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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
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Abstract:	The League of Women Voters of Rensselaer County Records documents the political and social activities of the chapter since its founding in 1939.

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Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, League of Women Voters of Rensselaer County (LWVRC) Records, 1914-2008. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the LWVRC Records).

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Organizational Sketch

"Let the people know, make the people care and help the people act" was the motto adopted by the 38 women who founded the League of Women Voters of Rensselaer County (LWVRC) in October 1939. The first president of the LWVRC was Beulah Bailey Thull (1891-1975), who was one of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt's speechwriters at the time. In addition to helping establish the Rensselaer County League, Thull helped establish the Women's Legislative Forum and the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) (serving as the latter's first president). Thull did not finish out her term with the LWVRC and was replaced by Catherine Benson. Though she was not originally from New York, Benson became an important leader in the early years of the LWVRC and in the New York State suffrage movement. World War I interrupted Benson's plans to become a doctor and instead she enrolled in

Bellevue Hospital's nurses training course in New York City. By the time she became a nurse, the war ended. She married a doctor who set up a practice in Troy, NY. During the 1940s and 1950s, Benson became the Director of Nurses at Leonard Hospital in Troy.

A month after its founding, the LWVRC drafted a letter to Mr. Raymond T. Neitzel, President of Troy's Chamber of Commerce, stating that "the League has but one purpose - 'Better Government.'" At the time of the LWVRC's founding, the Troy Chamber of Commerce called for a survey of Troy's budget. The LWVRC saw an opportunity for political involvement at the local level and took it. The letter to Neitzel resulted in a luncheon hosted by the LWVRC, whereby the Mayor of Troy "appointed a citizens committee to sit in with him on the preparation of the budget." There were 30 people on the committee including the LWVRC's president. The LWVRC produced a résumé of Troy's budget and of the comparative cost of government in Troy, along with a chart showing the necessary factors of a good budget. "This is the first time that such a thing had ever happened in Troy as the budget was usually a secret chamber act." Thus began the LWVRC's non-partisan involvement in local government.

By 1944, the LWVRC began plans to expand both its membership and scope of activities. It did this by establishing a headquarters and developing committees, including finance, public relations, programming, research, government, foreign relations, and training. In the same year, the LWVRC formed a coalition with the Business and Professional Women's Club, the YWCA, and the Junior League, creating the Women's Joint Education Committee. "Its purpose was to secure an enlarged Board of Education in Troy with one or more women members, with the hope of improving the school system." The committee quickly learned the ins and outs of the politics of education, suggesting areas for change and/or expansion. As a result, the LWVRC found a niche in public education. In December of 1955, *Trojans, Know Your Schools*, was published. It "presented concise, non-partisan information concerning the public schools of the Troy District." As a result of the publication, board of education meetings were opened to the public. *Know Your Schools* involved a survey of the school boards, finances, and teachers. The first decade of the LWVRC was marked a success. The chapter began the *Know Your County* series and had a regular monthly radio program on WTRY.

The LWVRC's activities expanded in the 1950s. *Know Your Town* became one of the main local projects, surveying county departments and chronicling the county's history for its citizens. The state League published a similar booklet for New York State, entitled *Know Your State*. *Know Your Town* was published in 1950 and gained a great deal of accolades (see clippings in Series 1, Box 1, Folder 18). 1950 was also the first year the LWVRC published election guides, which provided information to citizens about candidates and amendments that were up for a vote in upcoming government and school elections. The LWVRC then expanded its scope by speaking out about national and international issues. In 1953, the LWVRC participated in United Nations Day and in 1954 it came out against the Bricker Amendment, which would "define and limit the President's treaty-making powers." The LWVRC believed that such an amendment was "an impediment to the proper conduct of foreign affairs, a disguised isolationist effort to reverse and prevent cooperation in international issues, a violation of the expressed convictions of the framers of the Constitution, and an expression of distrust of both the President and the Senate." On state matters, the LWVRC pressed New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey to pass legislation for permanent personal registration, which, to the organization's dismay, Dewey vetoed in 1955. The latter part of the 1950s saw the League involved in conservation, court reform, county probation, world trade, charter reform, municipal government, equal pay for equal work, improvement of the primary and electoral systems, regulation of child labor laws, urban renewal and the implications of Sputnik. This did not

replace past agenda items like the Troy school budget or permanent personal registration. The LWVRC merely continued to expand its scope on various levels.

The prosopography of the LWVRC at the end of the decade was typical of many women's groups in the country. The median age of the members was 45, 43 for the presidents. 50% of the members were college graduates. 82% of the members were married, with a median family income of \$10,000. Only 6% of the membership had incomes below \$5000.

In the 1960s, the LWVRC continued to publish its Bulletin, Facts for Voters, and Voters Guides. Also civil rights began to affect the LWVRC's activities in the second half of the decade. However, the documents do not suggest any major activity within the Civil Rights Movement or Women's Rights Movement per se. According to the LWVRC's *1964 Annual Report*, the League of Women Voters of Rensselaer County members participated in an NAACP survey (survey of what is unclear). In addition, two members served on different committees of the Troy Area Committee for Human Rights in order to prepare voters service materials about local elections for inner-city voters. LWVRC members also conducted a follow-up study of sub-standard rural and urban housing with a slide show that was shown to the community.

In 1965, the LWVRC ran the "Voters Mailbag" column of the *Troy Record*. That same year, the local LWVRC took on a national item project - development of human resources - in order to parallel the national League's agenda. Development of Human Resources explored the problems of the poor, automation, employment and education. Out of this project, the LWVRC published *Up the Ladder* (see Series 2) and *Day Care: Community Challenge and Responsibility* (see Series 2). *Up the Ladder* was partially subsidized by the United Way and thus distributed to their participating social agencies. *Day Care: Community Challenge and Responsibility* was the result of a Community Day Care Conference, which featured panel discussions by day care providers, educators and public officials. As a result, the County Day Care Council was established and *Day Care*, a citizens' guide for setting up day care centers, was published.

In the early 1970s, the LWVRC was diligently fundraising, working on the county and city charters, land use and health care and perfecting their regular agenda items such as voter registration and school initiatives. Its members were very supportive of school lunch programs in Troy city schools. They also added the *Know Your Schools* column of the *Times Record*. They continued their concern on national and international levels. For example, the LWVRC supported "a fair and thorough impeachment inquiry of President Nixon by the House Judiciary Committee." In addition, members supported the Equal Rights Amendment, which was eventually defeated. The LWVRC was also beginning to deal with the issue of allowing men into the organization as full voting members. The issue was contentious on a national level, but the Rensselaer County chapter appeared to be more flexible about the issue.

By 1979, the League of Women Voters of Rensselaer County celebrated its 40th anniversary. It encouraged informed voter participation via publications like "Facts for Voters," "Newcomers Flyers," and "Civic Information Sheets." The LWVRC organized Meet the Candidates forums and high school voter registration drives. In a period of 40 years, the LWVRC lobbied the state legislature for improved election laws and sponsored monthly luncheon lectures on issues such as property tax assessment, urban crisis, women and the law and the family court system. Finally, it was consistently active in evaluations of county and city charters in Rensselaer County.

In the 1980s, the LWVRC moved into newer, sometimes more controversial issues. Reapportionment of the county legislature, women and the law, and reproductive rights were some of the newer concerns the LWVRC tackled. The LWVRC also became an integral supporter of the "Bottle Bill" of the early 1980s. In 1983, the organization agreed to store its papers and publications at the Troy Public Library. It received a \$4200 grant from the Howard and Bush Foundation in order to prepare "an historical repository of LWVRC papers at the Troy Public Library." At the same time, the LWVRC helped form the Inter-League Organization (ILO) in order to create a coalition of the five local Leagues in the Capital region.

The more recent records are not as complete. However the LWVRC has not wavered in its traditional goals of nonpartisan, educational information for citizens of the Capital region. In 1992, *A Citizens' Guide to Governments in Rensselaer County* was published under the auspices of the Tema Bellinson Memorial Fund. The publication described the governmental functions for each of the 21 municipal governments of the county (see Series 2). The LWVRC's involvement in welfare issues focused on the needs of children via the Healthy Kids Program with Samaritan Hospital (1994), Bureau of Youth Services and Human Services contracts (1995). Children at risk became a National Junior League focus item in the late 1990s. Members also grew concerned about criminal justice reform and lobbying reform.

The League of Women Voters of Rensselaer County continued to fall in line with the national League by adopting another item agenda the mid 1990s - "Making Democracy Work" (see Series 6, Box 1, Folder 33 and Box 2, Folders 4, 6, and 8). Activities have concentrated on outreach and involvement of the under-served communities in the county, distributing voter education materials, and election information to state agencies such as WIC, day cares, youth programs, food pantries, public housing authorities, and private agencies like the YWCA, TRIP, and Unity House. Two multi-session community meetings of LWVRC members and representatives from these groups have been held to discuss ways to increase voter participation.

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Scope and Contents

The League of Women Voters of Rensselaer County (LWVRC) donated 15 boxes of records to the M.E. Grenander Special Collections and Archives of the University at Albany Libraries in May 2000. The boxes contained information about the history and activities of the LWVRC since 1939. The collection includes board and general meeting minutes and agendas, treasurers' reports, the results of various studies conducted by the organization, photographs, videos of workshops and debates and audio tapes of oral histories of former members' participation in the League. Publications issued by the League, either locally or nationally, including monthly *Bulletins* and *Calendars*, *The Voter* (a monthly newsletter) and *Election and Voter Guides* published for local elections, are a valuable part of the collection. Though items in the collection span from 1914 to the present, the bulk of information spans the late 1950s through the 1980s.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized into the following series:

- 1 Series 1 - Administrative Files, 1914-2008, Undated
- 2 Series 2 - Publications, 1942-2006, Undated
- 3 Series 3 - Rensselaer County Government, ca. 1943-2002, Undated
- 4 Series 4 - Local Program Studies, 1946-2006, Undated
- 5 Series 5 - Troy Government, 1939-2004
- 6 Series 6 - Voter Services, 1943-2007
- 7 Series 7 - Subject Files, 1955-2008, Undated
- 8 Series 8 - Video and Audio Tapes, 1970-1997

All series are arranged chronologically.

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Irene Wynnyczuk donated all of the materials in this collection to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives in 2000 and 2005.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Women
- Social Activists and Public Advocates
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- Women--New York (State)--Rensselaer County--Societies and clubs
- Women in nonprofit organizations--New York (State)--Rensselaer County
- Local government--New York (State)--Rensselaer County
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- Election law--New York (State)
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- Financial Records
- Videotapes
- League of Women Voters of Rensselaer County
- League of Women Voters (U.S.)

Collection Inventory

Administrative Files, 1914-2008Undated

Physical Description: 2.20 cubic ft.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

Series 1, Administrative Files, includes official documentation of the boards including meeting minutes, agendas, treasurer reports, and correspondence. It contains the board meeting minutes and agendas from 1961 to 2000, but with several gaps in time. The series also contains information about the LWVRC's annual meetings (1966-1999), membership (1942-1998), by-laws and policy, and tax returns (1967-1985), again with several gaps in time.

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Publications, 1942-2006Undated

Physical Description: 1.20 cubic ft.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

Series 2 includes League publications, both local and national. Like all of the projects described in the administrative history, the League sought to educate and inform the voting public about government and policy in Rensselaer County, New York State, and to a smaller extent, the United States. Publications include a series of pamphlets about specific elections, voting in general, registration facts and candidates. In addition, the collection includes histories about the League and Carrie Chapman Catt, the League's founder. *Bulletins* from 1942-1990 are also included. The *Bulletins* were usually monthly and included up-to-date information about League activities. Letters from the Presidents, calendars of events, future and current goals, and projects and legislation of interest were often part of the information included in the *Bulletin*. Ten years worth of the League's newsletter, *The Voter* are also part of the series, along with *Election Bulletins* of the 1940s, and *Voter's Bulletins* of the 1950s and 1960s. The LWVRC also put out their own publications about local issues including "Troy - Your City," *Trojans, Know Your School*, *Up the Ladder: A Study of Anti-Poverty in Rensselaer County* in 1952, 1955 and 1968 respectively.

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Rensselaer County Government, ca. 1943-2002Undated

Physical Description: 0.90 cubic ft.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

Series 3, Rensselaer County Government, provides a chronological record of the League's activities concerning the county government from 1952 to 1982. Some of the subject areas include apportionment, the charter, economic development, fair campaign practices and lobbying. The series contains materials on Know Your Rensselaer County, an effort by the LWVRC to bring awareness to Rensselaer County residents about the county government and electoral process within the county. The LWVRC has been involved in this effort since the 1940s, surveying and evaluating the status of the county government and its projects at any given time. The League was especially interested in public health (tuberculosis in particular), children's services, and the county's welfare administration in the 1940s. However, its interests also included jury selection, election participation, population, economy and local history. In the 1960s, the LWVRC began drafting *Know Your Rensselaer County*, which provided a portrait of the county's various departments, elected offices, and public projects. In 1972, county voters passed a charter-

form of government. As a result, the League would become a sort of "watchdog" group for the implementation and execution of the goals of the charter, as will be seen in Series 6. By 1992, the LWVRC published the *Rensselaer County Government Workbook* as part of its review of the charter. It also expressed the League's position, supporting the County Charter. The purpose of the workbook was to "share information about the County Charter with students and teachers of High School Participation in Government classes as part of the Bicentennial Commission's Education Program."

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Government)[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)**Local Program Studies, 1946-2006Undated**Physical Description: 1.28 cubic ft.**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

Series 4, Local Program Studies, includes documentation about the various projects and programs that the LWVRC has taken on. Again focusing on elections and financing, particularly in the schools, the LWVRC provided information to the citizens of the county. Aside from public school related projects, the LWVRC took on apportionment, city planning, land use, criminal justice court reform, human resources development, environment, ERA, health care, housing, international relations, arms control, New York State politics, revenue sharing and reproductive rights.

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Troy City Government, 1939-2004Undated

Physical Description: 0.85 cubic ft.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

Series 5, Troy Government, is similar to Series 3 in that the documents provide a chronological account of the LWVRC's involvement in the affairs of Troy's government. The series contains material about the Troy City Charter as the LWVRC has been involved in the oversight and development of Troy's charter since the 1950s. In more recent times, the League has been involved in charter campaigns and revisions, examining the role of the mayor and developing questionnaires about how to improve the city's charter.

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Voter Services, 1943-2007Undated

Physical Description: 1.60 cubic ft.

Arrangement

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Scope and Contents

Series 6 contains information about Voter Services. Voter Services is the League's most active program, whereby they register people to vote, sponsor election debates, publish literature about candidates and citizens' rights as voters, and oversee the local electoral process in hopes of keeping the process fair and the citizenry well-educated about their rights and responsibilities as voters. This series contains various oversized items, including the League's Election and Voter Guides that were often published as supplements in the local papers. The League advocated high school students' participation in local elections and permanent personal registration. They were also involved in

the Troy Housing Authority, Troy Public Library, and Rensselaer School elections. Activities ranged from voter registration, to candidate questionnaires to flyers and pamphlets that provided basic information about voting and the candidates.

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Subject Files, 1923-2008Undated

Physical Description: 0.60 cubic ft.

Arrangement

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Scope and Contents

Series 7, Subject Files, consists of a more general and broader overview of the LWVRC's programs and activities. The series contains newspaper clippings from 1974 to 1993 on issues surrounding politics and schools, county apportionment, human resources, financing public higher education, investment in developing countries, the New York State Budget Process, public health, redistricting, Troy housing and Troy police court.

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Video and Audio Tapes, 1970-1997

Physical Description: 0.4 cubic ft.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

Series 8 is made up of audio/visual tapes. There are 5 VHS tapes (1995-1997). In 1995, the League hosted a panel discussion on environmental issues. In 1996, it hosted a public information meeting on financing education and a workshop on the 1996 election. In 1997, it hosted a candidates' forum and a meet the candidates' panel. In addition, the series also includes a 7.5 speed dual track reel of a discussion between Beulah Bailey Thull, the LWVRC's first president, and Mary Stierer, LWVRC president from 1969-71 concerning the city manager form of government, Troy politics and history, the suffrage movement and voter registration. The discussion was for Paul Flanigan's radio show (WTRY) in 1970. There are also 2 UCA60 videocassettes about the 1980 election for Troy mayor. Finally the series contains 3 60-minute audiotapes labeled the "History Project." Taped in 1982, the cassettes are interviews with Ruth Binder, Eva Levy and Mary Stierer, past League leaders.

Title/Description	Instances
Beulah Bailey Thull and Mary Stierer, two Presidents of the LWVRC, discuss Troy Government, 1970	Reel 1
"Election 80 - Mayor or Manager for City of Troy", 1980	Video-Tape 1-2
LWVRC History Project, Ruth Binder, 1982 August 05	Cassette 1
LWVRC History Project, Eva Levy, 1982 August 10	Cassette 2
LWVRC History Project, Mary Stierer, 1982 August 23	Cassette 3
Untitled Videotape, 1995 October 26	Video-Tape 3

Public Info. Meeting on Financing Education, 1996 March 28	Video-Tape 4
Getting Into Issues - 1996 Election", 1996 September 24	Video-Tape 5
Election 1997, Candidates Forum for County Clerk, District Attorney, and County Executive, 1997 October 08	Video-Tape 6
Meet the Candidate, Troy Council, 1997 October 23	Video-Tape 7

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