

MS-40, Newberry Collection on League of Women Voters (Dayton, Ohio)

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Title: Newberry Collection on League of Women Voters (Dayton, Ohio)

Dates: 1956-1972

Creator: Newberry, Jane

Summary/Abstract: This collection was donated by Jane Newberry, an active member of the Dayton League of Women Voters. Included are various issues of the League's newsletters and an assortment of reports, papers, and surveys on such topics as education, welfare, mental health, foreign policy, prison reform, housing, taxes, and pollution. Also included are some administrative, financial, and membership records.

Quantity/Physical Description: 5.5 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Acquisition: The League of Women Voters collection was presented to Wright State University Archives and Special Collections by Miss Jane Newberry.

Other Finding Aid: The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at

http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/ms40.pdf. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Related Material:

MS-123 League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area Records

MS-249 League of Women Voters of Yellow Springs Records

MS-340 Juliet Stroh Blanchard Papers

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Arrangement: Materials are arranged by topic.

Historical Note:

The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920, the year American women were granted the right to vote by the passage of the 19th Amendment. It was an outgrowth of the movement for woman suffrage, and was first organized to provide a forum for newly-enfranchised women to study the political issues of the day and become well-informed, active participants in government.

The League has since grown into a nationwide organization that works to promote political responsibility on the part of all citizens. It is non-partisan and does not support or oppose political parties or candidates, but seeks to help voters by supplying factual and background information, believing that "an informed citizenry is essential to good government." The League does take stands on public issues, however, after conducting extensive studies and reaching a consensus of the membership.

Members of the local Leagues work on the same national issues, the choice being made at a biennial convention, all local leagues within a state consider the same state issues, and each local league chooses its own program.

The Dayton Area League of Women Voters was organized in May of 1920 and has enjoyed an unbroken record of active participation in local, state, national and international issues and politics since that time. It is currently known as the League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area (LWVGDA).

Scope and Content

This collection is composed of various issues of the organization's newsletters and an assortment of reports, papers, surveys, etc. on a wide range of subjects, all collected by long-time member of the League of Women Voters, Jane Newberry.

The newsletters are divided into three groups: The National Voter, The Ohio Voter and The Dayton Voter. These issues, which run from 1956-1972, contain information on the activities of the League on local, state, and national levels of the organization. They also contain articles on various topics, especially political, and information concerning the purpose of the League.

The second part of this collection is made up of information that Miss Newberry accumulated over the years on such topics as: education, welfare, mental health, foreign policy, prison reform, housing, state spending and taxes, pollution and state and local government.

The LWV collection is organized into eleven boxes arranged by topics. The first box contains administrative records, i.e. constitution, by-laws, annual membership financial statements, etc. Boxes two and three contain various League bulletins and newsletters, while four and five possess material on state spending, state and local taxes, and the Ohio Finance Study. Local and county governments are the subjects contained in box six and seven. Boxes eight through ten contain a wide variety of material on such subjects as welfare, prison reform, education, housing and civil rights. The last box, number eleven, contains materials on the public library and miscellaneous articles and publications.

Subject Terms:

Organizations/Corporate Names

The League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area

Places

Dayton (Ohio) – Politics and government

Dayton (Ohio) – Social conditions – 20th century

Subjects (General)

Municipal government – Ohio – Dayton

Material Types

Newsletters

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Constitution, Bylaws	Undated
	2	Annual Report	Undated
	3	Membership	Undated
	4	Membership	Undated
	5	Miscellaneous Administrative	Undated
	6	Annual Meetings	Undated
	7	Financial Material	Undated
	8	Unit Materials	Undated
	9	Ohio Briefs	Undated
2	1	<u>The National Voter</u>	May 1956-Nov. 1960
	2	<u>The National Voter</u>	Jan. 1961-Dec. 1965
	3	<u>The National Voter</u>	Jan. 1966-Jan. 1971
	4	<u>The National Voter</u>	Vol. XXI, Vol. XXII
	5	<u>The Ohio Voter</u>	Jun. 1956-Jan. 1973
	6	<u>The Dayton Woman Voter</u>	Nov. 1956-Dec. 1959

	7	<u>The Dayton Woman Voter</u>	Jan. 1960-Dec. 1963
3	1	<u>The Dayton Woman Voter</u>	Jan. 1964-Nov. 1967
	2	<u>The Dayton Woman Voter</u>	Jan. 1968-May 1971
	3	<u>The Dayton Woman Voter</u>	Sept.-Dec. 1972
	4	Dayton Reports; Newsclips	Undated
	5	League Bulletins	1957-1966
	6	League Bulletins	1957-1971
4	1	Elections, Voting	1959-1970
	2	State Spending Budget	1955-1963
	3	State Spending Budget	1963-1964
5	1	State Taxes	1955-1964
	2	State Taxes	1964-1965
	3	Local Taxes	1957-1968
	4	Taxes – Miscellaneous	Undated
	5	Ohio Finance Study	1964
6	1	Dayton and Area Expansion	1965-1971
	2	County Government	Undated
	3	Local Government and their Interrelationships	Undated
	4	Local Government	1959-1964
	5	Local Government	1967-1969
7	1	Study of County and Municipal Government; Montgomery County	Undated
	2	Court Questionnaire	Undated
	3	Courts; Miscellaneous	Undated
	4	Duties of County Sheriff	Undated
	5	Safety on Ohio's Highways	Undated
	6	Ways of Meeting the Cost of State and Local Government	Undated
	7	Dayton Financing Study	Undated
	8	Constitutional Study (State)	Undated
	9	Conservation Water Resources	1956-1961
	10	Environmental Concerns	Undated
8	1	Adequate Services to Juveniles	Undated
	2	Welfare	1959-1967
	3	Welfare	1968-1970
	4	Ohio's Major Services Welfare Study	Undated
	5	Mental Health	1960
	6	Mental Health	1963-1965
	7	Prison Reform	Undated

9	1	Education	Feb. 1964-1968
	2	Education	1969-1972
	3	Education and Culturally Deprived	Undated
	4	Education Beyond High School	Undated
	5	Education – School Foundation Study	1955-1956
	6	Housing	1961-1966
	7	Housing	1967-1970
	8	Regional Planning	Undated
	9	Metropolitan Area Problems	Undated
10	1	National Agenda Item – Individual Liberties	Undated
	2	State Agenda Items	Undated
	3	Ballot Workshop	Undated
	4	Civil Rights	Undated
	5	Election – Issues and Laws	Undated
	6	Ohio’s Major Services	Undated
	7	Continuing Responsibilities	Undated
	8	Foreign Policy	Undated
	9	Programs	1963-1970
	10	Dayton Social Profile: Dayton Misc.	Undated
11	1	Public Library	Undated
		Index to Focus on Future	Undated
		Miscellaneous Articles, Publications	Undated
		Miscellaneous	Undated