

Collection Summary

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Title: League of Women Voters

Extent: 7 Boxes, 176 Folders, 1 Catalog Item, 4 Map Case Folders

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Language: English

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Abstract: The League of Women Voters collection consists of newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, minutes, and other items about the League of Women Voters group in Evansville, IN and Washington, D.C.

Selected Search Terms

Subjects: Social life and customs; History; Local history; Evansville (Ind.); Politics; Advocacy groups; Environmental quality--Law and legislation; Vanderburgh County (Ind.); Warrick County (Ind.); United States. Congress--Reform; International relations--United States; Public welfare--Indiana--Vanderburgh County; Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation

Historical Notes: Carrie Chapman Catt established the League of Women Voters in 1920 during the National American Women Suffrage Association. "The League began as a 'mighty political experiment' designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters. It encouraged them to use their new power to participate in shaping public policy. From the beginning, the League started as a grassroots organization whose leaders believed that citizens should play a critical role in advocacy. It was then, and is now, a nonpartisan organization. League founders believed that maintaining a nonpartisan stance would protect the fledgling organization from becoming mired in the party politics of the day. However, League members were encouraged to be political themselves, by educating citizens about, and lobbying for, government and social reform legislation."

- **Sources:** [League of Women Voters: History](#)

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