



Guide to the Woman's Suffrage Realia and Ephemera Collection, 1850s-1920, 2019, and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

Woman's suffrage realia and ephemera collection, 1850s-1920, 2019, undated

Source:

Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture

Abstract:

Collection contains objects and ephemera relating to the women's suffrage movement in the United Kingdom and United States in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Various pro- and anti-suffrage perspectives are represented. The items include banners, textiles, buttons, pins, and badges, along with other related handbills and printed materials.

Extent:

5.0 Linear Feet (11 boxes, 3 oversize folders)

Language:

Materials are in English.

Collection ID:

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Background

Scope and Content

Collection comprises materials relating to the women's suffrage movement in the United States and United Kingdom, including pins, medallions, buttons, textiles, card sets, stamps, photographs, and printed materials and ephemera. The majority of the collection's items express pro-women's suffrage sentiments. Organizations present include the Woman's Peace Party, Catholic Women's Suffrage Society, Women's Freedom League, National Union of Women's

Suffrage Societies, Cymeric Suffrage Union, Men's League for Women's Suffrage, Women's Social and Political Union (W.S.P.U.), Women's Christian Temperance Union, and the Woman's Suffrage National Aid Corps. Examples of messages conveyed include: "Votes for Women," "Vote No on Women's Suffrage," "Women's Equality. Women's Lives." Some items include portraits of women suffragists, including Susan B. Anthony and Inez Milholland. Several items reference voting to repeal the 19th amendment. Also includes three sets of "Panko or Votes for Women: The Great Card Game Suffragists v. Anti-Suffragists," published in 1909 by Peter Gurney with illustrations by E.T. Reed, from Punch magazine. Postcards and photographs include both caricatures and real-photo images of suffragists, suffragettes, and their allies, as well as items mocking or opposing the woman's suffrage movement. The collection contains some 1910s banners, scarves, and sashes in yellow and white, and others in green and purple fabric, with text reading "Votes for Women"; there are also a variety of printed handbills, handouts, fliers, and ephemeral materials circulated and distributed to the public for suffrage campaigns in different states, including Massachusetts, New York, and Maine. Also contains an illustrated puzzle, Votes for Women, printed by eeBoo Corporation and issued in 2019.

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Arrangement

Organized according to format.

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Acquisition Information

Portions of the Woman's Suffrage Realia and Ephemera Collection were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a purchase in 2015 from Lisa Unger Baskin, and a gift in 2016 from Kenneth Hubbard. Additions acquired in 2022 and 2023.

Votes for Women puzzle (2019) transferred from Robin Morgan Papers accession 2022-0107.

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Names and Subjects

- Women -- Suffrage -- United States
- Women -- Suffrage -- Great Britain
- Women -- Suffrage -- Collectibles
- Realia
- Buttons (information artifacts)
- Pins (jewelry)
- Badges
- Napkins (culinary textile)
- Textile fabrics
- Temperance -- United States -- History -- 19th century
- Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture

- Lisa Unger Baskin Collection (David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library)
- Anthony, Susan B. (Susan Brownell), 1820-1906
- Baskin, Lisa Unger, former owner
- Hubbard, Kenneth, 1942-

Collection Inventory

Suffrage buttons, pins, and badges, 1894-1915, undated

National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies
pin. UK. Publisher statement on back of enamel
pin: W. C. Lewis, Howard Street, Birm[ha?]m,
approximately 1910

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies
Constitutional Non Party pin. UK. No publishing
information present on back of enamel pin.,
approximately 1910

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies
button. UK. On back of button: "Manufactured
by the Merchants' Portrait Co., Kentish Town
Road, London, N. W.", approximately 1910

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Womens Freedom League Votes for Women pin.
UK. No publishing information present on back
of enamel pin., approximately 1910

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Women's Freedom League Votes for Women
necklace pencil. UK. No publishing information
present., approximately 1910

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Women's Suffrage National Aid Corps button.
UK. On back of button: "Manufactured by the
Merchants' Portrait Co., Kentish Town Road,
London, N. W. ", approximately 1910

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Women's Suffrage National Aid Corps badge. UK. No other information on badge., approximately 1910	Box 1
Physical Description: 1 items	
Catholic Women's Suffrage Society button. UK. On back of button: "Manufactured by the Merchants' Portrait Co., Kentish Town Road, London, N. W. ", approximately 1910	Box 1
Physical Description: 1 items	
Votes for Women W. S. P. U. (Women's Social and Political Union). UK. On back of button: "Manufactured by the Merchants' Portrait Co., Kentish Town Road, London, N. W. ", approximately 1910	Box 1
Physical Description: 1 items	
Men's League for Womans Suffrage button. UK. No publishing information present on back of button., approximately 1910	Box 1
Physical Description: 1 items	
Cymric Suffrage Union, Etholfraint I Doynes button. UK. No publishing information present on back of button., approximately 1910	Box 1
Physical Description: 1 items	
Votes for Women button. UK. On back of button: Pellett Ltd., 2 High Holborn, London., approximately 1910	Box 1
Physical Description: 1 items	
Women's Suffrage enamel bar pin. UK., approximately 1910	Box 1
Physical Description: 1 items	
Suffragist button. US. On back of button: "Manufactured by St. Louis Button Co., St. Louis, Mo. Pat. Aug. 8 '99", 1899	Box 1
Physical Description: 1 items	
Two suffragists button. US. On back of button: "The Whitehead & Hoag Co, Newark, N.J., Allied Printing, Trades Council, Union Label, Newark,	

N.J., Patented July 17, 1894; April 14, 1896; July 21, 1896", 1896

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Women's Peace Party pin, "Peace." US. On back of enamel pin: "Womans Peace Party, Hyman & Co., Chicago", approximately 1910

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

WCTU (Women's Christian Temperance Union) ribbons with stick pin. US. On back of brass Liberty Bell: "Woman's Liberty Bell. Justice, Equality, 1915, Pennsylvania. W & H Co., Newark, N.J.", 1915

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Text stitched on ribbon in white thread: N.Y.S.W.S.A. 37th Annual Convention. Rochester Oct. 24-27 1905. (New York State Woman Suffrage Association) U.S. On pin back: "Whitehead & Hoag Co., Newark, New Jersey.", 1905

Box 3

Votes for Women button. US. No information on back of button., approximately 1915

Box 1

Physical Description: 4 items

Votes for Women button. US. No information on back of button., approximately 1915

Box 2

Scope and Contents

2 copies.

Votes for Women button. US. On back of button: "Lucke Badge & Button Co., Badges, Buttons, Novelties, Baltimore, Md.", approximately 1915

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Votes for Women button. US. On back of button: "National Equipment Co., 12 E. 23rd St., New York, Tel. 2477-Gram.", approximately 1915

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Votes for Women, 1915 button. US. On back of button: "The Whitehead & Hoag Co., Buttons,

Badges, Novelties, and Signs, Newark, NJ.",
1915 Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Vote Yes Woman Suffrage October 19 pin. US.
On back of pin: "The Sommer Badge Mfg. Co.,
71 Liberty St., Newark, NJ.", approximately
1915 Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Votes for Women, Patriotism button. US. No
information on back of button., approximately
1915 Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Votes for Women 1915, with sunrise button. US.
On back of button: "The Whitehead & Hoag Co.,
Buttons, Badges, Novelties, and Signs, Newark,
NJ." Written in pen or pencil on back of button:
"AME.", 1915 Box 2

Physical Description: 1 items

Vote for Woman Suffrage Nov. 6th button.
US. No information on back of button.,
approximately 1915 Box 2

Physical Description: 1 items

Penna. Votes for Women 1915 button. US. On
back of button: "The Whitehead & Hoag Co.,
Buttons, Badges, Novelties, and Signs, Newark,
NJ.", 1915 Box 2

Physical Description: 1 items

Against the Repeal of the 19th Amendment
button. US. No information on back of button.,
approximately 1920 Box 2

Physical Description: 1 items

Vote No on Woman Suffrage button. US. On
back of button: "Phila. Badge Co., 134 N. 8th
St., Phila.", approximately 1915 Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Vote No on Woman Suffrage button. US. On back of button: "Bastian Bros.... and Celluloid Novelites, Rochester, N.Y.", approximately 1915

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Vote No on Woman Suffrage button. US. On back of button: "Bastian Bros.... and Celluloid Novelites, Rochester, N.Y.", approximately 1915

Box 2

Vote No on Woman Suffrage button. US. On back of button: "N R Man, American Union Label Manufacturer, Lib&B. A., Factory, Milford, N.H.", approximately 1915

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Vote No on Woman Suffrage button. US. On back of button: "Made by hrman [ilegible] Milford, NH.", approximately 1915

Box 2

Vote No on Woman Suffrage button. US. On back of button: "By hrman Mfg. Co. Boston, Mass.", approximately 1915

Box 2

Anti suffrage button. US. On back of button: "The Whitehead & Hoag Co., Buttons, Badges, Novelties, and Signs, Newark, NJ.", approximately 1915

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Repeal the 19th Amendment button. US. No information on back of button., approximately 1920

Box 2

Votes for Women flag pin. US or UK (unknown). No markings on the back of the enamel pin., approximately 1910

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Hair pins tin box with dividers, approximately 1910

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 items

Scope and Contents

Tin box for hair pins, with internal dividers, used by collector to store the suffrage buttons, pins, and badges collection.

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Textiles and ephemera, 1894-1919, undated

Votes for Women souvenir and program paper napkins, 1907, undated	Folder 1
National American Woman Suffrage Association medallion (bronze circle) with Susan B. Anthony portrait. Recto: oak leaves and text: "Failure is Impossible. Susan B. Anthony.", approximately 1910s-1930s	Box 6
The Hall of Fame for Great Americans at New York University medallion with Susan B. Anthony portrait. Recto: scene of men and women voting with text: "Equal Suffrage.", approximately 1910s	Box 6
Yellow felt sash with black text: "Votes for Women"., approximately 1900s-1920 Physical Description: Dimensions: 4x59cm.	Box 7
Silk scarf with purple and green letters "Votes For Women" printed at both ends of the scarf on a white background with purple and green stripes., approximately 1900s-1920 Physical Description: Dimensions: 32x202cm.	Box 5
Woman Suffrage Party grosgrain ribbon sash with black lettering on a white background bordered by yellow., approximately 1900s-1920 Physical Description: Dimensions: 11x128cm.	Box 4
Yellow fabric banner with black text: "Votes for Women.", approximately 1900s-1920 Physical Description: Dimensions 44x97cm.	Box 7
Yellow fabric sash with black text: "Votes for Women.", approximately 1900s-1920 Physical Description: Dimensions: 9x180cm	Box 7

Yellow ribbon with black text: "March for Women's Equality. Women's Lives.", approximately 1900s-1920 Box 7

Physical Description: Dimensions: 9x158cm

Woven white, green, purple sash, and metal clip, with green text: "Votes for Women.", approximately 1900s-1920 Box 7

Physical Description: Dimensions: 10x58cm.

Triangular felt black and yellow pennant with text: "Votes for Women.", approximately 1900s-1920 Box 7

Physical Description: Dimensions: 26x74cm.

Rectangular red felt banner with text: Republican Motor Corps, 1920 Box 7

New York Women's Suffrage Association (NYWSA) convention ribbon, 1894 Box 9

Suffrage Coffee House wooden sign, approximately 1918 Artifact-box 10

Scope and Contents

Wooden trade sign, sized 92x72 cm, collected by Lisa Baskin, originally hanging in Bonducci's Cafe in Northampton, Massachusetts. The recto side is painted black, with gold letters, and reads "Suffrage Coffee House." The verso side is painted black, with gold letters, and reads "Coffee House." The verso also includes a faded red logo for the War Camp Community Service organization, which was a social club and gathering place for soldiers and sailors during World War I.

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Printed materials and photographs, 1850s-1920, 2019

Votes for Women stamps, 1914-1915 and undated Box 6
Box 9

Printed and manuscript items and loose pages, 1910s Box 6

Scope and Contents

Includes a blue valentine for a suffragette.

International Suffrage Fair program, organized
by Women's Freedom League, London, 1912
November

Box 6

Suffrage-related photographs, 1910s

Box 6

Scope and Contents

Includes coronation parade crowd scene; white men holding a Votes for Women sign on the Siang Kiangmaru ship; and white men (actors?) dressed in police and suffragettes costumes, with props like bombs and hammers.

Cartoon panels: "Man builds the state,
woman builds the home. Or Votes for Women
1908-1918", approximately 1918

Box 6

Suffrage-related postcards, 1910s

Box 6
Box 9

Scope and Contents

Includes caricatures and artwork as well as real photograph postcards, both in favor of and opposed to women's suffrage

Votes for Women postcard calendar, edited by
Anna Howard Shaw, 1914

Box 6

Panko or Votes for Women card games, 1909

Box 8

Physical Description: 3 copies

Scope and Contents

Three sets of the Panko card game, published by Peter Gurney Ltd with pictures by E.T. Reed of Punch Magazine. Decks are boxed; each carton is stable but in fair condition, with some missing flaps.

Votes for Women deck of playing cards, 1910s

Box 8

Scope and Contents

Set of playing cards with yellow and white "Votes for Women" design on the carton and on the backs of the cards. Many cards have separated from their backs and the carton is torn, in poor condition.

Print of Inez Milholland Boissevain on a horse, "who gave her life for women's freedom", approximately 1920	Oversize-folder 2
"To the Male Citizen..." clipping, National American Woman Suffrage Association, New York City, 1910s	Oversize-folder 2
National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies newsletter pages, 1908 February 27, 1908 April 2	Oversize-folder 2
"Massachusetts -- Woman Suffrage in the Bay State -- Scenes at the Polls in Cambridge, December 2d, and Boston, December 9th, During the Municipal Elections, When Women Were Permitted to Vote for the School Boards" (printed broadside with color illustrations), 1879	Oversize-folder 3
Why Can't I Play Too? Men of Massachusetts, Make Our State Free, 1915 April 15	Oversize-folder 3
Clippings relating to suffrage and women's rights, 1850s-1920s	Oversize-folder 3
Gallagher, J.J., and B.A. Koellhoffer: "Oh! You Suffragettes" printed sheet music, 1912	Oversize-folder 3
Warrant for Special State Election, State of Maine, 1917 September 10	Oversize-folder 3

Scope and Contents

With Amendment No. 1: Woman's Suffrage

British women's suffrage societies broadsides, clippings, flyers, and handbills, 1898-1911, undated

Box 9

Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

Assorted broadsides and handbills from British women's suffrage societies, primarily the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, but including the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association and the London Society for Women's Suffrage, as well as one handbill from the Cambridge Daily News. Two broadsides announce suffragist marches,

including one in support of women's military service during World War I. Several handbills provide general information on women's suffrage and suffrage societies, others are intended for specific audiences, including working and affluent women. Other topics include protests against use of violence in the suffragist cause, the Conciliation Bill for Women's Suffrage, and positions of various elected officials on the issue. The back of one broadside holds a handwritten excerpt from an unrelated drama.

American women's suffrage societies
broadsides, clippings, flyers, and handbills,
1890s-1918, undated 1890

Box 9

Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

Includes examples of handouts, flyers, and circulars distributed by women's suffrage organizations and groups in the United States, at both the national and state or regional level. Contains two copies of Enrollment of Women Voters of the Town of St. Johnsville, New York, from 1918 May 25; a program for the Suffrage Ball, held by the New York State Woman Suffrage Party in 1916; congressional committee hearings about the women's suffrage amendment; broadsides with talking points and pro-suffrage arguments; and examples of stationary, newspaper clippings, and handouts for women's suffrage campaigns.

Pamphlet, Women's Social and Political Union
program: "Votes for Women: A Women's
Demonstration to Welcome Mrs. Pankhurst on
her Return From America, in the Royal Albert
Hall", 1909 December 9

Box 9

Processing Information:

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Women's Watchers certificates for New York
election, 1917

Box 9

Ryte-Me postcard calendar (incomplete), 1914

Box 9

Woman Suffrage Procession official program,
Washington, D.C., 1913 March 3

Box 6

Scope and Contents

Printed booklet with color wrappers, approx. 9" x 12.25" with some tears at stapled spine. Edited by Harriet Connor Brown; includes essay titled "Why Women Want to Vote," portraits and biographical profiles of suffragists and activists such as Carrie Chapman Catt, Anna Howard Shaw, Alice Paul, Helen

Keller, Inez Milholland, Lucy Burns, and many others; and the procession program details, including lists of participants and representatives.

"Woman Suffrage Bazar" ticket and program,
and accompanying temperance manuscripts,
1870

Box 9

Scope and Contents

Small collection of items related to a "Woman Suffrage Bazar" in Boston, MA, as well as writings on temperance: The Casket of Temperance, The Children's Influence, The Work Done Inside, Items, The Bowl, Miscellaneous Selections, and The Memorial Gazette No. 3. An addition manuscript item titled "The Aurora Borealis" is also included.

Votes for Women illustrated round puzzle,
published by eeBoo Corporation (New York,
N.Y.), 2019

Box 11

Scope and Contents

Includes informational poster. Dimensions: 58.5 cm (round). Originally received as part of the Robin Morgan Papers; transferred to this collection in 2024.

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