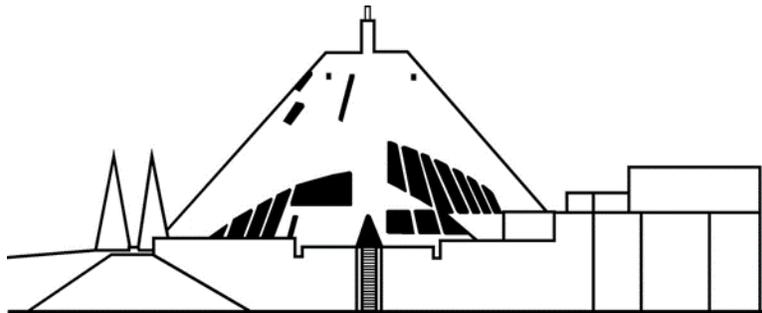


American Heritage Center  
University of Wyoming

## **Guide to Collections about Woman's Suffrage and Women in Politics**



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## Introduction

The American Heritage Center (AHC) is the University of Wyoming's (UW) repository for historical manuscripts, rare books, and university archives. Internationally known for its historical collections, the AHC first and foremost serves the students and citizens of Wyoming. The AHC sponsors a wide range of scholarly and popular programs including lectures, symposia, and exhibits. A place where both experts and novices engage with the original sources of history, access to the AHC is free and open to all.

Collections at the AHC go beyond both the borders of Wyoming and the region, and support a wide range of research and teachings activities in the humanities, sciences, arts, business, and education. Major areas of collecting include Wyoming and the American West, the mining and petroleum industries, environment and natural resources, journalism, military history, transportation, the history of books, and 20th century entertainment such as popular music, radio, television, and film. The total archival holdings of the AHC are roughly 75,000 cubic feet (the equivalent of 18 miles) of material. The Toppan Rare Books Library holds more than 60,000 items from medieval illuminated manuscripts to the 21st century. Subject strengths include the American West, British and American literature, early exploration of North America, religion, hunting and fishing, natural history, women authors, and the book arts.

## Organization of the Guide

Entries are arranged alphabetically and include the title, dates, collection number, collection size, and a brief description of the collection's creator and contents. Many of these collections have more in-depth finding aids available online through the Rocky Mountain Online Archive (<http://rmoa.unm.edu>). Catalog records for all collections may be found at <http://uwcatalog.uwyo.edu> (for best results, limit search scope to "American Heritage Center").

## Visitor and Contact Information

Current contact information and visitor information including location and hours of operation for the AHC Reading Room and the Toppan Rare Books Library can be found at <http://www.uwyo.edu/ahc>.

## **AHC Guide to Collections about Woman's Suffrage and Women in Politics**

### **Arnold, Sheila**

Papers, 1973-1988.

1 cubic ft. (1 box)

Collection #11244

Sheila Arnold was a member of the Wyoming House of Representatives from 1978 to 1992. While a State Legislator she was a member of the Joint Interim Mines, Minerals, Industrial Development Committee, Committee on Revenue, and the Committee on Rules and Procedures, the Governor's Council on Disabilities, and the Governor's Committee on Health Insurance. Aside from legislative duties her other activities included being a director of First Interstate Bank, a secretary of the Wyoming Land Use Advisory Commission, a Democratic State Committee Woman from Albany County, and a member of the State Committee on Long Term Health Care.

The Sheila Arnold papers contain correspondence (1979-1985), photographs (1980s), newspaper clippings (1978-1985), certificates of election and appreciation (1973-1984), and a press release (1978).

### **Byrd, Harriet Elizabeth**

Papers, 1880-2009

8.11 cubic ft. (10 boxes)

Collection #10443

In 1980, Byrd was elected to the Wyoming State House of Representatives and became the first African American legislator in Wyoming since statehood as well as the first African American woman to ever serve in the Wyoming State Legislature. After serving eight years, she ran for and won election to the Wyoming State Senate in 1988, where she served four years. She was the first African American to ever serve in the Wyoming State Senate. During her legislative career, Byrd was the prime sponsor of legislation to create Martin Luther King, Jr. Wyoming Equality Day. After retirement from the legislature, Byrd remained active in the Cheyenne community along with her husband, James "Jim" W. Byrd. James Byrd also set a precedent as the first African American police chief in Cheyenne.

The Harriett Elizabeth Byrd papers contain family records, personal files, photographs, and memorabilia. Family Records document Byrd's husband James, her parents Robert C. "Buck" and Sudie Rhone, and other members of the Rhone family through newspaper clippings and miscellaneous items. Personal Files contain biographical information in the form of a notebook assembled when Byrd was nominated for Wyoming's "Citizen of the Century" award; newspaper clippings; school directories and handbooks from Cheyenne public schools; and advertising materials from her campaigns for the Wyoming State Legislature. There are also photographs of Byrd and her family, as well as memorabilia, awards, and plaques.

**Cubin, Barbara**

Papers, 1993-2008.

63.1 cubic ft. (61 boxes)

Collection #11709

Barbara L. Cubin was born in San Benito, California on November 30, 1946 and graduated from Natrona County High School in Casper, Wyoming. She received a B.S. degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska in 1969. Cubin was a Republican member of the Wyoming State House of Representatives from 1987-1991, a member of the Wyoming State Senate from 1992-1994, and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives (1995-2009). She was not a candidate for reelection to the 111th Congress in 2008.

Contains correspondence, subject files, legislative record books, poll books, speeches and press releases, meeting notes, and audio and video files relating to Cubin's time in political office. Topics within subject files include labor, abandoned mines, health, and transportation.

**Eidlitz, Dorothy**

Papers, 1891-1976

29.10 cubic ft. (30 boxes)

Collection #11593

Dorothy Eidlitz (1891-1976) was a women's rights advocate, amateur photographer, and arts patron during the twentieth century. A graduate of Vassar College, Eidlitz lived in Japan for several years during the 1920s, where she served as president of the Kobe Women's Club and worked to reduce the suicide rate of young girls. She took up amateur photography in 1935 and exhibited her work in a number of camera club circles and museums. Eidlitz also founded the Sunbury Shores Arts and Nature Center in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada in 1946.

Collection contains photographs, slides, and photograph negatives taken by Eidlitz as an amateur photographer. Collection also contains several photograph albums and scrapbooks documenting Eidlitz's life and activities, miscellaneous photographs and photograph negatives (some taken by Eidlitz), Eidlitz's journals, and Eidlitz's personal correspondence.

**Glaser, Vera**

Papers, 1960-1990

23 cubic ft. (23 boxes)

Collection #09826

Vera Glaser was a Washington correspondent and bureau chief. She wrote for the North American Newspaper Alliance, Knight Ridder, and Maturity News Service. She was a contributing editor for the Washingtonian magazine. In 1969 she challenged President

Richard Nixon during a press conference about his record of appointing only 3 women among 200 presidential appointments. From 1970 she served as a member of President Nixon's Task Force on Women's Rights and Responsibilities. She was president of the Washington Press Club, a governor of the National Press Club and a member of the board of the International Women's Media Foundation.

The Vera Glaser collection consists mainly of research and reference files for political figures and press organizations. They include the Whitehouse Fellows (1962-1969), the North American Newspaper Alliance (1962-1969) and the Task Force on Women's Rights and Responsibilities (1970).

**Hansen, Matilda**

Papers, 1976-1994.

31.45 cubic ft. (32 boxes)

Collection #07117

Matilda Hansen served as the Wyoming State Representative from Albany County from 1975-1995. In 1974, she was elected as a Democrat to her first term as a Wyoming State Representative for Albany County. She served on various committees including: Rules, Judiciary, Administrative Rules, Juvenile Affairs, and Lien Laws, Health and Human Resources, National Conference of State Legislatures Law, Children-Families and Social Services, and Appropriations. Hansen's most notable legislative work addressed education, women's issues, and was the driving force into the creation of the Wyoming Territorial Park in Laramie, Wyoming.

The Matilda Hansen papers consist of bill files, subject files, memos, and committee files from her service in the Wyoming House of Representative. Correspondence consists of constituent mail and communication between Hansen and various State and Federal legislators.

**Hebard, Grace Raymond**

Papers, 1809-1947

31 cubic ft. (68 boxes + 2

folders) Collection #400008

A noted western historian who collected source materials relating to the American West, Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard (1861-1934) became a University of Wyoming librarian and instructor in political economy in 1891 and was a prominent woman suffragist. She conducted extensive research on Wyoming, the West, pioneers, and American Indians.

Collection includes correspondence (1900-1934) with publishers, other historians, friends, and family; manuscripts of published works; scrapbooks (1889-1900) on Wyoming, the University of Wyoming, Wyoming place names, and local politics; photographs (1896-1900) of students, professors, and buildings at the University of Wyoming; her subject files from

the University of Wyoming; newspaper clippings (1926-1935) on Hebard and book reviews by and about Hebard; and the writings (1882-1914) of Dr. Mathilde W. Wergeland (1857-1914), who lived with Hebard, and who taught History at the University of Wyoming from 1902 to 1914.

**Hicks, Laney**

Papers, 1969-1976.

2.25 cubic ft. (5 boxes)

Collection #6575

Laney Hicks was appointed regional representative in 1971 of the Sierra Club, Northern Great Plains Office, which covers Wyoming, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, and eastern Montana.

Collection contains materials relating to Hicks' work for the Sierra Club including correspondence with government officials and with the Sierra Club's Legal Defense Fund regarding environmental protection studies, coal mining, dams, and water rights (1969-1976); speeches by Hicks on water quality and coal mining (1971-1976); and subject files on the Sierra Club, air and water quality, coal mining and several lawsuits filed by the Sierra Club to halt coal mining (1971-1975).

**Karpan, Kathleen Marie**

Papers, 1986-1999.

11.45 cubic ft. (12 boxes)

Collection #10506

Kathy Karpan served as the Secretary of State for the State of Wyoming from 1986-1994. Karpan earned her bachelor's degree in journalism and master's degree in American Studies from the University of Wyoming in 1975. She earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Oregon in 1978. Karpan served as council in the Economic Development Administration, U.S Department of Commerce (1978-1981). She then spent six years on the staff of United States Representative (Wyoming) Teno Roncalio. Karpan served as an assistant for the Wyoming State Attorney General and was the director of Wyoming's Department of Health and Human Resources between 1984 and 1986.

The Kathy Karpan Papers consist of subject files, bill files, and press relations and media activities records. Subject files deal with issues such as veteran's issues, abortion, taxation, char fuels and agriculture. Press Relations and Media Activities Records deal with issues such as economic development and U.S. Senator Alan Simpson. Speech files document Karpan's different public appearances as Secretary of State.

**Kennedy, Eleanor C.**

Family papers, 1861-1988 (bulk 1905-1971)

2.28 cubic ft. (4 boxes)  
Collection #5229

Eleanor Chatterton was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, in 1901. She was the daughter of Fenimore Chatterton (1860-1958) and Stella Wyland Chatterton (1869-1954). Fenimore Chatterton, served as acting Governor of Wyoming from 1903 to 1904. Fenimore and Stella also had another daughter, Constance Chatterton, (b. 1904) who was married to Walter L. Spears.

Collection contains the papers of Eleanor Chatterton Kennedy and her extended family from 1861 to 1988 including biographical material, newspaper clippings, sixteen pieces of correspondence, photographs and photograph albums, a reminiscence, slides, a home movie and the constitution and by-laws for the University of Wyoming's S.H. Knight Science Camp Geology Alumni. The collection also includes materials relating to Kennedy's extended family, mostly of the Chatterton, Mazuzan, Wyland, Spears, and Stough families.

The collection also includes drawings, photographs, miscellaneous materials, and twenty-one letters received by Eleanor Chatterton Kennedy's great aunt, Mary J. Mazuzan regarding an art correspondence class with the Art Students League of New York City.

**Kinney, Lisa**

Papers, 1974-2003.  
25 cubic ft. (25 boxes)  
Collection #10318

Lisa Kinney was a Senator in the Wyoming State Legislature. She was also an attorney, and director of the Albany County Library. After graduating with a B.A. in Spanish from the University of Wyoming in 1973, she received a master's of library science from the University of Oregon and became director of the Albany County (Wyoming) Library in 1977. As director, she raised funds to construct a state-of-the-art county library. Kinney received a J.D. from University of Wyoming's College of Law in 1986. Kinney was elected to the Senate in 1984 and served in the legislature for 10 years while maintaining her own law practice. She was the Democratic Minority Leader from 1992-1994 and was known for bi-partisanship. Kinney practiced law with the Laramie law firm of Corthell and King, P.C.

The Lisa Kinney Papers consist of bill files, subject files, memos, and committee files. Correspondence consists of constituent mail and communication between Kinney and various State legislators. Committee files include Judiciary, Health, Management and Audit, Education and Legislative Process. Bill files consist of the legislation dealing with Abortion, Education Trust Fund, Gasoline Tax and Medical Liability. A sample of Subject Files include: Abortion, Wyoming Territorial Park, Welfare Reform, Education and the University of Wyoming.

**League of Women Voters of Wyoming**

Records, 1946-2011

30.38 cubic ft. (58 boxes) + 73GB

Collection #10437

The League of Women Voters was created during the final convention of the National American Women Suffrage Association in 1920. The League and its various state and local chapters has played an important role in helping to define election issues, encouraging voting turnouts, and sponsoring non-partisan debates between candidates.

The collection contains materials pertaining to the operations of the League's Wyoming chapter. Materials include chronological files relating to state and national conventions, political issues and contests, annual reports, board of directors' and officers' meetings, the League's publications, and local chapters in Wyoming. Subject files on Wyoming include political organizations and issues, instructional materials from 1988 to 1994 (twelve VHS and three ¾ inch videotapes, one audiocassette tape, and one 16mm motion picture), voter guides, posters and research.

**Loomis, Ruth H.**

Papers, 1925-1989.

.2 cubic ft. (1 envelope and 1 oversized folder)

Collection #10378

Ruth Harrington Loomis was born and raised in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She was a 1922 graduate of Smith College in Massachusetts. She served as an administrative assistant to Nellie Tayloe Ross, the first woman governor in the United States, throughout her term as governor. Loomis also served as Ross's personal secretary during the 1928 presidential campaign and as her colleague at National Democratic Headquarters. Following a brief tenure as state librarian, she married John U. Loomis, special legal representative for the Union Pacific Railroad in Wyoming, in 1934, and had two children Frederick and Ann.

The Ruth H. Loomis papers contain photocopies of newspaper and magazine articles, an oral history interview, reprints of photographs of Loomis's family with Nellie Tayloe Ross, Loomis, Anna Harrington (Loomis's mother), and Joseph O'Mahoney, and an original campaign poster from Ross's run for re-election as governor of Wyoming.

**Lummis, Cynthia M.**

Papers, 1978-2016

25.22 cubic ft. (25 boxes) + 98.41 GB

Collection #12660

Cynthia Lummis was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She earned two BS degrees and a JD degree from the University of Wyoming. She served in the Wyoming State House from 1979 to 1983 and from 1985-1993. She served in the Wyoming State Senate from 1993 to 1995. She

was Wyoming State Treasurer from 1999-2007. She served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2009-2017.

The collection consists of materials from Lummis's four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. They include subject files collected by Lummis's office, files related to the committees on which she served, and correspondence. Also included are speeches and statements that Lummis made, press and media activities in which she participated, and certificates and awards that she received.

**Post, Morton E. and Amalia**

Family papers, 1850-1900.

0.45 cubic ft. (1 document box + safe material)

Collection #01362

Morton E. Post was a Cheyenne banker and businessman and a member of the Wyoming Territorial Legislative Council (1878). His wife Amalia was a strong exponent of women's suffrage who served as foreman of a Cheyenne jury in 1871, and represented Wyoming at the National Woman Suffrage Convention in Washington D.C. in the same year. The collection contains personal letters of Morton Post, Amalia Post, Annie Kilbourne Parshall (Amalia's niece), and Adrian J. Parshall, among others.

The collection consists primarily of correspondence. The earliest letters (1850-1851, 1858-1864) are nearly all written by Amalia Nichols to her sister Ann Kilbourne. The letters of 1865 and 1866 include many from Morton Post to his wife, Amalia Nichols Post, as well as those from Amalia to Ann while Amalia was living in Denver, Colorado. The majority of the letters of 1867 and 1868 are from Morton to Amalia or from Amalia to Morton. Amalia's letters from Cheyenne dominate 1870 to 1872, but from 1873 to 1875 most of the letters are from Annie Kilbourne to her mother, Ann Kilbourne, describing Annie's life in Cheyenne with her aunt. From 1876 to 1879 letters from Adrian Parshall are included describing his attempts to become established in Deadwood and his frustration with his long engagement to Annie Kilbourne; while Annie Kilbourne Parshall's letters from Deadwood to her mother dominate 1880 to 1883. Three letters from Celestia Parker in Port Huron, Michigan, are also included, one of them describing Port Huron's reaction to the death of Abraham Lincoln in 1865.

A large number of letters and telegrams of 1885 and 1886 express support for Morton Post's appointment as governor of Wyoming Territory. The collection also includes a small number of newspaper clippings (1881-1890).

**Ross, Nellie Tayloe**

Papers, ca. 1880s-1998

22.6 cubic ft. (36 boxes)

Collection #948

Nellie Tayloe Ross (1880-1977) was the first woman Governor in the United States. Born in

St. Joseph, Missouri, married William Bradford Ross in 1902 and they lived in Cheyenne, Wyoming. William B. Ross, a Democrat, was elected Governor of Wyoming in 1922. Three weeks before Election Day in 1924, William B. Ross died, and Nellie Tayloe Ross was elected in his stead. Nellie Ross lost in her bid for reelection in 1926. She was appointed Director of the U.S. Mint in 1933 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and served in that capacity until her retirement in 1953.

Collection contains materials relating to Nellie and William Ross, including six scrapbooks (1922-1926, 1938-1951); correspondence both personal and professional (1922-1957); miscellaneous materials relating to the U.S. Mint; Nellie Ross' financial records (1926-1928), speeches and writings (1920-1953), diaries, subject files and biographical information (1920-1977); William Ross' campaign materials for 1922; manuscript materials by or about William and Nellie Ross (1920-1948); news releases relating to Nellie Ross as governor and Director of the U.S. Mint (1924-1942); a poster of Nellie Ross' 1926 campaign; a 1924 campaign ribbon; one 33 1/3 and three 78 rpm phonographic recordings of speeches given by Nellie Ross in 1938 and 1950; and news clippings (1925-1972).

### **Soss, Wilma**

Papers, 1862-1987 (bulk 1931-1987)

29.05 cubic ft. (31 boxes)

Collection #10249

Wilma Soss (1900-1986) was a stockholders' rights advocate for women as well as a publicist, and a radio journalist during the twentieth century. A native of Brooklyn, New York, Soss worked as a publicist for a number of well-known companies and organizations between the 1920s and 1940s, including Saks Fifth Avenue (1931-1934) and Alfred Dunhill, Limited (1932-1934). She became a women's stockholders' rights advocate during the 1940s and founded the Federation of Women Stockholders in American Business in 1947. To advance the cause of women's economic suffrage, Soss became a prominent corporate gadfly and made highly publicized appearances at many corporate stockholder meetings between the 1940s and 1980s. Soss was also a well-known radio journalist for NBC Radio between the 1950s and 1980s, serving as commentator and financial analyst of "Pocketbook News" (1954-1975) and "Wilma Says" (1975-1980).

The collection contains Wilma Soss' correspondence (business and personal), subject files concerning her work as a women's stockholders' rights advocate (which contain correspondence, clippings, legal documents, financial documents, notes, and printed materials), unpublished manuscripts, speeches, and photographs of Soss and business executives. The collection also contains scripts for "Pocketbook News", 33 rpm records of "Pocketbook News", audio cassette tapes of "Pocketbook News" and "Wilma Says", and a few reel-to-reel audio tapes (including those of "Pocketbook News" and Women Stockholders in American Business meetings). There are several scrapbooks documenting Soss' life and career (including those concerning her work with Saks Fifth Avenue and Alfred Dunhill, Limited), clippings, miscellaneous printed materials, and artifacts.

**Swain, Louisa A.**

Papers, circa 1860-1960

.92 cubic ft. (1 box)

Collection #00807

Louisa A. Swain cast her ballot in Albany County, Wyoming Territory, on September 6, 1870. By doing so she became the first woman to vote legally in a general election in the United States. Louisa Swain was born Louisa Gardiner in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1801. She married Stephen Swain, and the couple moved with their four children to what later became Wyoming Territory. When Wyoming Territory was organized in 1869, women's suffrage was written into the constitution, giving Mrs. Swain, and other women resident in the territory, the unprecedented right to vote on an equal basis with men.

The Louisa A. Swain collection contains a christening gown and infant garment hand-stitched by Louisa Swain; a silver teaspoon (engraved LS to MC); a china saucer which Louisa Swain carried with her to the west; a photograph of Louisa Swain (circa 1865); a woman's embroidered scarf; a newspaper clipping about Louisa Swain titled "Taming the Wild West" (circa 1950); and correspondence describing the donation of the materials to the University of Wyoming (1960).

**Thomson, Thyra**

Papers, 1931-1986.

4 cubic ft. (4 boxes)

Collection #9148

Thyra Thomson was the Secretary of State in Wyoming from 1962-1986. For many of those years, she was the highest elected woman state official in the United States. She was active with the Equal Rights Amendment, public land and oil lease issues, and securities.

The collection contains biographical information (1961-1986); personal and professional correspondence (1966-1986); press releases (1962-1986); speeches (1962-1965); and subject files (1931-1986) containing correspondence, newspaper clippings and research notes regarding oil and gas lotteries, securities, and public land use, the Equal Rights Amendment, and feature stories on Thomson and E. Luella Galliver, University of Wyoming Dean of Women.

**Women's History Research Center**

Records, 1845-1992 (bulk 1959-1978)

66.75 cubic ft. (150 boxes)

Collection #05879

Laura Murra founded the Women's History Research Center in 1969 in Berkeley, California. The organization collected materials to document current and historical issues relating to women. It also collected magazines, newsletters and newspapers that were published by or

were about women. The Center closed in 1974 due to financial difficulties, but Murra (also known as Laura X) continued to collect resource materials.

This collection contains extensive documentation (mostly printed) on the economic and social status of women from 1845-1992. The collection includes subject files with newspaper and magazine clippings, reports, studies and theses on women's history, women activists and pioneers, and feminist movements; printed material including news clippings, newsletters, newspapers and pamphlets published by women, women's liberation, peace groups, and Socialist organizations dealing with feminism, peace groups and the Black Panthers; ten posters; and two watercolors.

### **Books relating to Woman's Suffrage in Toppan Library**

American Woman Suffrage Association. *Thirteen Years' Experience of Woman Suffrage in Wyoming*. Boston, MA: American Woman Suffrage Association, 1882?

Hebard, Grace Raymond. *The Birth of Wyoming Day: When Women's Suffrage Came to Wyoming, December 10, 1869: A One Act Play*. 1935.

*More Facts from Wyoming*. Boston, MA: Woman's Journal, 188-?

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

Stanton, Elizabeth Cady, Susan B. Anthony, and Mathilda Joslyn Gage, eds. *History of Woman Suffrage*. New York.