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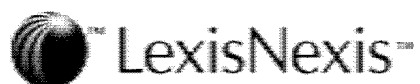
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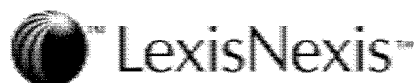
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# INTRODUCTION

The Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association (MWSA) was founded in Hastings, Minnesota, in 1881. The establishment of this group marked the beginning of a united effort to gain equal suffrage for women in Minnesota. Prior to this time, suffrage was an issue that had met with only sporadic success in Minnesota. Several special laws and an amendment to the state constitution had been passed that permitted women to vote for designated local candidates and issues. This early legislation was enacted in spite of the absence of a systematic organizational effort to promote the suffrage movement on both the state and national levels.

During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries the MWSA adopted a “moderate” approach to achieving equal suffrage. It promoted suffrage by distributing educational literature from suffrage booths at the Minnesota State Fair and at other expositions and by petitioning Minnesota state legislators to introduce suffrage legislation. The MWSA also began to establish local auxiliaries in communities around the state. Although these auxiliaries and other Minnesota suffrage groups shared a common goal, they were not yet linked by a statewide organizational network. Important individuals in the MWSA during this early period included Sarah Burger Stearns, first president, 1881–1883; Julia B. Nelson, fifth president, 1890–1896; Maud Stockwell, eighth president, 1900–1910; Alice Hall, tenth president, 1911–1913; and Harriet E. Bishop.

National woman suffrage groups were restructuring their organizations during this period, and the suffrage movement was gaining momentum. In 1890 the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA) and the American Woman Suffrage Association (AWSA) merged to become the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA). These organizations were founded separately in 1869 when a dispute over strategies split the suffrage movement. The NWSA, a more militant group led by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, favored amending the U.S. Constitution. The AWSA, a more moderate group led by Lucy Stone and Julia Ward, advocated amending state constitutions. Following their merger, the NAWSA adopted a policy of promoting amendments to both the U.S. Constitution and individual state constitutions. The new national organization adopted the moderate, educational approach to achieving equal suffrage but did not yet have a plan that would unite all suffragists.

By 1914 the suffrage cause had not gained many victories. Only six states passed equal suffrage legislation between 1896 and 1914. Suffragists discovered that the lack of a strong organization, difficulty in amending state constitutions, outspoken opposing organizations such as the National Association Opposed to the Further Extension of Suffrage to Women, liquor interests, and a continuing division among suffragists themselves hindered the success of the movement both nationally and in the states.



In response to this situation, the NAWSA and its state auxiliaries decided to focus their efforts on amending only the U.S. Constitution and adopted new administrative procedures that unified their organization. The new administrative structure linked the NAWSA and its state affiliates in a systematic network that offered efficient communication, consistent funding, and common tactics. Professional organizers traveled around the United States, spending from a few months to several years in a state to organize its suffrage campaign.

Suffragists revived the movement by employing new tactics, such as suffrage parades and rallies, that brought the suffrage issue into prominent national view and utilized new and existing forms of technology to serve their cause. The automobile enabled suffragists to disseminate information rapidly and to make personal visits to even the most remote areas. Signs on autos advertised “Votes for Women” daily. Suffragists captured the attention of the news as groups of women embarked on cross-country promotional auto tours. Women stunt pilots performed aerial shows; suffrage trains toured the country. The Mississippi Valley Suffrage Association sponsored a suffrage barge that plied its way down the Mississippi River from Minnesota to St. Louis, Missouri, promoting suffrage in towns along the way. Photography illustrated many of these events in various suffrage and other publications.

Under the leadership of Clara (Mrs. Andreas) Ueland, who served as president from 1914 to 1919, the MWSA followed the lead of the NAWSA. In 1915 Minnesota suffragists were encouraged to promote only the national Anthony Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; all efforts to amend the Minnesota State Constitution were discouraged. Despite these directives, a bill authorizing presidential suffrage was introduced and passed in the Minnesota state legislature in 1919. The MWSA also initiated an administrative reorganization in 1915. The new plan created a statewide network of community and district suffrage groups, organized by legislative district, that would hold regular meetings, recruit new members, distribute literature, lobby legislators, and sponsor fund-raising events. Fund-raising events served two purposes: new members were recruited for suffrage groups, and proceeds from these events were distributed among the local, state, and national organizations to fund their operations. By 1916 several professional organizers, notably Rene E. H. Stevens and Bertha Moller, had been hired to implement the new plan.

Despite the renewed efforts to secure suffrage, some suffragists felt that the movement was hampered by the activities of another suffrage group, the National Woman’s Party. This organization, originally called the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, was founded in 1912 by Alice Paul. Its name was changed in 1916 when it was reorganized as a political party. Its members believed that tactics much more militant than those of the NAWSA were necessary to secure suffrage. Demonstrations in front of the White House in 1917 led to the arrest and jailing of women picketers, who refused to pay fines to avoid imprisonment. Their subsequent hunger strike and forced feeding received national news coverage. The NAWSA and the MWSA, concerned about their image, officially disassociated themselves from any actual or implied link with the National Woman’s Party.

Suffragists also viewed two other events as adverse influences on the success of the movement. Some felt that the entry of the United States into World War I diverted the efforts of some women from suffrage work to wartime social causes. Many suffragists, however, believed that this situation was mitigated by the increased employment of women in

jobs formerly held only by men, which helped to improve public attitudes toward women's capabilities. In addition, the widespread influenza epidemic of 1918 appeared to be a setback, since suffrage meetings were disrupted for months in Minnesota and elsewhere when all public meetings and gatherings were officially banned.

The so-called Anthony Amendment, which was first introduced in the U.S. Senate in 1878, finally was passed by Congress in June 1919. After its passage, suffragists in Minnesota and around the country petitioned governors to call special legislative sessions to ratify the amendment. The Minnesota State Legislature ratified it at a special session held on September 8, 1919. The Anthony Amendment became the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution after the Tennessee State Legislature ratified it in August 1920.

As each state ratified the Anthony Amendment, the NAWSA and its affiliates turned their attention to analyzing the future of the suffrage organizations. The NAWSA concluded that suffrage groups could be of service in educating newly enfranchised women and immigrants in the areas of citizenship and voting. The NAWSA, therefore, was reorganized as the American League of Women Voters (ALWV) at a national convention in St. Louis, Missouri, in March 1919. State organizations followed this lead. On October 28–29, 1919, the MWSA was reorganized into the Minnesota League of Women Voters (MLWV) with Clara Ueland as president.

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# SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association (MWSA) (1894–1923 and undated) consist of correspondence and related records, subject files, printed materials, photographs, newspaper clippings, minutes and other record books, and scrapbooks. Although the MWSA was organized in 1881, there are few records that predate 1900. Two separate fires destroyed the early records, and it is also questionable whether certain types of records ever existed. Although most of the records were created by the MWSA, the collection also contains some records of the Minnesota League of Women Voters (MLWV), the Hennepin County Suffrage Association (HCSA), and the Scandinavian Woman Suffrage Association (SWSA). The HCSA originally was organized in 1913 as the Equal Suffrage Association of Minneapolis. It was reorganized and the name changed to the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association (HCWSA) in November 1915.

## **Correspondence and Related Records**

The Correspondence and Related Records (1898–1921 and undated) are arranged chronologically. The series opens with a small group of articles of incorporation, constitutions, and bylaws (1902–1915 and undated). The remainder of the series consists primarily of letters sent and received, responses to surveys of state legislators, and compiled lists of MWSA members and supporters and survey results.

Most of the correspondence focuses on the organizational work of the MWSA on the state, district, and local levels. It reveals the diverse techniques used to organize suffrage groups throughout Minnesota and discloses the attitudes of politicians, suffrage workers, and local townspeople toward suffrage issues. Descriptions of Minnesota towns, automobile and train travel, and the 1918 influenza epidemic contribute to an understanding of the life and times of suffrage workers.

Primary correspondents include the presidents of the MWSA, MWSA committee members, organizers and members of Minnesota auxiliary suffrage groups, nationally prominent suffragists and those active in other states, and state and national politicians. Numerous Minnesota and non-Minnesota suffrage organizations also are represented, as are nonsuffrage organizations.

Prominent Minnesota suffragist correspondents include Clara Ueland, Alice Hall, and Maud Stockwell, presidents of the MWSA; and Bertha Moller and Rene E. H. Stevens, paid organizers. Letters written by Stevens between 1916 and 1919 describe in great detail the physical appearance of many Minnesota towns and the personalities and political attitudes of the townspeople.

Non-Minnesota suffragist correspondents include Carrie Chapman Catt and Anna Howard Shaw, presidents of National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA); Jane Addams, founder of Hull House, a settlement house in Chicago; and Harriet Taylor Upton, president of the Ohio Woman Suffrage Association. Personal letters and printed newsletters from these people discuss the progress of the suffrage movement, upcoming events, and interstate cooperation among suffrage groups.

Other correspondents include state and national politicians whom the MWSA lobbied to secure passage of the equal suffrage amendment. Some of this correspondence consists of returned form letters that were sent to all Minnesota state legislators to survey their attitudes toward suffrage. They contain replies that range from one-word answers to more extensive statements about their political stances on the issue. There are also personal letters from Knute Nelson, Frank B. Kellogg, Ole Sageng, several Minnesota governors, and other prominent state and national politicians. Other notable Minnesotans represented in the records include William D. Washburn, Charles Pillsbury, and Marion D. Shutter.

Letters from nonsuffrage organizations such as the Socialist Party of Minnesota, the Woman's Welfare League, and the Minnesota Public Safety Commission document the roles that those organizations played in relation to the suffrage movement.

### **Subject Files**

The Subject Files (1894–1921 and undated) are arranged alphabetically by broad subject categories. Some files are subdivided into smaller units. The materials in most files or units are in chronological or alphabetical order. Of special note are a typed manuscript of the history of woman suffrage in Minnesota by Julia B. Nelson, ca. 1900 (in the Articles and Speeches file); data on the Mississippi Valley Conference of 1916 that was held in Minneapolis (in the Conventions file); lists of Minneapolis labor unions (in the Membership file); citations to suffrage editions of newspapers (in the Newspapers file); and data on the June 9, 1919, victory parade and the September 8, 1919, victory luncheon at the Minnesota State Capitol.

### **Printed Materials**

The Printed Materials (1867–1926 and undated) include booklets, pamphlets, leaflets, handbills, and political cartoons. They are subdivided into pro-suffrage and antisuffrage materials. The pro-suffrage files are further divided into two units: literature relating to suffrage, and programs and notices of events. The items within each unit are arranged chronologically. The literature file contains several items whose dates either precede or follow the inclusive dates used for the collection, notably texts of speeches given in earlier years that were printed for distribution at a later time and items that were printed after the primary records in the collection were created.

The pro-suffrage literature reflects the attempt by various individuals and organizations to educate the public regarding suffrage issues. There are publications written by Alice Stone Blackwell, Carrie Chapman Catt, Ida Hustad Harper, and Anna Howard Shaw. Organizations represented in the files that distributed suffrage literature include the NAWSA, the MWSA, the MLWV, the National Woman's Party, the International Woman

Suffrage Alliance, the Women's Freedom League, the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and other Minnesota and non-Minnesota organizations. There are also publications of nonsuffrage organizations that published materials on women's issues, including those of the League of Nations, the National Child Labor Committee, the World Peace Foundation, the Minnesota Prohibition State Committee, and the National Socialist Party.

There are several items of special interest: lyrics to suffrage songs, primarily undated; the "Traveling Campaign Kit," September 1915, that illustrates the methods used to recruit new members for suffrage organizations; and the course lessons of the Suffrage Correspondence School, 1916.

The antisuffrage file includes publications that were distributed by the National Association Opposed to Further Extension of Suffrage to Women and by the Minneapolis and St. Paul branches of that organization.

### **Photographs**

The Photographs (1915–1922 and undated) are arranged alphabetically. A note found with the photos identifies them as members of the League of Women Voters; however, most individual photos were unidentified. It was possible to identify and date most of the photographs by comparing them with pictures in newspaper articles in the collection. Each photograph is accompanied on the microfilm by an identifying target.

### **Minutes and Other Record Books**

#### *Volumes*

The Minutes and Other Record Books (1899–1920) are organized in three groups: those of the MWSA (volumes 1–8), those of the HCWSA (volumes 9–11), and that of the SWSA (volume 12). The volumes in each group are arranged chronologically.

Volumes 1–8 consist of minutes of meetings of the executive committee/board, a treasurer's record book, and proceedings of annual conventions. The minute books also contain financial and committee reports.

Volume 9 contains minutes of meetings of the board of directors and the general membership of the Equal Suffrage Association of Minneapolis, the predecessor of the HCWSA. Of special note in this volume are the organizational records of a May 2, 1914, suffrage parade that was held on the same day as other suffrage parades held throughout the United States. Volumes 10–11 contain minutes of meetings of the general membership and the executive board of the HCWSA; like the minute books of the MWSA, these volumes also contain financial and committee reports.

The contents of volume 12 are not clearly identified, but it may be a record of participants in and donations to a fund-raising event and/or a record of a suffrage booth at the Minnesota State Fair.

#### *Scrapbooks*

The Scrapbooks (1903–1923 and undated) also are divided into three units—those of the MWSA, the HCWSA, and the SWSA—with the volumes in each unit arranged

chronologically. Most of the scrapbooks contain only newspaper clippings, although several also contain letters and printed materials of various kinds. A general overview of the clippings in the scrapbooks is given below.

The clippings cover the history of the suffrage movement from 1903 to 1922. The common themes that most of them share—in addition to the suffrage movement—include World War I; the peace movement, including the international peace mission organized by Henry Ford in 1915; prohibition and the temperance movement; child welfare, including health issues and legislation for child labor laws; women’s legal rights, especially the issues of divorce and the ownership of personal property and real estate, child custody, and jury duty; and the role of women in labor. Volumes that contain clippings from 1919 to 1922 provide extensive information about the reorganization of the Woman Suffrage Association into the League of Women Voters. Issues from this period focus on the education of women and immigrants to prepare them for voting and citizenship. The themes of international peace and disarmament also continue throughout these later clippings.

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# **SOURCE NOTE**

The Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association collection has been filmed in its entirety from the holdings of the Minnesota Historical Society.





# ABBREVIATIONS

The following acronyms and abbreviations are used throughout this guide.

<b>HCWSA</b>	Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association
<b>MWSA</b>	Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association
<b>NAWSA</b>	National American Woman Suffrage Association
<b>SWSA</b>	Scandinavian Woman Suffrage Association
<b>WCTU</b>	Woman's Christian Temperance Union



# REEL INDEX

The following is a listing of the collections and folders that compose the *Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association Records, 1984–1923*, filmed from the holdings of the Minnesota Historical Society. The four-digit number on the far left is the frame at which a particular file folder begins. This is followed by the file title, the date(s) of the file, and the total number of frames. Substantive subjects are highlighted under the heading *Major Topics*, as are prominent correspondents under the heading *Principal Correspondents*.

## Reel 1

*Frame No.*

### Correspondence and Related Records

- 0001 **Articles of Incorporation, Constitutions, and Bylaws, Undated and 1902–1915.** 21 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Membership and dues; election of officers.
- 0022 **Correspondence and Related Records, Undated.** 29 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Membership and dues; finances; support from religious organizations; suffragist literature; Carrie Chapman Catt; fund-raising; suffragist anthem.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lucy E. Anthony; Margaret Koch; Clara Ueland.
- 0051 **Correspondence and Related Records, 1898–1911.** 60 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Membership and dues; finances; Philadelphia Suffrage Society; presidential suffrage (right to vote in presidential elections); constitutional law; support for suffrage from state legislature; death of Susan B. Anthony; election of officers; Workers Equal Suffrage League.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Ruth Else Kellogg; Cora Smith Eaton; Henry R. Blackwell; Ethel Edgerton Hurd; Fanny W. Bixby.
- 0111 **Correspondence and Related Records, 1912–1914.** 110 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Fund-raising; Political Equality Association; constitution and bylaws; California suffrage; membership and dues; Woman's Welfare League; advertising; NAWSA; constitutional law.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Alice Ames Hall; Theresa B. Peyton; Alva E. Belmont; Alice Stone Blackwell; Fanny W. Bixby; Sophie Kenyon; Clara Ueland; Anna Howard Shaw.
- 0221 **Correspondence and Related Records, 1915.** 163 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Constitution and bylaws; Political Equality Club of Minneapolis; state suffrage legislation; state politicians; newspapers; presidential suffrage; Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference; property rights of married women; NAWSA; Traveling Campaign Kit; membership and dues; advertising; Women's Political Union of New Jersey; fund-raising; MWSA local chapters; National Woman Suffrage Publishing Company, Inc.; newsletters.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Clara Ueland; Eva Emerson Wold; Catherine W. McCulloch; Howard Strong; J. S. Hotaling; Anna De Baun; Anna Howard Shaw.

- 0384 **Correspondence and Related Records, January–June 1916.** 439 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Maps of political districts and counties; MWSA local chapters; suffragist literature; Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association; National Woman Suffrage Publishing Company, Inc.; advertising; state suffrage legislation; NAWSA; Democratic Party; inclusion of suffrage planks in party platforms; 1916 presidential election; newspapers; antisuffrage arguments; Republican and Democratic conventions; fund-raising; temperance; Margaret Sanger; birth control; support for suffrage from state legislature; finances.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Clara Ueland; Anna De Baun; Mary Sumner Boyd; Minnie Trimble; Rene E. H. Stevens; Carrie Chapman Catt; Edith Drake Briggs; Ethel Edgerton Hurd.

## Reel 2

### Correspondence and Related Records cont.

- 0001 **Correspondence and Related Records, July–December 1916.** 344 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Finances; antisuffrage arguments; friction with the National Woman's Party, formerly Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage; fund-raising; political conventions; effort to amend voting procedures to aid passage of a suffrage constitutional amendment; diversion of funds toward voting amendment; organizing in rural areas; support for suffrage from men; advertising; suffrage literature; Progressive Party; inclusion of suffrage planks in party platforms; Socialist Party; membership and dues; NAWSA; newsletters; voting rights of criminals and persons with mental disabilities; sex discrimination in employment; HCWSA.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Clara Ueland; Rene E. H. Stevens; Edith Drake Briggs; Janine Bradley Roessing; Bertha C. Moller; Carrie Chapman Catt.
- 0345 **Correspondence and Related Records, January–October 1917.** 559 frames.  
*Major Topics:* World War I; fund-raising; Red Cross; New York State Woman Suffrage Party; congressional support for suffrage; organizing in rural areas and small towns; NAWSA; newsletters; support for suffrage from men; state suffrage legislation; food shortages; WCTU; MWSA local chapters; membership and dues; HCWSA; presidential suffrage; opposition to National Woman's Party picketing at the White House; property rights of married women; finances; advertising; U.S. House of Representatives vote on creation of a suffrage committee; petitioning of Senator Frank Kellogg; SWSA.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Sophie Kenyon; Bertha C. Moller; Rene E. H. Stevens; Clara Ueland; Edith Drake Briggs; Carrie Chapman Catt; Maud Wood Park; Effie McCollum Jones; Alice Paul; Maud C. Stockwell.

## Reel 3

### Correspondence and Related Records cont.

- 0001 **Correspondence and Related Records, November–December 1917.** 131 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Petitioning of Senator Frank Kellogg; congressional support for suffrage; MWSA local chapters; NAWSA; MWSA annual convention; opposition to National Woman's Party tactics.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Clara Ueland; Rene E. H. Stevens; Carrie Chapman Catt; Clara M. Heckrich.

- 0132 **Correspondence and Related Records, January–October 1918.** 902 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Congressional support for suffrage; *Woman Citizen* subscriptions; influenza epidemic; NAWSA; Minnesota Democratic Association; organizing in rural areas and small towns; labor laws; employment; Vocational Information Service; fund-raising; U.S. Senate defeat of the Federal Suffrage Amendment in October 1918; Minnesota Equal Suffrage Constitutional Amendment League; Federal Suffrage Amendment petitions; civil defense efforts of women; Red Cross; MWSA local chapters.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Clara Ueland; Clara M. Heckrich; Katharine Gay; Carrie Chapman Catt; Rose L. Geyer; Grace A. Randall; Harriet Taylor Upton.

## Reel 4

### Correspondence and Related Records cont.

- 0001 **Correspondence and Related Records, November–December 1918.** 719 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Federal Suffrage Amendment petitions; congressional support for suffrage; NAWSA; organizing in rural areas and small towns; MWSA local chapters; influenza epidemic; suffrage in foreign countries; World War I; Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs; Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association; National Woman's Party tactics; Council of National Defense, Women's Committee; *Woman Citizen* subscriptions; cancellation of MWSA convention due to epidemic; German Americans; state constitutional amendment on suffrage; temperance; Republican Women's National Executive Committee.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Carrie Chapman Catt; Clara Ueland; Mrs. C. M. Stockton; Clara M. Heckrich; Rene E. H. Stevens; Alice Paul; Rose L. Geyer.

## Reel 5

### Correspondence and Related Records cont.

- 0001 **Correspondence and Related Records, January–March 1919.** 755 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Minneapolis Association Opposed to the Further Extension of Suffrage to Women; Equal Suffrage Association of Minneapolis; congressional support for suffrage; antisuffrage arguments; Federal Suffrage Amendment petitions; influenza epidemic; HCWSA; Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; state constitutional amendment on suffrage; media coverage of suffrage issues; Leslie Woman Suffrage Commission, Inc.; Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense; NAWSA; MWSA local chapters; MWSA opposition to state presidential suffrage legislation.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Clara Ueland; Clara M. Heckrich; Rose Young; J. A. A. Burnquist; Rene E. H. Stevens; Ann Forrestal; C. A. Warner; Carrie Chapman Catt.

## Reel 6

### Correspondence and Related Records cont.

- 0001 **Correspondence and Related Records, April–July 1919.** 715 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Republican Women’s National Executive Committee; MWSA opposition to state presidential suffrage legislation; influenza epidemic; child welfare boards; Iowa Equal Suffrage Association; MWSA state convention; *Woman Citizen*; fund-raising; congressional support for suffrage; June passage of the Federal Suffrage Amendment and state ratification; employment; Leslie Woman Suffrage Commission, Inc.; NAWSA; United States Employment Service; WCTU; temperance; Minnesota Democratic Association.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Clara Ueland; Katharine Ludington; Vivian S. Thorp; Levinia A. Gemmell; Ann Forrestal; Carrie Chapman Catt; Anna B. Lawther; Rose Young; J. A. A. Burnquist.

## Reel 7

### Correspondence and Related Records cont.

- 0001 **Correspondence and Related Records, August–November 1919.** 576 frames.  
*Major Topics:* State ratification of the Federal Suffrage Amendment; Minneapolis Council of Americanization; HCWSA; League of Women Voters; Minnesota Federation of Women’s Clubs; fund-raising; property rights of married women; newsletters; Woman’s Committee of the Council of National Defense; congressional support for suffrage; NAWSA; Socialist Party; women in law enforcement.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Clara Ueland; Ann Forrestal; Carrie Chapman Catt.
- 0577 **Correspondence and Related Records, 1920–1921.** 13 frames.  
*Major Topics:* League of Women Voters; fund-raising; state ratification of the Federal Suffrage Amendment.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Clara Ueland; Vivian S. Thorp.

## Reel 8

### Subject Files

- 0001 **Articles and Speeches, Undated and 1894–1919.** 118 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Organizing in small towns; African American support; HCWSA; Irish Americans; urban areas; employment; taxation; moral superiority of women; Barbara Livingston; Julia B. Nelson; property rights of married women; divorce; laws applicable to women; WCTU; Minnesota Federation of Women’s Clubs; Jenova Martin; Ethel Edgerton Hurd; Emily E. Dobbin; presidential suffrage; child labor; Carrie Chapman Catt; civil defense efforts of women.
- 0119 **Biographical Sketches, A–Z, Undated and ca. 1917–1920.** 30 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Eugenia B. Farmer; Civil War; Julia Lathrop; Nelli McClung; World War I; Nancy Schoonmaker; Anna Howard Shaw; abolition; Charles Zueblin.
- 0149 **Conventions, 1913–1919.** 79 frames.  
*Major Topics:* MWSA annual conventions of 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, and 1919; suffrage in foreign countries; election of officers; MWSA local chapters; NAWSA.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Clara Ueland; Elizabeth J. Hauser.
- 0228 **Conventions: Mississippi Valley Conferences, 1913–1918.** 208 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conferences of 1913, 1915, 1916, and 1917 and cancellation in 1918; Ohio Woman Suffrage Association; South Dakota Universal Franchise League.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Harriet Taylor Upton; Mrs. John L. Pyle; Maria S. McMahon.

0436 **Conventions: National American Woman Suffrage Association, Fiftieth Annual Convention, 1919.** 128 frames.

*Major Topics:* Employment; child labor; League of Women Voters.

*Principal Correspondents:* Clara Ueland; Carrie Chapman Catt.

0564 **Finances, Undated and 1915–1919.** 150 frames.

*Major Topics:* Advertising; organizing in rural areas and small towns; NAWSA.

*Principal Correspondent:* Rene E. H. Stevens.

## Reel 9

### Subject Files cont.

0001 **Legislation, Undated and 1910–1920.** 67 frames.

*Major Topics:* Presidential suffrage; voting rights of Native Americans and men; prohibition amendment; constitutional law.

*Principal Correspondent:* George Pepper.

0068 **Legislation: Minnesota Members of Congress and State Legislators, Undated and 1914–1919.** 122 frames.

*Major Topics:* Congressional support for suffrage; temperance; Republican and Democratic Parties; NAWSA.

0190 **Legislation: Resolutions of Organizations, Undated and 1916–1919.** 203 frames.

*Major Topics:* HCWSA; Federal Suffrage Amendment; WCTU; NAWSA; MWSA local chapters; presidential suffrage.

*Principal Correspondents:* Clara Ueland; Carrie Chapman Catt.

0393 **Legislation: Ratification of Constitutional Amendment, 1917–1920.** 39 frames.

*Major Topics:* Congressional support for suffrage; NAWSA; newsletters; League of Women Voters.

0432 **Membership: Suffrage Clubs, Undated and 1912–1919.** 87 frames.

*Major Topics:* Dues; MWSA local chapters; HCWSA; Men's League for Woman Suffrage in Minnesota; St. Paul Political Equality Club; Political Equality League; Women's Welfare League.

0519 **Membership: Members and Friends, Undated and 1911–1916.** 124 frames.

*Major Topic:* MWSA local chapters.

0643 **Membership: Prospective Members, Undated.** 68 frames.

0711 **Newspapers: Suffrage Editions, Undated and 1916–1917.** 152 frames.

*Major Topics:* Political cartoons on suffrage; Republican and Democratic Parties; NAWSA.

*Principal Correspondents:* Vivian S. Thorp; Carrie Chapman Catt.

## Reel 10

### Subject Files cont.

0001 **Organizational Work, Undated and 1916–1919.** 65 frames.

*Major Topics:* Newsletters; advertising; MWSA local chapters; maps of political districts and counties; organizing in rural areas and small towns; fund-raising.

0066 **First Congressional District, 1911–1916.** 19 frames.

*Major Topic:* Organizing in rural areas and small towns.

0085 **Second Congressional District, 1916–1918.** 16 frames.

*Major Topic:* Organizing in rural areas and small towns.

0101 **Third Congressional District, Undated and 1912–1919.** 49 frames.

*Major Topic:* Organizing in rural areas and small towns.

*Principal Correspondent:* Ann Forrestal.



- 0150 **Sixth Congressional District, Undated and 1917–1918.** 32 frames.  
*Major Topic:* Organizing in rural areas and small towns.  
*Principal Correspondent:* Bertha C. Moller.
- 0182 **Seventh Congressional District, Undated.** 7 frames.  
*Major Topic:* Organizing in rural areas and small towns.
- 0189 **Eighth Congressional District, 1917.** 19 frames.  
*Major Topic:* Organizing in rural areas and small towns.
- 0208 **Ninth Congressional District, 1917.** 3 frames.  
*Major Topic:* Organizing in rural areas and small towns.
- 0211 **Tenth Congressional District, 1917.** 7 frames.  
*Major Topic:* Organizing in rural areas and small towns.
- 0218 **Press Releases, Undated and 1913–1921.** 335 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Newsletters; Michigan Equal Suffrage Association; World War I; fund-raising; advertising; Rene E. H. Stevens; abolition; Clara Ueland; NAWSA; sex discrimination in employment; government employees; federal suffrage legislation; Effie McCollum Jones; antisuffrage arguments; Socialist, Republican, and Democratic Parties; passage of the Federal Suffrage Amendment and state ratification; League of Women Voters organization and convention; suffrage in foreign countries; *Woman Citizen*; Susan B. Anthony.
- 0553 **Suffrage Parade and Luncheon, Undated and 1919.** 68 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Advertising; passage of the Federal Suffrage Amendment.
- 0621 **Woman’s Franchise League of Indiana (WFLI), Undated and 1918–1919.** 55 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Federal Suffrage Amendment; World War I; newsletters.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Alice Foster McCulloch; Marie Stuart Edwards.

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### Pro-Suffrage Materials, Undated and 1867–1926

- 0001 **Pro-Suffrage Materials: Literature Relating to Suffrage, Undated.** 589 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Advertising; child labor; sweatshops; HCWSA; children; parents; property rights of married women; Federal Suffrage Amendment; Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage; support of the Roman Catholic Church for suffrage; antisuffrage arguments; employment; presidential suffrage; WCTU; temperance; Boy Scouts and military training in schools; Socialist Party; prostitution; immigrants; NAWSA; W. E. B. Du Bois; Marie Jenney Howe; W. I. Thomas; congressional support for suffrage; Scandinavian Americans.
- 0590 **Pro-Suffrage Materials: Literature Relating to Suffrage, 1867–1910.** 211 frames.  
*Major Topics:* NAWSA; John Stuart Mill; suffrage in foreign countries; Ralph Waldo Emerson; Susan B. Anthony; William H. Richards; Alice Stone Blackwell; National Education Association; children; parents; Scandinavian Americans.

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### Pro-Suffrage Materials, Undated and 1867–1926 cont.

- 0001 **Pro-Suffrage Materials: Literature Relating to Suffrage, 1911.** 161 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Suffrage in foreign countries; Emmeline Pankhurst; employment; suffrage plays; economics of marriage; temperance; prostitution; Carrie Chapman Catt.
- 0162 **Pro-Suffrage Materials: Literature Relating to Suffrage, 1912.** 183 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Suffrage songs; Prohibition Party; taxation; Socialist Party; suffrage in foreign countries; children; parents; NAWSA; antisuffrage arguments; employment; suffrage in Colorado; labor unions.

- 0345 **Pro-Suffrage Materials: Literature Relating to Suffrage, 1913.** 116 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Socialist Party; HCWSA; employment; antisuffrage arguments; NAWSA; Senate Committee on Woman Suffrage; Mrs. A. J. George; Alice Stone Blackwell; parents.
- 0461 **Pro-Suffrage Materials: Literature Relating to Suffrage, 1914.** 257 frames.  
*Major Topics:* The Suffragists' Corset Manufacturing Company; fund-raising; The World's Peace Army; temperance; employment; HCWSA; Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage annual report; protest in Washington, D.C.; NAWSA; House Rules Committee; antisuffrage arguments; prostitution; Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association; suffrage in California.

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- 0001 **Pro-Suffrage Materials: Literature Relating to Suffrage, 1915.** 311 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Parents; children; WCTU; Alice Stone Blackwell; suffrage in foreign countries; Anna Howard Shaw; International Congress of Women report; child labor; Traveling Campaign Kit; fund-raising.
- 0312 **Pro-Suffrage Materials: Literature Relating to Suffrage, 1916.** 111 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Democratic Party; congressional support for suffrage; antisuffrage arguments; jury duty for enfranchised women; Suffrage Correspondence School; newsletters.
- 0423 **Pro-Suffrage Materials: Literature Relating to Suffrage, 1917.** 70 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Suffrage plays; property rights of married women; World War I.
- 0493 **Pro-Suffrage Materials: Literature Relating to Suffrage, 1918.** 33 frames.  
*Major Topics:* World War I; civil defense efforts of women; temperance.
- 0526 **Pro-Suffrage Materials: Literature Relating to Suffrage, 1919.** 144 frames.  
*Major Topics:* J. A. A. Burnquist; League of Women Voters; NAWSA; Socialist Party; Carrie Chapman Catt; World War I; newsletters; child labor; death of Anna Howard Shaw; League of Nations.
- 0670 **Pro-Suffrage Materials: Literature Relating to Suffrage, 1920–1926.** 31 frames.  
*Major Topics:* League of Women Voters; League of Nations; National Defense Act.

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- Pro-Suffrage Materials, Undated and 1867–1926 cont.**
- 0001 **Pro-Suffrage Materials: Programs and Notices of Events, Undated and 1904–1920.** 232 frames.  
*Major Topics:* HCWSA; fund-raising; Equal Suffrage Association; MWSA annual conventions; NAWSA annual conventions.
- 0233 **Antisuffrage Materials, Undated and 1894–1917.** 176 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Feminism; Minneapolis Association Opposed to the Further Extension of Suffrage to Women; moral superiority of women; National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage; laws applicable to women; St. Paul Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage; employment; taxation; temperance; sex discrimination; antisuffrage position of the Roman Catholic Church; Women's Anti-Suffrage Association of Massachusetts.
- 0409 **Photographs.** 19 frames.

- Volumes: Minutes and Other Record Books, Undated and 1899–1920**
- 0428 **Volume 1: Executive Committee Minutes, Bulletins, Reports, and Treasurers' Statements, 1899–1901.** 40 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Finances; fund-raising.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Ethel Edgerton Hurd; Martha J. Thompson; Margaret Koch; Ella A. Whitney; Maud C. Stockwell.
- 0468 **Volume 2: Executive Board Minutes of Meetings, 1912–1913.** 56 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Election of officers; membership; finances; Eva W. Morse; Maud C. Stockwell.
- 0524 **Volume 3: Executive Board Minutes of Meetings, 1913–1914.** 46 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Election of officers; membership; finances; constitution and bylaws; Eva W. Morse.
- 0570 **Volume 4: Executive Board Minutes of Meetings, 1914–1916.** 106 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Membership and dues; election of officers; finances; Eva W. Morse.
- 0676 **Volume 5: Executive Board Minutes of Meetings, 1916–1917.** 63 frames.  
*Major Topics:* HCWSA; finances; civil defense efforts of women; fund-raising; Eva W. Morse; Maud C. Stockwell.
- 0739 **Volume 6: Executive Board Minutes of Meetings, 1918–1920.** 105 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Civil defense efforts of women; fund-raising; finances; passage of the Federal Suffrage Amendment; newsletters; Ann Forrestal; organizing in small towns; Mabel H. Guise; Suffrage Victory Celebration; League of Women Voters.

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- Volumes: Minutes and Other Record Books, Undated and 1899–1920 cont.**
- 0001 **Volume 7: Treasurer Record Book, 1906–1914.** 120 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Membership and dues; finances; fund-raising.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Eugenia B. Farmer; Margaret Koch; Edith Robertson.
- 0121 **Volume 8: Annual Conventions Proceedings, 1914–1916.** 75 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Finances; constitution and bylaws; membership and dues; marriage laws; NAWSA.
- 0196 **Volume 9: Equal Suffrage Association of Minneapolis Board of Directors and General Membership Minutes of Meetings, 1913–1915.** 119 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Advertising; Suffrage Parade Committee; fund-raising.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Vivian S. Thorp; Aimee Fisher; Clara Ueland.
- 0315 **Volume 10: Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association General Membership Minutes of Meetings, 1915–1919.** 211 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Advertising; fund-raising; Federal Suffrage Amendment; civil defense efforts of women.
- 0526 **Volume 11: Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association Executive Board Minutes of Meetings, 1915–1920.** 212 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Fund-raising; advertising; civil defense efforts of women; Red Cross.  
*Principal Correspondent:* Nellie L. Merrill.
- 0738 **Volume 12: Scandinavian Woman Suffrage Association Record Book, Undated.** 10 frames.

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- 0001 **Volume 13: Scrapbook, Undated and 1903–1918.** 394 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Advertising; MWSA annual conventions; Equal Suffrage Association of Minneapolis; antisuffrage arguments; suffrage songs; Suffrage Parade Committee; Prohibition Party; fund-raising; membership and dues; political cartoons on suffrage; African American voting rights; Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Harriet Taylor Upton; Clara Ueland.
- 0395 **Volume 14: Scrapbook; Literature Published by the National Woman Suffrage Publishing Company Inc., by the National American Women Suffrage Association, and by the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association, 1914–1918.** 526 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Suffrage in foreign countries; advertising; support from men for suffrage; suffrage plays; presidential suffrage; state suffrage legislation; Federal Suffrage Amendment; infant mortality; employment; World War I; support for suffrage from Woodrow Wilson; taxation; support of the Roman Catholic Church for suffrage; African Americans.

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- 0001 **Loose Clippings, Undated and 1903–1919.** 248 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Clara Ueland; antisuffrage arguments; Ethel Edgerton Hurd; HCWSA; congressional elections; fund-raising; temperance; Rene E. H. Stevens; *The Woman's Journal*; political cartoons on suffrage; Anna Howard Shaw; William H. Taft; suffrage parade; Carrie Chapman Catt.
- 0249 **Volume 15: Clippings Scrapbook, 1912–1917.** 61 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Mississippi Valley Suffrage annual conference; Suffrage Parade Committee; Clara Ueland; fund-raising.
- 0310 **Volume 16: Clippings Scrapbook, 1914–1917.** 404 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Child labor; Christabel Pankhurst; clothing; World War I; Clara Ueland; antisuffrage activists and arguments; political cartoons on suffrage; congressional elections; employment; civil defense efforts of women; Alice Paul; Woodrow Wilson marriage; Carrie Chapman Catt.
- 0714 **Volume 17: Clippings Scrapbook, ca. 1915.** 27 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Antisuffrage activists; feminism; U.S. Senate.
- 0741 **Volume 18: Clippings Scrapbook, Undated and 1915–1916.** 25 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Minneapolis Association Opposed to the Further Extension of Suffrage to Women; Equal Suffrage Association of Minneapolis.
- 0766 **Volume 19: Clippings Scrapbook, Undated and 1916–1918.** 74 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Presidential suffrage; National Woman's Party; fund-raising; World War I; Red Cross; civil defense efforts of women.
- 0840 **Volume 20: Clippings Scrapbook, 1916–1918.** 32 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Civil defense efforts of women; support for suffrage from Woodrow Wilson.
- 0872 **Volume 21: Clippings Scrapbook, 1918–1919.** 86 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Federal Suffrage Amendment; League of Nations; Republican Party; National Woman's Party; death of Anna Howard Shaw; League of Women Voters.

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*Major Topics:* Employment; Federal Suffrage Amendment; World War I; Republican Party; support for suffrage from Woodrow Wilson.

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- 0001 **Volume 23: League of Women Voters Scrapbook, 1919–1920.** 73 frames.  
*Major Topics:* NAWSA; League of Women Voters convention; Carrie Chapman Catt.
- 0074 **Volume 24: League of Women Voters Clippings Scrapbook: “Suffrage Victory—Minnesota League,” 1919–1920.** 14 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Clara Ueland; Republican Party; employment.
- 0088 **Volume 25: League of Women Voters Clippings Scrapbook, 1919–1922.** 178 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Vivian S. Thorp; Maud Wood Park; Hope McDonald; employment; fund-raising; disarmament; Clara Ueland; women jurors; education; Lady Nancy Astor.
- 0266 **Volume 26: Scandinavian Woman Suffrage Association Scrapbook, Undated and 1914–1923.** 38 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Selma Lagerlef; fund-raising; World War I; influenza epidemic; Scandinavian Americans.

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