

**Women's History  
Research Subject Guide  
Louisiana State Archives**



## **Introduction:**

This guide was made by archival staff at the Louisiana State Archives as an introduction to some of the materials we have on the Women's History for the state of Louisiana. The listings are arranged according to the Table of Contents listed below and then alphabetically within each section. For further information on this topic, or to view our collections, please visit the Louisiana State Archives Research Library or contact the Research Library staff at 225.922.1207 or via email at [archives@sos.la.gov](mailto:archives@sos.la.gov).

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## Newspapers, Journals, and Magazines

**Ann Gayden Newton Collection, 1889-1923**, Collection contains numerous publications dating from 1889 to 1923. Included are *Harper's New Monthly Magazine* (April 1889); the *Literary Digest*; *Modern Priscilla Magazine*; *Vogue*; *Current Opinion Magazine* (various dates); etc. Also included is a copy of "The Gumbo" yearbook from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana dated 1912. Inventory available.

Collection No. N2010-009

**North American Indians, 1975**, Vol. VIII, No. 3, Summer 1975 edition of the journal *The Indian Historian*. Information on the history of Native North Americans including the significance of the Meriam report of 1928, the ancient Athabaskan ritual in Alaska, Arizona Indians, Cherokee removal and American politics, the role of women in Native American societies, and Descanosora, a famous Iroquois orator. Publication includes a bibliography of works pertaining to this subject matter.

Collection No. N1976-051

**The Progressive Farmer and Farm Woman Magazine, 1929**, *The Progressive Farmer and Farm Woman* is a weekly magazine published in Birmingham, Alabama. The Mississippi Valley Edition dated April 27, 1929 includes articles, photographs, drawings, classified ads, etc. Item is fragile.

Collection No. N1986-020

**Thomas H. Thompson Collection, 1920**, Contains a newspaper article from the *Times Picayune*, dated Sunday, April 11, 1920, about the Louisiana woman who made the first Confederate flag in the state, possibly the South. The back of the page contains an advertisement with pictures of 40 cars from 1920. Item is fragile.

Collection No. N1988-065

## Original/Other

**American Association of University Women (AAUW), 1992**, Literature generated for the 3rd annual Baton Rouge AAUW Conference. Includes program flyer, list of women's records from the Louisiana State Archives, Watson Library, the Historic New Orleans, Louisiana State University-Shreveport, and the T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Collection No. N1992-019

**Division of Women's Services Statewide Programs, 1981-1983**, Collection consists of records pertaining to shelters for victims of family violence. See inventory for complete list.

Collection No. P1989-076

**Economic Development Records, 1981-1998**, Collection contains records of declined loan requests, letters, and publications pertaining to grant requests, board minutes, Louisiana minority and women's business development authority, and Louisiana small business and equity corporation, and other miscellaneous files, publications, etc. pertaining to Department of Economic Development. Inventory available.

Collection No. P2003-007

**Jones Louise Levinson Parker Collection, 1899-1995**, Collection includes miscellaneous papers and printed items, correspondence, and photographs of Mrs. Jones Levinson Parker, a prominent member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary from the 1930s to the 1950s in Louisiana and Arkansas. Includes several scrapbooks containing correspondence of her husband, Mr. George Parker. Inventory available.

Collection No. N2003-009

**Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs, 1899-2004**, Records of the statewide Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs. Includes minutes, scrapbooks, handbooks, yearbooks, manuals, directories, programs, correspondence, and publications. Also includes national office information as it relates to the Louisiana organization. The Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Organized in Shreveport on December 29, 1899. It joined the General Federation on January 27, 1902 and was incorporated in 1947.

Collection No. N2001-016

**Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs Records, 1974-2000**, Collection contains Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs meeting minutes, conference records, and conference plaques from 1974 to 2000.

Collection No. N1990-021

**Minority Files, Small Businesses, and Women, 1982-1983**, Collection contains files of Hugh M. Carleton, Director of State Purchasing, which pertains to the analysis of companies bidding for contracts. Small businesses and businesses run by women and minorities are required to receive a portion of the bids for state business. Information regarding small business and businesses run by women and minorities are contained in this collection.

Collection No. P1989-133

**Miscellaneous Publications, 1953-1987**, Collection contains miscellaneous publications which include financial reports for the Division of Administration from 1957 to 1958, and 1979; a handbook on women workers from 1975; financial reports for the Department of Public Welfare from 1953 1954; an audit of state and local government from 1987; financial reports for the Commission of Insurance from 1958 and 1983. See inventory for complete list.

Collection No. P1990-079

**National Women's History Project Collection, 1993-1994**, Collection contains publications relating to the National Women's History Project. Included are National Women's History month program and catalog of items available from the project.

Collection No. N1994-017

**Newcomb College, 1886-1986**, Booklet from Newcomb College, an all-women's college in New Orleans, Louisiana that was founded as part of Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. The booklet pertains to the history and growth of the college from 1886 to 1986.

Collection No. N1992-031

**Polly Williams Collection, 1964-1980**, One scrapbook/press book for the Euphemian Club in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, which later became part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs from 1964 to 1980. Includes photos, newspaper articles, memorabilia, etc. The Euphemian Club was a cultural and educational club consisting of 16 members.

Collection No. N1997-004

**Studies Published for the Department of Labor, 1968-1985**, Collection contains various studies published by the Department of Labor covering the years 1968 through 1985. Not in alphabetical or chronological order. See inventory for complete list.

Collection No. P1989-065

**The Wednesday Club Wives of Employees of Esso (Exxon), 1928-2009**, Records of the Wednesday Club, wives of employees of Esso Standard Oil Company (Exxon) from 1928 to 2009. The Wednesday Club was founded in 1928 by two ladies that had formed a social group with seven members to play bridge on Wednesday afternoon. The Club's first Constitution was adopted in 1951, following a reorganization in 1938. Collection includes annual yearbooks, membership lists, photos, programs, speeches, correspondence, constitution and bylaws, and other mementos. The club's topical interests include garden, bridge, literary, home arts/home economics, and fine arts.

Collection No. N1999-004

**Women's Advocacy Bureau Grant Files, 1979-1980**, Collection contains application, financial, and project proposal information pertaining to Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) grants. It also includes office memos and reports concerning the carpenter pre-apprenticeship plan for women.  
Collection No. P1987-056

**Women's Bureau Subject Files, 1976-1977**, Collection contains correspondence to and from the Louisiana Department of Labor, applications for federal government grants, and monthly reports. All pertain to special projects to promote the employment of women. The material is arranged by subject.  
Collection No. P1985-251

**Women's Club of Greenwood, 1933-1976**, Records from the Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs, 4th District, and the Women's Club of Greenwood dating from 1933 to 1976, (not continuous). The collection also includes a photo album which is wood covered and damaged. Inventory available.  
Collection No. N1988-042

**Women in the Mainstream File, 1985**, File generated by Dr. Lemieux, former Director of the Louisiana State Archives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Collection pertains to the donation of the Women in the Mainstream Collection, which includes the act of donation, appraisals, correspondence, newspaper articles, and an inventory.  
Collection No. P1986-188

**Women's Organizations Publications, 1942-1967**, Publications relating to women's organizations. Included are Louisiana Women, Louisiana Garden Club Federation newsletters, and The Pelican dating from 1942 to 1967. Inventory available.  
Collection No. P1994-062

## Government

**American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, 1971-1992,** Records from the state headquarters of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) dating from 1971 to 1992. Includes speeches by former Louisiana AFL-CIO president Victor Bussie and his wife, Fran Bussie. Tapes and videotapes of topics include labor, wages, women, healthcare, hospitals, mental health, the equal rights amendment (ERA), poverty, individuals with intellectual disabilities, aging, alcoholism, volunteers, children, and social work. Inventory is available.  
Collection No. N1997-007

**Baton Rouge Republican Women Meeting, March 25, 1999,** Photos, slides, and information from the March 25, 1999 meeting of Baton Rouge Republican Women's meeting at the Louisiana State Archives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Republican presidential hopeful, Pat Buchanan, was one of the keynote speakers, as was Baton Rouge mayor Tom Ed Mchugh. Inventory available.  
Collection No. P1999-019

**Department of Health and Human Resources, 1980-1981,** Box 1 of this collection contains information on an Opelousas, Louisiana home economics course, parish profiles, and parish reports, dating from 1980 to 1981. Box 2 of this collection contains the Women Advocacy Bureau files dating from 1980 to 1981, general office files A-Z, and administrative files dating from 1980 to 1981.  
Collection No. P1988-009

**Department of Health and Hospitals Women's Advocate Bureau Files, 1978-1979,** Collection contains files on women who received benefits through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) Program. These files are contained in the first seven boxes. The final two boxes contain administrative files, correspondence, memos, reports, and budget information. See preliminary inventory for available listings.  
Collection No. P1986-209

**Governor's Office on Women's Policy, 2000-2002,** Collection contains industry board minutes of the governor's office on women's policy dating from 2000 to 2002.  
Collection No. P2004-091

**League of Women Voters of Baton Rouge Records, 1940-2000,** Collection contains various records from the working collection of the Baton Rouge League of Women Voters from its beginning to 2000. Includes correspondence, minutes, bylaws, charter of incorporation, publications, membership lists, state and national league information, and topical folders arranged in alphabetical order. Inventory is available.  
Collection No. N2000-013

**Lieutenant Governor Melinda Schwegmann, 1992-1995**, Records of the Lieutenant Governor's office dating from 1992 to 1995. Includes personnel files, payroll, correspondence, etc. Schwegmann, a Democrat, was the first woman Lieutenant Governor in Louisiana. She expanded her office to include task forces on children, juveniles and the elderly. Inventory available.  
Collection No. P1996-001

**Louisiana League of Women Voters, 1940-2009**, Collection contains records from the Louisiana League of Women Voters dated 1940 -2009.  
Collection No. N2010-005

**Louisiana State Library Records, 1981-1982**, Collection contains correspondence from parish libraries, Acadia Parish through Winn Parish. Other folders pertain to state conferences, awards, gifts, memorandums, women, and information from the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism headquarters in Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Collection No. P1988-199

**Office of Women's Services, 1980-1995**, Correspondence of directors Pat Evans, Glenda Parks, and Bobette Apple dating from 1980 to 1995. Folders arranged by person and year. The Bureau of Women for Department of Health and Human Resources, established in 1980, became the Division of Women's Resources in 1984, and the Government Office of Women's Services in 1988. Programs with state, federal, and private funds included violence, teen parents, narcotics, non-traditional employment, displaced homeless, electro-mechanical training, and industry advising.  
Collection No. P1998-054

**Records from Governor Mike Foster's Administrations, 1996-1997**, Collection contains records from the Executive Assistant's Office of Governor Mike Foster. Includes drug asset forfeiture reports, Foster's tort reform package, abortion clinic legislation, gambling in Louisiana study, executive budgets, and governor supplemental budget recommendations, dating from 1996 to 1998. Inventory available.  
Collection No. P2004-049



## **Photographs**

**Freeland Photographic Collection, 1910-1930**, 13 photos and three negatives of women and small children, circa 1910 through 1930, taken in Crowley, Louisiana area by Eli Barnett and sons, Bert and Alfonso in a photographic studio. All photos were exhibited during the 1986 Becoming Woman Exhibit sponsored by the Secretary of State's office. See also archives file.  
Collection No. P1992-022

**Women of Louisiana, 2000**, Pictures and biographies of outstanding women of Louisiana. Originated as an exhibit at the Louisiana State Archives in 2000.  
Collection No. P2001-003

## **Microfilm**

**Louisiana WWII Service Men and Women Books, 1941-1945**, Four books on microfilm listing service men and women of World War II from Avoyelles, DeSoto, Natchitoches, Sabine, Webster and Acadia Parishes in Louisiana. Photographs included for two of the books. See listing on first microfilm frame.

Collection No. N2003-006