

Guide to the League of Women Voters of Mobile Records, 1955-2007

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: League of Women Voters (LWV) of Mobile

Title: League of Women Voters of Mobile Records

Dates: 1955 – 2012

Quantity: 18.25 Cubic Feet

Abstract: Correspondence, records, subject files, and clippings collected from the Mobile chapter dealing with local, state, and national interests.

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Bibliographical Note:

The League of Women Voters of Mobile held its first meeting on May 23, 1955, in the Mobile Public Library. There were twenty-four original members. In April 1956, the Mobile Chapter became a provisional member of the National League of Women Voters. League members attended city commission meetings, assisted poll workers, and supported numerous charities and causes in Mobile. The Mobile League published a handbook in 1959 entitled, "This is Mobile," especially for newcomers to the area. Beginning in the 1960s, the Mobile League joined with other organizations in support of better environmental practices along the Gulf Coast. In the 1980s, League members helped found the Coastal Environmental Alliance, a coalition of environmentally-minded organizations, to combat a proposed ocean waste incineration plan for Mobile Bay. The Mobile League continues to be active in local politics today.

Scope and Content:

The League of Women Voters of Mobile Papers contain correspondence, minutes, subject files, publications, and newspaper clippings dealing with local, state, and national issues relating to politics, environmental protection, and a variety of other topics. Of particular local interest is the large section about the Mobile League's environmental activism and the series on the Coastal Environmental Alliance.

Arrangement:

The collection is divided into four series: 1) Organization Records (6 cubic feet); 2) Subject Files (5 cubic feet); 3) Environmental Subject Files (3.75 cubic feet); and 4) Coastal Environmental Alliance (1 cubic foot.)

Note:

More material on the League can be found in Box 6, folder 48 of the Frederick Whiddon Papers (accession #343).

Access Restrictions:

The collection is open to research.

Preferred Citation:

League of Women Voters of Mobile Records, The Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of South Alabama.

Series Description**Series 1: Organization Records:**

This series contains correspondence, meeting minutes, membership information, and printed materials and is subdivided into local, state, and national records.

Series 2: Subject Files:

Alphabetically-arranged subject files relating to the Mobile League activities. Of particular interest are files on Mobile public education, criminal justice, and municipal government studies.

Series 3: Environmental Subject Files:

This series contains subject files dealing with environmental activities along the Gulf Coast. There are large files on Mobile Oil and the Save Our Dunes Project. The series also contains newspaper clippings and miscellaneous printed materials. NOTE: Researchers should also consult Series 4: Coastal Environmental Alliance, The Mobile Bay Audubon Society Papers, and the EPA Vulcanus Papers for related material.

Series 4: Coastal Environmental Alliance:

A coalition of organizations formed in the 1980s to combat environmental destruction along the Gulf Coast. The Alliance coordinated the efforts of several organizations to oppose oceanic waste incineration in Mobile Bay and other related projects. The series consists of correspondence, subject files, printed material, and minutes from the organization for the early 1980s. The material was removed from its original order among other League papers to facilitate research.

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17. Correspondence, January-November 2000; January-May 2001, u.d. 2001
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23. Articles of Incorporation
24. Board Meeting Minutes, 1955-1959
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53. Certificate of Commendation, 2000
54. Mailing List, 1999
55. Non-Partisan Policy
56. Various Organizations, 1999
57. State Convention Material, 2001
58. Finances, 1973-1976
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62. Financial Statements, May-December 2004
63. Financial Statements, January-June 2005
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66. Treasurer's Reports, 1960-1979
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69. Annual Reports to National Office, 1956-1965
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77. Miscellaneous Policy Material
78. Observer Corps Report, 1986
79. Membership Booklets (Mobile, Montgomery)
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84. Membership Questionnaire
85. Membership Survey, 1966

86. Membership Surveys
87. Miscellaneous Material, 2002-2006
88. League Publications on Mobile
89. *The Voter – Mobile*, 1956-1961
90. *The Voter – Mobile*, 1962-1964
91. *The Voter – Mobile*, 1965-1968
92. *The Voter – Mobile*, 1969-1972
93. *The Voter – Mobile*, 1972-1974
94. *The Voter – Mobile*, 1975-1979
95. *The Voter – Mobile*, 1980-1989
96. Newsletter (Mobile), 1985
97. *The Voter – Mobile*, 1990-1996
98. *The Voter – Mobile*, 1997 –2012
- [101]. *The Mobile Voter*, u.d.
99. Mobile County Board of Registrars Miscellaneous Material
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Box 3B (Audiovisual Material – Located in AV Room)

1. "First Vote"
2. League of Women Voters – Television Commercial
3. League of Women Voters – Broadcast, October 13, 1990
4. League of Women Voters – Training Teleconference, November 18, 1989
5. League of Women Voters – Tools for Drinking Water Protection
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6. League of Women Voters – Reel-to-Reel Taped Commercial
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8. 75 Years of a Great Idea: 1920-1995 [a 1994 Production of the LWVUS]
9. Interview with Percy Maxim Lee: LWV 5th President, 05/31/1995
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1. Correspondence, 1969-1989
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6. State Programs
7. State Council Reports
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14. Handbooks, 1981
15. Secretary's Handbook, 1966
16. State Convention, 1964-1974
17. State Convention, 1975-1987
18. State Convention, 1991-1993
19. State Convention, 1994-1997
- [32]. State Convention, 2007
20. *The Alabama Voter*, 1956-1973
21. *The Alabama Voter*, 1974-1989
22. *The Alabama Voter*, 1990-1999
- [31.] *The Alabama Voter*, 2004, 2007, 2010
23. *Facts and Issues*
24. *The Voter – Auburn*
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26. *The Voter – Birmingham*
27. *The Voter – Gadsden*
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8. Financial and Budget Reports
9. Treasurer's Reports
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11. Bylaws (National)
12. Cahoun Conferences
13. Guidelines for League Boards
14. Membership Information
15. National Board, 1982-1983
16. National Board Reports
17. National Council
18. National Issues Forum
19. National Security Study, 1984
20. Program Planning Guides
21. National Programs
22. Programs of Action
23. State and Local Planning Guides
24. National Policy on Agriculture
25. 40th Anniversary
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27. 75th Anniversary
28. Campaign Finance Reform
29. National Convention, 1982
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42. *The National Voter*, 1983-1986
43. *The National Voter*, 1987
44. *The National Voter*, 1988-1992
45. *The National Voter*, 1993-1995
46. *The National Voter*, 1999-2000
47. Newspaper Clippings
48. "Reports from the Hill," 1975-1979
49. "Reports from the Hill," 1980-1982
50. "Reports from the Hill," 1983-1987; 1989-1994

51. Various League Newsletters
52. *Capital Newsletter*, 1973-1981
53. *Capital Newsletter*, 1982-1984; 1994-1996
54. *League of Women Voters*
55. *In Touch*, 1990-1993

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1. Access to Public Records Clippings
2. Action, 1973-1974
3. Alabama Arise
4. Alabama Arise – Local Taxes
5. Alabama Ethics Commission
6. Alabama Forum
7. Alabama Forum – Miscellaneous
8. Alabama Humanities Foundation Grant
- 8a. Alabama Friends of Midwives
9. *Alabama Law Review* – Legal Status of Women in Alabama, 1978
10. Alabama Welfare Reform – Governor's Proposals
11. Alabama's Court
12. Alabamians for Choice
13. American Forum
14. Battleship Harbor
15. Campaign for Annual Sessions
16. Candidates – 1974 Primary and Election
17. Challenge 2000
18. Child Care
19. Citizen Participation Project, 1989
20. Citizens for Better Schools, 1992
21. Citizens for Choice
22. City Government (1 of 2)
23. City Government (2 of 2)
24. Civil Rights Restoration Act
25. Claudia
26. Coalition of Woman's Organizations, 1993
27. Community Events
- [40]. Congressional Candidate Questions
28. Constitution Reform Rally (Alabama), 2000
29. Constitutional Revision (Alabama)
30. Consumer Protection, 1973-1975
31. Criminal Justice (1 of 2)

32. Criminal Justice (2 of 2)
33. Criminal Justice in Alabama
34. Criminal Justice in Alabama – LWV Project
35. *Current Focus*
36. Dawson, Robert K. – Nomination
37. Decision-Making Workshop, 1990
38. Economic Development Organization
39. Economy

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43. Education – Alabama
44. Education – Clippings
45. Education Fund
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48. Education Reform (Alabama)
49. Education – State of Alabama Vote on Taxes for Funding
50. Election Guides, 1988, 1992
51. Election Law
52. Election Law Reform

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53. Election Systems Project
54. Elections – 1992 Candidates Forum
55. Elections – 1992 Correspondence
56. Elections in Alabama
57. Elections – National and Local
58. Elections – Voter Polls
59. Envision Mobile-Baldwin, 1998-2000
60. Equal Rights Amendment (1 of 4)
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64. Fair Housing Seminar, 2000
65. Federal Elections
66. Federal Government
67. Financial Study of the City of Mobile, 1962
68. Food Forum Education Project

69. Fundraising
70. Glad-Bag-A-Thon
71. Goals for Mobile, 1985
72. Goals for Mobile, 1986
73. Goals for Mobile, 1987
74. Halfway Home – A Long Way to Go
75. Hard Talk
76. Health Care
77. Health Care – Mobile
78. Health Care Reform (1 of 2)
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80. Health Care Video Conference
81. Holiday Party, 2000

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82. Holnam Cement Plant
83. Homeporting
84. Impact on Issues – LWV Guide
85. *In League*
86. Insurance
87. International Relations
88. Interview Guides
89. Judicial Systems
90. Kindergarten Studies
91. Know Your School Project – Abstract and Typed Reports
92. Know Your School Project – Correspondence and Hand-Written Reports
93. Know Your School Project – Handbook for Teachers of Gifted Students
94. Know Your School Project – LeFlore Magnet School Report and Principal's Directory, 1980-1982
95. Know Your School Project – Published Materials
96. Know Your School Project – Typed Reports and Forms
97. League Catalogs
98. League Questionnaires
99. Legislative Acts
100. Legislative Election Questionnaire, Novembers 1993
101. Legislative Emphasis
102. Legislature
103. Local Justice, 1973-1975
104. Local League Program, 1963

105. Local League Program, 1992-1993
106. "Make it Work"
107. Making Democracy Work
108. Maps
109. Mayor-Council Form of City Government (Mobile)
110. McMillan File
111. Meeting Basic Human Needs Study
112. Metropolitan Issues
113. Miscellaneous Records, Mobile Area
114. Mobile City Boards, 1980s

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115. Mobile City Elections, 1993
116. Mobile County Emergency Planning Committee
117. Mobile Politics
118. Mobile Public Library Study
119. Mobilian of the Year
120. Motor Voter
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123. Municipal Government
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125. National Program Planning
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128. Observer Corps
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135. Population Coalition
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142. Pride Award
143. Printed Material, Woman's Commission
144. Program Priorities

145. Public Contracts with State Government
146. Public Education – Mobile County
147. Public Relations
148. Public School Survey
149. Public Welfare and Rights
150. Radical Right
151. Railroad
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153. Recruiting Literature
154. Referendum for Public Education, 1988
155. Referendums in General Elections
156. Renew America Project
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162. Satellite Teleconference, 1989
163. Satellite Teleconference, October 13, 1990
164. School System Articles
165. Shi, David – Simple Life Program, May 22, 1991
166. Show Business Mobile
167. Speakers Bureau
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169. Study Committee Workbook
170. Survey on Public School in Mobile County
171. Taskforce on Infant Mortality
172. Tax Information
173. Tax Referendum, 2001
174. Tax Reform in Alabama
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185. Voting Information
186. War Veteran Study
187. Welfare Reform – Alabama
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189. Women's Federation for World Peace
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21. Coastal Information – Correspondence
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27. Coastal Zone Management – Articles in *Mobile Press Register*
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29. Court Seminar – Environmental Coalition, 1991
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36. Environmental Management Practices (Alabama)
37. Environmental Newsletters
38. Environmental Studies
39. Gulf Shores
40. Hazardous Waste
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42. Hazardous Waste – Ocean Incineration
43. "Hazardous Waste: Trials and Tribulations," By Sidney M. Wolf
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45. Holnam Incinerator
46. Hydrocarbon Exploration
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96. Mobil Oil Permits for Gas Extraction
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6. Correspondence, Undated
7. Brochure
8. By-Laws
9. Meeting Agendas, 1983-1985
10. Meeting Minutes, 1983-1984
11. Meeting Minutes, January 1985
12. Treasurer's Reports, 1984-1985
13. Newsletter, 1984
14. Speeches/Press Releases
15. Mailing Lists
16. *Mobile Register* Article, July 8, 1983
17. Undated Miscellaneous Material
18. Notes
19. Alabama Department of Environmental Management
20. ChemWaste Consent Agreement
21. Coastal Growth/Condos

22. Coastal Issues
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24. Fowl River Spoil Site
25. Fundraiser, 1985
26. Mobil Oil
27. Networking Efforts
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