced in both urban and rural spaces while pursuing equal access to the ballot. Such research recognizes that movements do not happen in a vacuum. Suffragists, their ideas, and their writings crossed state boundaries throughout the decades spent fighting for the franchise.

This bibliography aims to assist in the continued cultivation of these regional histories. Following the trend set forth in recent scholarship, it extends beyond South Dakota to include North Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming.¹ While casting a wide net in the manuscript collections, oral histories, secondary literature, and newspaper collections it includes, this listing is by no means exhaustive. New materials continue to be added to regional archives, especially as calls for suffrage-related items have gone out in connection with the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment. A few specific newspaper collections are mentioned here, but these do not begin to touch on the wealth of material that period newspapers contain for suffrage researchers. State historical societies and other archives have extensive microfilm collections, and many newspapers are currently being digitized and can be found online.

1. See, for example, Lori Ann Lahlum and Molly P. Rozum, eds., *Equality at the Ballot Box: Votes for Women on the Northern Great Plains* (Pierre: South Dakota Historical Society Press, 2019).

In the bibliography that follows, archival holdings such as manuscript collections, oral history interviews, and specific newspaper collections are organized alphabetically by state and then by repository. Reference numbers, when available, appear in parentheses directly after the collection names. Secondary scholarship is listed in the final section under its associated state.

Archival Sources

MONTANA

Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives, Butte

Miscellaneous Materials

Brown, Tom S. "Chronology and Transcriptions of Hattie and C. H. Bucher research." (AW B020.003)

This document consists of a researcher's transcriptions of a variety of newspaper articles and book excerpts concerning the Bucher family of Butte. As noted in the next entry, Hattie Bucher had an interest in woman suffrage.

———. "*Mining Childhood*, the Butte Florence Crittenton Circle, and Mrs. C. H. Bucher." (AW B020.002)

This unpublished eleven-page manuscript discusses Hattie Bucher's work as the founder of a home for "wayward" girls in Butte and includes material about woman suffrage.

Rankin, Jeannette. Vertical File. (VF0695)

Included in this collection are several documents related to Rankin's suffrage work, pacifism, and career in politics. Rankin served as the first woman elected to the United States Congress, holding office from 1917 to 1919 and again from 1941 to 1943.

Women/Women's Suffrage. Vertical File. (VF2197)

This file contains a variety of items related to the suffrage movement in Montana.

Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, University of Montana, Missoula

Archives and Special Collections

Gerard, James Watson. Papers, 1750–1955. (MSS 045)

Gerard was a lawyer and diplomat from New York who became con-

nected to Montana after marrying the daughter of Marcus Daly, founder of the Anaconda Copper Company. This collection tracing Gerard's career and activism contains two folders of information and publications on woman suffrage.

Mansfield, Mike. Papers, 1903–2002. (MSS 065)

Mike Mansfield was a miner from Butte who went on to serve as a United States representative, senator, and ambassador to Japan. His collection contains materials pertaining to his political career, including conversations surrounding women's rights.

Orchard Homes Country Life Club Records, 1906–1944. (MSS 801)

In addition to charitable work, the Women's Club subsidiary of the Orchard Homes Country Life Club also appeared before the Montana Legislature in support of woman suffrage.

Rankin Family Papers, 1888–1946. (MSS 280)

Within this collection of materials from the Rankin family are speeches and clippings related to Jeannette Rankin from 1916 to 1941 and materials from her 1940 congressional campaign.

Montana Historical Society Archives, Helena

Manuscript Collections

Alderson, Mary Long. Papers, 1894–1936. (SC 122)

Active in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the campaign for equal suffrage, Alderson spent much of her life promoting women's rights issues. This collection contains drafts of "A Half Century of Progress for Montana Women," a manuscript covering the women's rights movement in Montana, along with biographical sketches and scrapbooks.

Helena Business Women's Suffrage Club Minutes, 1896–1903. (SC 976)

These minutes document the inner workings of a professional organization of local businesswomen that promoted woman suffrage.

Ingalls, Emma A. Papers, 1919–1938. (SC 1940)

Before becoming one of Montana's first female state legislators, Emma A. Ingalls and her husband founded Kalispell's daily newspaper and managed a ranch and alfalfa operation. This collection includes general correspondence; subject files on child welfare, women's issues, and the Republican Party and its candidates; notes

on government and politics; brochures on prohibition; information about the Anti-Saloon League, the potato rebellion, and immigration; and clippings on political topics.

Montana Good Government State Central Committee Records, 1895–1919 (bulk 1913–1919). (SC 567)

Montana voters approved a suffrage amendment in 1914. In 1920, after ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the Montana State Central Committee of the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) changed its name to the Montana Good Government State Central Committee. These records include correspondence between the Montana branch and national branches of NAWSA, newsletters of the Montana Equal Suffrage State Central Committee, voting records that verify women's participation in Montana elections, and various writings.

Rankin, Jeannette. Papers, 1916–1919. (MC 147)

This collection consists of Rankin's correspondence with her Montana constituents and subject files on pertinent issues from her first term in Congress.

Rankin, Wellington D. Papers, 1904–1969. (MC 288)

Wellington D. Rankin—Jeannette Rankin's brother—was a Montana rancher and politician who served as state attorney general from 1921 to 1924. This collection contains a subgroup of letters between his sister and other family members. In addition, there are subject files on social issues, speeches, information on Jeannette's 1940 congressional campaign, and clippings.

Winestine, Belle. Papers. Norman and Belle Fligelman Winestine Collection, 1882–1985. (MC 190)

Active in the woman suffrage movement in Montana, Belle Winestine also served as Jeannette Rankin's secretary during her first term in Congress. This collection contains Winestine's writings, correspondence, a Jeannette Rankin subject file, Fligelman family materials, and a scrapbook from her time at the University of Wisconsin.

General Oral History Collection

Rankin, Jeannette. Interview by John C. Board, 29 Aug. 1963. (OH 1046)

This oral history consists of a three-hour interview on three audio-

tapes and a two-page summary. Topics discussed include woman suffrage, Rankin's campaigns and her time in Congress, World War I, and World War II.

Rankin, Wellington D. Interview by V. W. Steele, n.d. (OH 1665)

This one-and-a-half-hour interview on two audiotapes includes discussion of the Rankin family's role in Jeannette's campaigns, why Wellington disagreed with his sister's vote against United States entry into World War I, and her failed 1918 campaign for United States Senate, among other subjects.

Winestine, Belle Fligelman. Interview by George Cole, 1976. (OH 87)

This collection includes one forty-minute audiotape and a three-page summary. In this interview, Winestine discusses Jeannette Rankin, the woman suffrage movement, the Equal Rights Amendment, women's professional lives, and the roles of women in the international peace movement.

Newspaper Collections

Suffrage Daily News, 1914.

The state's only suffrage newspaper, the *Suffrage Daily News* played a major part in the success of the movement in Montana. It was published in Helena, Montana, between September and November of 1914. The publication can also be accessed online through *Chronicling America*, the historical newspaper database sponsored by the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Roland R. Renne Library, Montana State University, Bozeman

Merrill G. Burlingame Special Collections

Alderson Family Collection, 1865–1939. (891)

The Aldersons were one of the first white families to settle in Montana's Gallatin Valley. This collection contains a wide variety of materials, including scrapbooks, letters, diaries, and printed materials related to the extended Alderson family, many of whom were involved in the temperance and suffrage movements.

Burlingame, Merrill G. Papers, 1880–1990. (2245)

Burlingame was a longtime history professor at Montana State University (MSU) and a leading Montana historian. His papers include a

microfilm edition of his correspondence regarding woman suffrage, but permission for its use must be obtained from the Library of Congress, the institution holding the original documents.

Doig, Ivan. Archive, 1939–2015. (2602)

A renowned author, Doig published several works of fiction and non-fiction drawing on the history of his home state of Montana. Contained within this massive collection are Doig's research into the woman suffrage movement, which includes clippings, documents, and notes.

Dunbar, Robert G. Papers, 1930–1986. (2437)

Dunbar, a Wisconsin native, taught history at MSU for nearly thirty years before retiring in 1974. This voluminous collection is broken down into five series. Series two contains information specific to suffrage, specifically as it relates to agricultural history in Colorado.

Proper, Datus C. Papers, 1864–2003. (2502)

While most of the collection focuses on the journals, research notes, and correspondence of Proper, a former political analyst for the United States Foreign Service who became a Bozeman-based outdoor writer, it also contains a section of family history. These documents include notes and clippings about his ancestor, Ida Sedgwick Proper, an early suffragist and New York artist.

Roeder, Richard B. Papers, 1949–1995. (2346)

This collection brims with research notes, personal papers, photographs, and audiotapes spanning the academic career of Richard B. Roeder, a longtime Montana historian and MSU professor, including files and research on women's history and woman suffrage.

Smith, Norma. Papers, 1895–2000. (2329)

Smith's research material for her book *Jeannette Rankin: America's Conscience* is compiled here. These items include correspondence and interviews with Rankin and her secretary, Reita Rivers, as well as additional correspondence and interviews, research notes, bibliographical materials, and clippings.

Miscellaneous Publications

Herrick, Una B. "Twenty Years at Montana State College" (1931).

This book manuscript includes Una B. Herrick's remembrances from

her time at Montana State College, where she served as the first dean of women. The text includes discussions of the women's movement at Montana State and the growth in women's roles in the college from 1910 to 1931.

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Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks

Orin G. Libby Manuscript Collections

Kirk, Anna V. Papers, 1908–1929, 1962, 1976, 1993, 2003. (OGLMC 1321)

The scrapbook within this collection includes newspaper articles that Kirk, a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) from Grand Forks, wrote about politics, suffrage, and temperance. It also contains photographs and ephemera.

Masonic Lodge Records, 1841–1964. (OGLMC 242)

An essay on woman suffrage is included within this large collection of the organization's photographs and documents.

Research Papers Written on North Dakota History Collection. (OGLMC 263)

Jeanne Tucker's 1951 undergraduate essay "The History of the Woman's Suffrage Movement in North Dakota," one of the first and most widely consulted papers on the topic, is housed here.

Smith, Cora E. Papers, 1893–1964. (OGLMC 706)

A member of the first graduating class of the University of North Dakota, Smith would go on to become a prominent suffragist and physician in North Dakota, Minnesota, and Washington. Her papers contain biographical information and several news clippings.

Todd, Dwight. Papers, 1884–1983. (OGLMC 764)

Todd was a socialist from Williams County active in the Farmers Union. His parents, James A. and Marien Smith Todd, were active in the suffrage movement and the WCTU, and this collection contains articles, speeches, and correspondence related to those causes.

Votes for Women Club Records, 1912–1919. (OGLMC 0080)

Membership lists and meeting minutes are among the highlights of these club records.

Women's Suffrage Movement Papers, 1908–1918. (OGLMC 787)

This collection documents the woman suffrage movement at the state, national, and international levels and contains newspapers, articles, speeches, posters, and more.

North Dakota State University Archives, Fargo

Manuscript Collections

Burnham, John W. Papers, 1829–1912. (MSS 155)

After leaving military service, Burnham and his wife moved to Wheatland, North Dakota. This collection includes correspondence and manuscripts from their politically and socially active family, including a manuscript discussing equal suffrage.

Fargo Fortnightly Club Records, 1895–1982. (MSS 35)

This organization, founded in 1895, was active in civic and educational affairs in Fargo. It also had members active in the woman suffrage movement, as evidenced in their records.

Hildreth, Melvin A. Papers, 1882–1944. (MSS 654)

Hildreth served in the Spanish-American War, had an illustrious legal career, and was civically active. His papers contain subject files covering different aspects of Hildreth's career, including files on woman suffrage and the role of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

North Dakota Biographical Collection.

This collection includes biographical and background information on figures in the North Dakota suffrage movement and ephemera related to the state campaigns.

North Dakota Masonic Temple Collection. (MSS 1942)

In addition to tracing the history of freemasonry in the state, this collection contains a wide variety of information about the history of the Red River Valley area, including woman suffrage and women's organizations.

Pollock, Christine Corse. Family Papers, 1869–1915. (MSS 9)

A resident of Casselton, North Dakota, Christine Pollock was active in the WCTU and the woman suffrage movement.

Pollock, Robert M. Papers, 1880–1914. (MSS 14)

Robert Pollock, husband of Christine, was a leader in the North Dako-

ta Anti-Saloon League and framed the state's successful partial suffrage law in 1917.

Putnam, Thomas N. Papers, 1868–1955. (MSS 179)

Born in New York, Putnam found his way to Carrington, North Dakota, where he was an active businessman, farmer, and politician. Housed within this larger collection is a series of texts on famous women, along with articles on woman suffrage and information on women's organizations.

Saunders, Reverend Eben E. Collection, 1914–1926. (MSS 61)

The Saunders collection covers a wide range of material about life in the Red River Valley. Saunders's correspondence includes letters to Elizabeth Preston Anderson about the WCTU and woman suffrage.

Votes for Women League of North Dakota. Fargo Branch Records, 1912–1919. (MSS 0049)

The North Dakota branch of this national organization was founded in conjunction with a visit from British suffragist Sylvia Pankhurst. The collection contains meeting minutes, correspondence, and subject files.

Woman's Club of Fargo Records, 1884–1980. (MSS 0047)

The oldest club in North Dakota, the Women's Club of Fargo focused on study and community improvement. Among these records are organizational materials, meeting minutes, reports, club histories, program presentations, and subject files.

Young, Newton C. Papers, 1907–1950. (SC 100)

Young served as chief justice of the North Dakota Supreme Court from 1902 to 1906, and his wife Ida was president of the North Dakota Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage. This collection contains clippings, speeches, and other items related to their respective work.

Newspaper Collections

Spectrum, 1896–present.

The *Spectrum* collection includes every edition of North Dakota State University's student newspaper, which began publication in 1896. The issues contain many articles and editorials regarding woman suffrage.

State Historical Society of North Dakota State Archives, Bismarck

Manuscript Collections

Anderson, Elizabeth Preston. Papers, 1898–1941. (10108)

One of North Dakota's leading suffragists and a longtime president of the state branch of the WCTU, Anderson maintained a scrapbook of WCTU activities and papers on prohibition and woman suffrage.

Constitutional Convention Records, 1889. (31094)

This collection contains records related to North Dakota's 1889 constitutional convention, where woman suffrage was among the topics discussed. The debate ended in partial suffrage for women, with full suffrage to be decided later.

Dralle, Henry G. Papers, 1891–1950. (10206)

Dralle moved to North Dakota as a missionary for the German Lutheran Church and later married and settled into life on the prairie. Within this family collection is a box of political ephemera, including information on the North Dakota Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage.

Ephemera Collection, 1870–2018. (11354)

Containing a variety of materials, this collection primarily focuses on printed materials related to woman suffrage.

Liessman, Charles and Viola. Papers, 1892–1972. (10113)

The Liessmans, active in local politics and business, played a key role in the development of Kidder County. Charles eventually held a number of state-level positions, while Viola was active in several clubs, including the WCTU. Their papers include pamphlets on woman suffrage, primarily in Boxes 12 through 18.

McKenzie, Alexander. Papers, 1889–1944. (11100)

This collection holds materials from generations of the McKenzie family. Of particular interest is the correspondence of Elva McKenzie, wife of the powerful North Dakota politician Alexander McKenzie, who had contact with several prominent suffragists and ties to the New York suffrage movement.

Minot Commission on the Status of Women—Plum Valley Chapter, 1985. (10605)

Among these records are interviews with ninety-four women from

Ward County who discuss their community involvement, including the history of suffrage in the area.

Palmer, Bertha Rachael. Papers, 1808–1960. (10098)

Palmer, a North Dakota-based educator and temperance activist, won election as state superintendent of public instruction in 1926. Boxes 16 through 18 of her papers contain WCTU publications on topics including suffrage.

Pearson Family Collection, 1880–2000. (11301)

A photograph of a 1918 suffrage parade is included in this collection focusing on the genealogical, agricultural, travel, and personal papers of the Pearson family of Bowman, North Dakota.

Slaughter, Benjamin Franklin and Linda Warfel. Papers, 1850–1992. (10003)

Linda Slaughter was a prominent educator and activist in the Bismarck area who notably served on the national executive committee of the National Woman Suffrage Association. Contained here is the Slaughters' correspondence, including an array of letters regarding Linda's role in the suffrage movement.

Taylor, Edward James. Papers, 1880s–1972. (10064)

This collection compiles correspondence and materials from an extended North Dakota family as well as printed materials on the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Several members of the Taylor family were educators and lawyers active in politics and business.

Truax, Mattie. Papers, 1892–1967. (10690)

Active in a number of clubs in the Minot area, Truax recorded the meeting minutes for the North Dakota branch of the WCTU, and her papers hold information on a variety of the organization's campaigns.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota Collection, 1882–1997. (10133)

This collection contains clippings, meeting minutes, publications, and other ephemera as well as materials on suffrage.

North Dakota Oral History Project Records. (10157)

Larry Spunk conducted an oral history project between 1973 and 1977 as part of a United States bicentennial project that asked North Da-

kotans to reflect on the state's history. The collection includes cassette tapes, transcripts, photographs, and genealogical information. Recordings are organized by the county in which the interview was conducted. According to the online finding aid, the following interviewees address the topics of suffrage and women's rights in North Dakota.

Adams County, tape no. 3, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wothe.

Barnes County, tape no. 2, Elsie E. Otto; tape no. 22, Jean M. Hill.

Billings County, tape no. 14, Hazel Schlagen.

Bowman County, tape no. 20, Mrs. Ethel Eide.

Burleigh County, tape no. 24, Mrs. Clara Hedahl; tape no. 33, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson; tape no. 40, Mrs. Pete Bliss; tape no. 44, Mrs. Idella Sperry.

Cass County, tape no. 5, Mrs. Anna Stevens; tape no. 7, Mrs. Agnes Geelan; tape no. 8, Mrs. Mary Bishop; tape no. 9, Mr. E. A. Bowers; tape no. 13, Mrs. L. E. Correll; tape no. 15, Mrs. Lucille McNair; tape no. 28, Mrs. Anna Skue; tape no. 29, Mrs. Bruce Brewer.

Dunn County, tape no. 10, Esther Vaagen.

Golden Valley County, tape no. 2, Mrs. Martin Uechert and Carl Uechert; tape no. 7, Ray Lingk; tape no. 8, D. L. "Dominick" Kukowski.

Hettinger County, tape no. 17, Mrs. Mae Newby.

Kidder County, tape no. 15, Jennie E. Smith.

LaMoure County, tape no. 2, Mrs. Hulda O. Johnson; tape no. 15, Mrs. Sibyl Hall; tape no. 18, Mrs. Anna Youngman.

Logan County, tape no. 4, Mrs. Mabel Liversage.

Morton County, tape no. 10, Mr. Ernest Keidel.

Mountrail County, tape no. 14, Cora Doty and Anna Smith.

Nelson County, tape no. 3, Jim Fahey.

Ramsey County, tape no. 23, Mrs. Ida Clapp.

Ransom County, tape no. 7, W. R. Humphrey.

Rollette County, tape no. 18, Mrs. James H. Penny.

Sargent County, tape no. 37, Walter D. ("Dewey") Forsberg.

Slope County, tape no. 1, Mrs. Clara Harris.

Stutsman County, tape no. 5, Oria Barnick; tape no. 8, Ms. B. H. Kroeze; tape no. 12, H. W. (“Herb”) Lyons; tape no. 17, S. Anne Preszler.

Trail County, tape no. 15, Mrs. B. Marie Severs.

Ward County, tape no. 7, Mrs. C. O. Carlson; tape no. 13, Mrs. Ellen Staflin; tape no. 15, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Erickson; tape no. 26, Jennie Graveson; tape no. 36, Brynhild Haugland; tape no. 38, Mrs. Olive McElwain.

Walsh County, tape no. 9, Nora Gryde.

Wells County, tape no. 6, Gertrude Stratemeyer; tape no. 11, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Kunkel.

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I. D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion

Archives and Special Collections (Richardson Collection)

Breeden, Jane Rooker. Papers, 1895–1933. (MS-024)

Breeden and her husband homesteaded in Stanley County in 1892. She went on to become a prominent clubwoman in central South Dakota, serving as president of the Pierre Equal Suffrage Association. Her papers consist of correspondence, pamphlets, administrative records, newspaper clippings, and print materials relating to the woman suffrage movement in South Dakota.

Norbeck, Peter. Papers, 1896–1936. (MS-116)

Norbeck served as governor during the final campaign for woman suffrage in South Dakota. While his papers include correspondence and print materials from both his time as governor and United States senator, Boxes 7, 58–60, 69, and 84 are of particular interest to suffrage researchers.

Pyle, Mamie Shields. Papers, 1897–1968. (MS-129)

Mary I. (“Mamie”) Shields Pyle, one of the state’s leading suffragists, served as president of the South Dakota Universal Franchise League (SDUFL) and later the state branch of the League of Women Voters. The bulk of this collection documents the campaign activities of the SDUFL, which played a vital role in securing support for the state’s successful woman suffrage amendment in 1918.

Oral History Center

Carlson, Marie E. and Jo Makens. Interview by John S. Painter, 10 Aug. 1978 (one audiotape reel).

This interview focuses on the rights of women and the woman suffrage movement in South Dakota.

Krell, Katherine. Interview by Robert F. Lawrence, 2 July 1976 (one audiotape reel).

Krell's reflection on life in Aurora County includes a discussion of the woman suffrage movement, along with farm life, prohibition, World War I, the Great Depression, and many other topics of note from the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Lorshbaugh, Mrs. Henry, and Mrs. Art Utesch. Interview by Paul O'Rourke, 15 June 1971 (one audiotape reel).

This oral history interview on the history of Clark County focuses on woman suffrage and the Great Depression.

Pyle, Gladys. Interview by Paul O'Rourke, 30 June 1971, Huron, S.Dak. (one audiocassette).

Gladys Pyle, the daughter of John and Mary Shields Pyle, was the first female United States senator from South Dakota. In her interview, she reflects on the woman suffrage movement in South Dakota, the prohibition movement, and politics in the state more generally.

Stiles, Fred and Frances. Interview by Stephen Ward, 13 Aug. 1970 (one audiotape reel).

While the bulk of the interview pertains to banking in northeastern South Dakota, Fred and Frances Stiles also discuss the woman suffrage movement, Prohibition, and the Great Depression.

Wilsey, Nellie. Interview by Eugene Van Alstyne, 28 June 1975 (one audiotape reel).

Wilsey talks about the woman suffrage movement in the course of relating the history of Pedro, South Dakota, and the surrounding area.

Newspaper collection

Volante, 1887–present.

Faculty and students express their views on woman suffrage in various issues of the *Volante*, the University of South Dakota's student newspaper.

South Dakota State Historical Society Archives, Pierre

Manuscript Collections

Breeden, Jane Rooker. Papers. (H74-22)

This collection contains correspondence, notes, and other papers relating to temperance and woman suffrage in South Dakota and Breeden's native Illinois.

Gage, Matilda. Papers, 1870-1970. (MF46)

Matilda Joslyn Gage was a prominent New York-based woman suffrage activist with family ties to both South Dakota and North Dakota. In 1869, she founded the National Woman Suffrage Association alongside Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who later downplayed Gage's contributions due to her radical views on politics and religion. This collection contains microfilm copies of her papers.

General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Dakota Records, 1899-1958. (H92-92, H93-43, H97-56, H98-17, H98-73, H99-019, H2000-31, H2000-52, H2001-15, H2001-22, H2002-002)

A national organization with a state presence, the General Federation of Women's Clubs focused on community service. The records of South Dakota's branch, including minutes, club histories, program and financial reports, and a treasurer's ledger, reside here. Also included is the Pioneer Daughters Collection, a massive effort undertaken from the 1940s through the 1980s to gather stories and materials from six thousand early women settlers.

Gossage, Alice. Collection, 1879-1882. (H2017-030)

Gossage became manager and editor of the *Rapid City Journal* in 1882, using her position to advocate for woman suffrage and prohibition. This collection consists of typed copies of diary entries and letters she composed between 1879 and 1881.

Pickler Family Papers, 1865-1976. (H91-74)

This prominent Faulk County family's collection is rich with documentation of both the temperance and suffrage movements in South Dakota, including correspondence with national suffrage workers and between field workers and the state's suffrage leaders.

Rehfeld, Dorothy. Collection, 1910s-1930s. (H2016-080)

Rehfeld, the first woman licensed to practice law in South Dakota, was a staunch suffrage supporter and an officeholder in the League

of Women Voters on both the state and national levels. She initially lived on a homestead near Warner before moving to Aberdeen. This collection contains photographs, correspondence, and clippings related to her life and work.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union Records, 1890–1991.

(H90-7–H90-12, H90-122, H92-128, H95-46, H96-9, H99-020)

These records maintained by the state WCTU's historian include organizational histories, newspaper clippings, financial records, songbooks, speeches, and publications.

Woman Suffrage Movement Papers, 1889–1925. (H74-16)

This collection contains miscellaneous letters, minutes, and publications relating to suffrage. Much of the correspondence is to and from Ruth B. Hipple, an officer in the South Dakota Universal Franchise League and editor of the *Messenger*, the organization's newspaper.

South Dakota State University Archives, Brookings

Manuscript Collections

General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Dakota Records, 1912–2000. (MA 28)

Included here are administrative records, some of which may pertain to the suffrage movement.

“The Incredible Gladys Pyle” Collection, 1918–1987. (MA 20)

This collection houses the research conducted for a Gladys Pyle biography.

WYOMING

American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming, Laramie

Manuscript Collections

Hebard, Grace Raymond. Papers, 1809–1947. (400008)

Hebard was a suffragist, lawyer, historian, and professor at the University of Wyoming. This collection contains correspondence and several book and article manuscripts.

Inventory of the Women's History Research Center. Series I, Subject Files, 1845–1992, and Series II, Periodicals and Pamphlets, 1896–2017 (bulk 1959–1978). (05879)

Founded in Berkeley, California, in 1969, the Women's History Research Center compiled an array of documents pertaining to women's social, political, and economic roles from 1845 to 1992. Series I contains files on key figures and organizations in the women's movement, and Series II includes a wide range of published materials.

League of Women Voters of Wyoming Records, 1946–2011. (10437)

The League of Women Voters formed as an offshoot of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. This collection highlights one of the avenues for continued activism for Wyoming women after they gained access to the ballot.

Post, Morton E. and Amalia. Family Papers, 1850–1900. (01362)

These papers include letters from Amalia Post, a suffragist who represented Wyoming at the National Woman's Suffrage Convention in Washington, D.C., in 1871.

Ross, Nellie Tayloe. Papers, c. 1880s–1998. (00948)

Born in Missouri, Ross moved to Wyoming with her husband William B. Ross, who served as governor from 1923 until his death in 1924. Nellie Ross subsequently won a special election and became the first woman in the nation elected governor. President Franklin D. Roosevelt later appointed her director of the United States Mint.

Swain, Louisa A. Papers, c. 1860–1960. (00807)

Many consider Swain to be the first woman to vote legally in a general election in the United States. This miscellaneous collection includes ephemera from her life, including newspaper clippings.

Toppan Library, University of Wyoming

Miscellaneous Publications

American Woman Suffrage Association. "Thirteen Years' Experience of Woman Suffrage in Wyoming." *Woman's Journal*, ca. 1882.

———. "More Facts from Wyoming." *Woman's Journal*, ca. 1882.

———. *Nine Years' Experience of Woman Suffrage in Wyoming*. Boston: W. K. Moody, ca. 1879.

Wyoming State Archives, Cheyenne

Manuscript Collections

Campbell, John A. Collection, 1854–1907. (C-1049)

Campbell served as the first governor of Wyoming Territory. This collection, housing both his materials and those of his wife, covers political issues of the time, including woman suffrage.

———. Gubernatorial Papers, 1869–1875. (RG0001.01)

This collection contains much of Campbell's incoming and outgoing correspondence from his time as governor, including letters regarding woman suffrage.

Hebard, Grace Raymond. Collection, 1924–1938. (H2002-108)

Included within this collection is correspondence to and from Hebard during her tenure at the University of Wyoming, as well as an article she wrote on the history of woman suffrage in Montana.

———. Letters. (MSS 313E)

This collection contains letters relevant to Hebard's life and work.

———. "How Suffrage Came to Wyoming." (MSS 313B)

Originally published in 1920, this pamphlet highlights Esther Morris's role in the advent of suffrage in Wyoming.

Hebard, Grace Raymond, and Marie Montabe. "The Birth of Wyoming Day: When Women's Suffrage Came to Wyoming, December 10, 1869: A One Act Play." (MSS 313)

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