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**LexisNexis™ Primary Sources in U.S. History now includes four modules: Primary Sources in African American History, Primary Sources in American Women's History, Primary Sources in U.S. Presidential History, and Guides to Microforms. Descriptions appear on the following pages.**

## **LexisNexis™ Primary Sources in U.S. History**

### **PRIMARY SOURCES IN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY**

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*Primary Sources in African American History* moves the study of African American history dramatically into the digital age. Now both students and advanced scholars can access essential reference material and exciting manuscript and other primary source materials with the stroke of a computer key. Access is available campus wide—in student dorms, classrooms, offices, and library carrels.

What truly separates *Primary Sources in African American History* from other educational websites is a database of the most essential source materials for scholarship—sources that every scholar in the field must know and will turn to again and again. Available through the service are primary sources on the civil rights movement, the NAACP's legal campaign against segregation and racism, late 19th and early 20th century peonage cases in the South, African Americans and the New Deal, the crusade against the movie *Birth of a Nation*, and much more. Also available are rare materials on slavery from colonial through antebellum years, the Civil War, reconstruction, and 20th century political developments. At present, the African American History module contains over 8,700 documents (7,400+ primary source items) composed of nearly 46,000 full-text searchable pages. The following description lists the components of the service at present.

#### ***Manuscript materials for primary historical research***

Selections from manuscript collections make this research service an invaluable pedagogical tool. With easy access to the exciting source material, beginning researchers can experience the thrill of developing interpretations of dramatic episodes, such as:

- **Black Power manuscripts selected from the UPA microfilm research collections**
  - ***The Black Power Movement, Part 1: Amiri Baraka from Black Arts to Black Radicalism*** including some of the most powerful writings of Amiri Baraka (5 documents).
  - ***Part 2: Papers of Robert F. Williams*** (112 documents)
    - These documents chart Robert Williams' civil rights work and growing militancy in Monroe, NC; his flight to Cuba due to trumped up kidnapping charges; the operation of Radio Free Dixie from Havana; his flight to China; and his subsequent return to the US. In addition, a number of issues of his radical newsletter *The Crusader* are also included.
  - ***Part 3: Papers of the Revolutionary Action Movement, 1964–1975*** (55 documents)
    - Max Stanford, the leader of RAM, fused the thought of Robert F. Williams on armed self defense with the philosophy of Malcolm X on black self-determination. To these tenets, Stanford added a sophisticated Marxian revolutionary philosophy.
    - As an underground movement dedicated to building a revolutionary cadre among dispossessed urban ghetto dwellers and the infiltration of mainstream civil rights organizations, RAM guided SNCC, CORE, and the “Black Arts Movement” leaders towards Revolutionary Black Nationalism.
- **Civil Rights Movement as seen by the Kennedy White House** (87 documents)
  - White House Central Files on the Freedom Riders campaigns (1961–1963), the 1963 March on Washington, the Birmingham Church Bombing, and the standoff with Governor George C. Wallace on integration of the University of Alabama, as seen by the Kennedy White House.
    - Topics include desegregation of bus services in Alabama, voting restrictions, racial discrimination, use of Federal troops in Birmingham during the university integration crisis, police brutality against demonstrators, and the bombing of Bethel Baptist Church.
- **Civil Rights Movement and urban riots as seen by the Johnson White House** (329 documents);
  - White House Central Files and other manuscript sources on such topics as the spread of urban race riots in the mid-1960s, the March on Selma, and the legislative path of the 1965 Voting Rights Act;
- **Civil Rights and school desegregation as seen from the Nixon White House** (63 documents)

- White House Central Files and other manuscript sources on school desegregation, busing as it related to the 1971 Supreme Court school busing decision (*Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education*), civil rights policies, analyses of race relations, George Wallace's 1972 bid for the Presidency, and many other issues.
- **Desegregation of the armed forces by the Truman White House** (6 documents)
- **FBI wiretaps of Martin Luther King Jr.**, revealing the modern civil rights leader's thoughts, strategies, hopes, and fears during the 1960s (39 documents).
  - Includes actual telephone conversations and summaries of conversations on all manner of issues such as the Birmingham confrontation, the March on Washington, and other events of the Civil Rights Movement, politics and politicians, Vietnam and peace movements, and many other topics.
- **FBI files on the surge of civil rights activity throughout the South in the 1960s** (474 documents)
  - **Civil Rights Movement in Selma (1961–1968)** including the Selma to Montgomery March
  - **Events in Albany, Georgia (1961–1965)** including arrests of African Americans testing access to transportation facilities, swimming pools, lunch counters and other related demonstrations; arrest and trial of Dr. Martin Luther King; and other aspects of the Albany Movement
  - **Montgomery, Alabama racial situation (1955–1963)** which includes documentation of the famous bus boycott and its aftermath; bombing of the house of Martin Luther King, Jr.; violence against African Americans and the Montgomery Improvement Association in Alabama; and sit-in demonstrations
  - **Details of the Memphis, Tennessee civil rights crisis** (the Sanitation Workers' Strike) that was overshadowed by the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. in April 1968
  - **Civil rights activities, racial violence, and the KKK in St. Augustine, Florida (1963–1964)**
- **FBI reports on significant African Americans and others** (197 documents)
  - Including Elijah Muhammad, Malcolm X, Jackie Robinson, W.E.B. DuBois, the Black Panthers, the Deacons for Defense and Justice, alleged communist infiltration of the NAACP, and the Ku Klux Klan
- **FBI surveillance of the Women's Liberation Movement and its connections to the Black Power Movement** (7 documents)
- **FBI correspondence on the murder of Viola Liuzzo** who was killed by the Ku Klux Klan on March 25, 1965, after taking part in the Selma to Montgomery March (40 documents)
  - Includes material on the murder investigation, subsequent arrests of Klan members, acquittal in a Alabama state court in 1965 and conviction in 1966
- **NAACP's 1930s legal campaign to gain African Americans equal access to the University of Missouri Law School** (154 documents)
  - *Missouri ex rel. Gaines v. Canada* was the first of a fifteen-year series of cases battling segregation that concluded with *Brown v. Board of Education*
- **NAACP files on the expulsion of Monroe, NC chairman Robert F. Williams from the NAACP for his support of armed self defense** (30 documents)
- **NAACP files on the Scottsboro trials, 1931-1950** (103 documents)
- **NAACP files on the Ossian Sweet case, 1921** (48 documents)
- **NAACP's legal battles against the Texas whites-only primary election law, 1938–1946** (179 documents);
  - Charting the development of the NAACP's legal strategy against "white primaries" in Texas which culminated in the final and most crucial NAACP victory, *Smith v. Allwright*, in 1944
  - Correspondents include Thurgood Marshall, William Hastie, Carter W. Westley, Charles Houston, and many others
  - Topics include discussions of legal strategy and precedents, the legal setback of the *Grove v. Townsend* decision, and the impact of the *U.S. v. Classic* case on the NAACP's approach to the Texas question
- **NAACP files on the *Sweatt v. Painter* University of Texas integration case (1945–1950)** occasioning the NAACP's defense of integration against tendencies of black separatism (166 documents).
  - This was arguably the most important precedent to *Brown v. Board of Education*. Of special note, the files fully document Thurgood Marshall's development of this case and his sometimes heated

- disagreements on the issue of integration versus separatism with Carter W. Wesley, the outspoken attorney and influential editor of the *Informer* chain of African American newspapers;
- **NAACP's response to the 1946 Columbia, Tennessee, race riot**, accomplishing the first federal engagement of vigilante violence in the South since Reconstruction (186 documents);
    - Includes details of the riot and Thurgood Marshall's harassment and arrest by local police;
  - **NAACP's campaign (1915–1926) against the movie *Birth of a Nation*** (233 documents);
  - **Records of the Women's Bureau on African American women in the workplace, 1934-1964** (8 documents)
  - **Papers of Eleanor Roosevelt (1934–1945)** including extended correspondence between the First Lady and Walter White and Mary McLeod Bethune on issues of relevance for African Americans (64 documents);
    - Topics include administration support and congressional lobby efforts for passage of Costigan-Wagner Antilynching Bill; graphic reports of lynchings in the South; activities of the Ku Klux Klan; discrimination against African Americans; and many other issues.
  - **Mary McLeod Bethune and the "Black Cabinet" during the New Deal, 1934–1939** (76 documents);
    - Topics include African American employment, population statistics, vocational education, the WPA Federal Theater Project, and participation in and effect of New Deal programs on African Americans;
  - **Federal surveillance of pan-Africanist leader Marcus Garvey, 1921–1928** (48 documents);
    - Topics include reports of Garvey's activities and analyses of his speeches and addresses, accounts of his trial and conviction for mail fraud, and investigation into the murder of the principal government witness in his trial;
  - **Justice Department files on a number of early 20<sup>th</sup> century forced-labor-for-debt peonage cases** including the landmark Alonzo Bailey peonage case in "New South" Alabama (103 documents).
    - These selections cover the legal discussions of U.S. attorneys in this landmark constitutional case and feature Booker T. Washington and Attorney General George Wickersham as principal correspondents;
  - **Records of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, 1897–1913** covering *National Notes*, the NACWC's official publication (41 documents).
  - **Plantation records and diaries** from the classic U.B. Phillips compilation, *A Documentary history of American industrial society*, Vol. 1: *Plantation and Frontier* (364 documents).
  - **Atlantic slave trade coverage from the 15<sup>th</sup> through the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century** as documented by the classic compilation, *Documents Illustrative of the History of the Slave Trade to America* (1,272 documents).
  - **Selections from the Papers of Carter G. Woodson** on slavery in the South, Denmark Vesey's rebellion, the colonization movement, and other issues (8 documents)

### ***Speeches on important African American issues***

Also included are significant speeches (227 items at present) by such figures as Blanche Bruce, Levi Coppin, Marcus Garvey, Archibald Grimke, Booker T. Washington, Robert Carter, Ralph Bunch, Gloster Current, Myrlie (wife of Medgar) Evers, James Farmer, Jack Greenberg, Herbert Hill, Hubert Humphrey, Jacob Javits, Thurgood Marshall, James Meredith, Henry Lee Moon, Adam Clayton Powell, A. Philip Randolph, Jackie Robinson, Nelson Rockefeller, Channing Tobias, Robert Weaver, Roy Wilkins, Willard Wirtz, and many others.

Some of the most intriguing additions to the database are 97 speeches by major civil rights leaders delivered at NAACP annual conventions between 1955 and 1965. Many of these speeches are extremely rare and are unavailable anywhere else. Topics include the Civil Rights Movement, segregation, Jim Crow, the NAACP legal campaigns against racism and segregation, economic freedom, race-related labor issues, crime, the War on Poverty, white supremacy, and a litany of other subjects.

### ***Complete colonial legislation and judicial decisions***

The service contains a complete compilation of every reported act and judicial opinion pertaining to race and slavery in every colony, from the 17<sup>th</sup> century through the Confederation period. The colonial statutes (728

items) deal with the evolution of slavery, manumission, indentured servitude, intermarriage, and racial discrimination.

The colonial cases (401 items) involve assertions of rights by servants and slaves, actions for cruelty, decisions regarding racial identity, decisions regarding interracial marriage, the status of the progeny of interracial unions, and many forms of punishment and sanction brought upon slaves in colonial America.

Like most of the other documents in the service, this colonial legal material is not available in other LexisNexis™ products, other online offerings, or in most libraries.

### ***Complete U.S. Supreme Court decisions on race from 1806–2000***

The reproduction of every U.S. Supreme Court decision pertaining to race during nearly 200 years, including dissenting opinions, comprises a valuable database for even the most advanced scholar. Nearly 300 cases cover:

- Slavery—the *Amistad* and *Dred Scott* decisions;
- The breakdown of federal reconstruction and 19th-century civil rights legislation;
- The rise of Jim Crow; and
- The long legal crusade for full legal rights of African Americans in criminal proceedings, fair housing, voting rights, equal access to public facilities, and affirmative action programs.

### ***Major federal legislation pertaining to race relations from 1793***

*Primary Sources in African American History* offers the full text of every major law (154 items) passed by the U.S. Congress impacting the lives of African Americans from 1793 through 1987. These laws concern slavery, the slave trade, colonization, reconstruction, civil rights, fair housing, fair employment, school busing, affirmative action, minority set-aside programs, and other issues. Advanced researchers will especially value access to legislation that drew invidious racial distinctions, including militia laws, legislation covering Civil War soldiers, census compilation procedures, anti-discrimination measures, and veterans affairs legislation.

### ***Unprecedented online access to state case law***

The complete legal coverage of race and slavery in the colonial era is now being expanded to cover the 19<sup>th</sup> century as well. At present, the database includes 616 state court cases for Massachusetts, Maryland, and Virginia.

### ***Autobiographies of African Americans present a valuable personal perspective***

For personal perspective on African American history, autobiographies provide a rich complement to other sources. Both beginning and advanced researchers will discover in these personal accounts invaluable insight into African American history.

### ***Photographs and Images***

Hundreds of photographs and other images—each with full bibliographic citation and subject indicators—depict famous persons, events, locales, and institutions. Collections include Carl Van Vechten portraits, Hampton University photos on industrial education, selections from the Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division, National Archives and Records Administration, and the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation photo archives (332 items).

### ***Government Documents***

- **Congressional Research Service Reports, 1993–1999** on African American issues such as hate violence and hate crimes legislation, Title III and V of the Higher Education Act, health care, African Americans in Congress, racial justice and capital punishment, and more (20 items).
- **Women’s Bureau Bulletins** detailing working conditions for African American women in factories and elsewhere, 1922–1926 (9 items)
- **Congressional materials**, 1804–1950 on the slave trade, the *Amistad* and other slave ships, lynching, and debt peonage (15 items).

### ***Secondary sources contextualize the primary sources***

- Over eleven hundred biographical and reference articles give students essential background on almost every aspect of African American history and, for more advanced scholars, detailed information on

people, organizations, and events. Drawn from the *Encyclopedia of African American Civil Rights from Emancipation to the Present*, edited by Charles D. Lowery and John F. Marszalek, as well as Greenwood Press's renowned *Dictionary of Afro-American Slavery*.

- A generous collection of scholarly articles from academic journals and important anthologies comprises the sixth component of the service. These articles include classic and contemporary interpretations of African American history, from Carter G. Woodson's "The Negroes of Cincinnati Prior to the Civil War" in 1916 to present-day, cutting-edge scholarship by Mary Frances Berry, John Hope Franklin, August Meier, Sharon Harley, Elsa Barkley Brown, Paul Finkelman, and many others.
- Chronologies detailing African American slavery and the Civil Rights Movement including in-depth accounts of the situation in Montgomery and Selma, Alabama; St. Augustine, Florida; Memphis, Tennessee; and Albany, Georgia. But most exciting of all are over 330 pages of NAACP yearly event chronologies (1936–1973) acquired from the Records of the NAACP.

### ***Experience the revolution in the study of African American history***

Its vehicle is the World Wide Web. The enhanced functionality of Web technology means access to African American history has never been so easy, its study never more thorough. With your library's subscription to *Primary Sources in African American History*, you'll have the only research service offering:

- Numerous components encompassing a wide range of source materials on African American history
- Exhaustive searching by keyword or by controlled subject index terms
- Browse function to survey all documents by type
- All documents presented in searchable full-text format
- Full bibliographic information for each document
- Hypertext links from citation lists to documents in full text
- Hypertext links to reference articles wherever a reference term is found in the full-text document
- In addition to full-text searchable HTML, PDF digital images of most documents provide original images for manuscripts

For breadth and depth of coverage, you'll find no better resource than *Primary Sources in African American History* [www.lexisnexis.com/academic](http://www.lexisnexis.com/academic)

## **PRIMARY SOURCES IN U.S. PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY**

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### ***A unique in-depth, web-based resource for research on U.S. presidents***

Now students and scholars need not search all over cyberspace for essential information about U.S. presidents. *Primary Sources in U.S. Presidential History* brings together key primary and secondary presidential sources at one easily searchable site. The service provides an important inside perspective on the priorities and concerns of every president and his administration and is available campus wide—in student dorms, classrooms, offices, and library carrels.

What separates *Primary Sources in U.S. Presidential History* from other educational websites is the massive full-text-searchable database of presidential material. There are presidential speeches and other primary source materials on almost every major political event in American history. From Washington's first Inaugural Address in 1789 to documents discussing the transcripts of Nixon's conversations with H. R. Haldeman, and finally to George W. Bush's April 18, 2003 Executive Order No. 13296 (on environmental safety for children) — *Primary Sources in U.S. Presidential History* offers a unique and constantly growing compilation of compelling and important documents for neophyte and experienced researchers alike. At present, the Presidential History module contains nearly 24,000 documents composed of over 54,000 full-text searchable pages.

With *Primary Sources in U.S. Presidential History*, researchers will find authoritative full text documents relating to each U.S. president. The following description lists the components of the service at present.

### ***Presidential manuscript coverage from 1789***

- *Primary Sources in U.S. Presidential History* offers the searchable full-text of over 6,900 Presidential manuscripts, such as letters, office diaries, written messages to Congress, and other items with additional PDF images of originals where available.
- The documentary coverage for each president was selected to encompass the topics and issues that in many ways defined their respective presidencies. These include the American economy, westward expansion, slavery, elections, labor relations, political parties, government relations, foreign and domestic policy, the Civil Rights Movement, and much, much more. With the continually expanding database, topics are progressively covered in more depth throughout the year.

### ***Presidential speeches including every Inaugural Address and State of the Union message***

- The service's growing collection of primary sources includes a massive digital archive of presidential speeches.
- In addition to all Inaugural Addresses and State of the Union messages, *Primary Sources in U.S. Presidential History* includes over 1,500 other speeches by the presidents covering all eras in American history.

### ***Thousands of government documents, including numbered Executive Orders, 1862–2003***

- *Primary Sources in U.S. Presidential History* includes the previously difficult-to-locate numbered Executive Orders for the years 1862 through April 2003 (13,797 documents).
- Topics of these Executive Orders include:
  - Creation, organization, and policies of Federal executive agencies
  - Directions for Federal agencies to take specific actions
  - Directions for and authorization of specific military actions
  - Administration of public lands
  - Public announcement of foreign treaties and conventions
  - Declarations of public observances
  - Award of military or civilian honors
  - Presidential pardons or clemency
  - Appointments to public office

### ***Photographs and other images***

- Hundreds of photographs, political cartoons, and other graphic material (at present 588) from the National Archives and other repositories.

### ***Secondary sources contextualize the primary sources***

- Scholarly articles on specific presidents and presidential powers were included in order to assist students in understanding the primary source materials. Articles on the popular images of the presidents, analyses of inaugural addresses, and articles on other topics help put those presidents into historical context.
- Hundreds of reference articles provide essential background information on over 500 important figures in the Executive Branch. These articles cover the presidents, vice-presidents, cabinet secretaries, and other Executive Branch officials. At every instance where those individuals appear in the full text database or in the indexing, their brief biographies are only a mouse click away.

### ***Sophisticated yet intuitive functionality and searching***

- Exhaustive searching by keyword or by controlled subject index terms
- Browse function to survey all documents by type
- All documents presented in searchable full-text format
- PDF images included for unpublished documents
- Full bibliographic information presented clearly for each document
- Hypertext links from citation lists to documents in full text
- Hypertext links to reference articles wherever a reference term is found in the full-text document
- Hypertext links from reference articles to related documents

## **PRIMARY SOURCES IN AMERICAN WOMEN'S HISTORY**

**Editors: Anne Firor Scott, W. K. Boyd Professor of History Emerita, Duke University and Ellen F. Fitzpatrick, Associate Professor of History, University of New Hampshire**

This innovative Web-based service—a combination of illuminating and unique primary documents, essential reference tools, and premier secondary sources—works as both a consolidated research tool and pedagogical resource for students of American women's history at all levels. Students can interpret for themselves the impact of major reform movements, the effects of key regulatory and statutory changes, evolving conceptions of spousal relationships, and much more. Beginning researchers will experience the excitement of primary historical research, while advanced scholars will appreciate the access to important material and powerful search capability.

### ***Sophisticated searching capability and unprecedented convenience***

*Primary Sources in American Women's History* features:

- Full-text keyword searching
- Controlled vocabulary subject searching
- Browse function to survey all documents by type
- Manuscript documents with images plus the option to view full-text transcriptions
- Helpful links to definitions of terms within articles and documents
- Full bibliographic citations
- Multiple options for downloading and printing
- Access to the service from dorm rooms or offices, as well as from the library

### ***Access to a wide variety of primary sources and supporting materials***

With *Primary Sources in American Women's History*, students and researchers have a treasure trove of essential information at their fingertips. At present, the American Women's History module contains over 6,200 documents (5,500+ primary source items) composed of over 44,000 full-text searchable pages. The following description lists the components of the service at present.

### ***Manuscripts***

Manuscript selections include a wide range of key documents and collections in American women's history from the early 19th through the 20th centuries. Topics include changing roles and expectations of women over time, education, labor and reform movements, marriage and family life, personal life, politics, social life, suffrage, World War II-era mobilization, and working conditions for women. Each document is included in its entirety with full-text transcriptions, controlled vocabulary subject indexing, and PDF images of unpublished sources. Manuscript collections that have been drawn upon for the service include:

- **FBI Surveillance Files of the Women's Liberation Movement** (217 documents)
  - Surveying the extent of federal surveillance and Hoover's heavy hand in dealing with the WLM.
  - Topics include links between the Women's Liberation and Black Power movements; organization of rallies and demonstrations; tensions between local FBI branches and FBI headquarters on the question of whether the WLM was a subversive organization or not; and tensions and stresses within the WLM itself;
  - Absolutely essential material that is nowhere else online, is very difficult to acquire, and will be utilized by serious as well as neophyte scholars.
- **ERAmerica manuscript documents** from the Library of Congress collection charting the failed campaign for the ERA between 1978 and 1982 (66 documents).
  - ERAmerica was the national organization created to promote the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
  - Not only do these documents chart the state of ratification efforts in all the states and lobby efforts to effect ratification, but they also provide an excellent window into the anti-feminist movement that arose in reaction to the ERA during this period. There are interesting subject files on dilemmas faced

by women in the law on account of gender during the late 1970s and early 1980s, and the battle over the ERA itself is well covered.

- A critical corpus of material for any study of the ERA.
- **U.S. Military Intelligence Reports on the Surveillance of Radicals** (30 documents)
  - Included are surveillance reports on Emma Goldman (anarchist); Theodora Pollock (San Francisco Secretary for the International Workers of the World); Louise Bryant (lecturer and writer); Elizabeth Freeman (British Socialist); Ella Reeve Bloor (political organizer and writer); and Kate Richard O'Hare (social activist)
- **Writings of Amina Baraka on the role of women in the Black Liberation Movement** (2 documents)
  - Selections made from the UPA microfilm research collection *The Black Power Movement, Part 1: Amiri Baraka from Black Arts to Black Radicalism*.
- **President's Commission on the Status of Women, 1961–1963** (37 documents)
  - A bipartisan organization comprised of twenty-six members, the commission was chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt. Members included educators, writers, leaders of women's organizations, union leaders, five Cabinet members, and members of both houses of Congress. President Kennedy directed several federal departments and agencies to work closely with the commission and to provide the information it needed.
  - The commission examined discrimination against women and recommended ways to eliminate it. It studied legislation and services that would help women to fulfill their roles, whether as housewives or as workers, and prompted legislative and executive actions. It spurred an executive order requiring equal employment opportunities for women under federal contracts. In 1963, President Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act, which had been endorsed by the commission. The commission also advocated changes in state laws that excluded women from jury duty, from owning property or a business, or from legal control of their earnings.
  - Topics include women's employment; women's rights movement; social insurance and tax issues; family and property rights; civil and political rights; education; African American Women; and more. These documents show the working of the commission in the process of creating the final reports issued in 1963 and included as government documents in the service (see below under Government Documents).
- **Papers of Eleanor Roosevelt** including extended correspondence between the First Lady and Walter White and Mary McLeod Bethune; (82 documents)
  - Topics include administration support and congressional lobby efforts for passage of Costigan-Wagner Antilynching Bill; graphic reports of lynchings in the South; activities of the Ku Klux Klan; discrimination against African Americans; and many other issues.
- **Papers of Harry S. Truman** on the President's Response to Women's Issues (79 documents)
- **FBI correspondence on the murder of Viola Liuzzo** (40 documents)
  - Viola Liuzzo was killed by the Ku Klux Klan on March 25, 1965, after taking part in the Selma to Montgomery March.
  - Includes material on the murder investigation, subsequent arrests of Klan members, acquittal in a Alabama state court in 1965 and conviction in 1966;
- **Records of the Women's Bureau on women in the World War II labor mobilization** (261 documents)
  - Topics covered in this U.S. Department of Labor collection include the training of women in wartime production; employment policies; wages; working hours; working conditions; job discrimination; union activities; data on women wage earners in various industries; and postwar employment trends.
- **Records of the Women's Bureau , 1934-1966** (69 documents)
  - Topics cover status of women in the workplace, achievements of women in the workforce during World War II, WWI women's employment and labor standards, wage data, extracts of letters from women complaining of low wages and long hours, women and jury duty, men's opposition to employment of women while there were unemployed men, employment differences between white and black women, unionization of office workers, women's contribution to family and national income, examination of state laws opposing employment of married women,
- **Records of the Childrens Bureau containing letters from poor farm women** (92 documents)
  - Including letters from poor women in the to the Children's Bureau (and Bureau replies) on all manner of topics such as prenatal and infant care, breastfeeding, contraception, dangers of smoking and house

- painting on unborn children, miscarriage, weight gain during pregnancy, use of maternity corsets, how to cause an abortion, child discipline, and letters questioning the competency of the family doctor
- **Records of the League of Women Voters on the political crusade for child welfare in the 1920s** (100 documents)
    - Collection focuses on LWV lobby efforts for a child labor amendment to the Sheppard-Towner Maternity and Infancy Protection Act of 1921. Includes information and status reports of LWV's child welfare program, the welfare of Mexican-American children, and related issues;
  - **Papers of Sophonisba P. Breckinridge on social reform in Chicago, 1892–1913** (103 documents)
    - Sophonisba Breckinridge was an important social worker, reformer, author, suffragist, scholar, and longtime resident of Hull House. She held a Ph.D. degree in political science (1901) and a J.D. degree (1904) from the University of Chicago. These documents chart her social reform activities and research on child welfare and child and female working conditions in Chicago. Specific topics include:
      - Research and investigations on labor unions, child labor legislation and statistics on working women in Illinois, factory working conditions, delinquent girls, juvenile crime, bastardy, tenement houses, red light districts, truancy, and housing conditions in the Stockyard District of Chicago. In addition, it covers relations between social activists and officials of Illinois Department of Factory Inspection and the suffrage movement in Chicago.
      - Also covers issues of woman suffrage, racial discrimination in employment, the minimum wage, the Progressive Party platform, and the political campaign of Sophonisba P. Breckinridge for Chicago Alderman.
  - **National Consumer League Papers on child labor law and women's wages, 1914–1932** (36 documents)
    - Research topics include NCL lobbying efforts and prospects for passage of federal child labor laws, maternity and infancy hygiene legislation, and state minimum wage and eight hour day legislation. Also covers activities of NCL branches.
  - **Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service on prostitution and white slavery, 1908–1934** (55 documents)
  - **Records of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, 1897–1913** including *National Notes*, the NACWC's official publication (42 documents)
  - **Elizabeth Cady Stanton Papers on woman suffrage, 1840–1903** (142 documents)
    - Documents the suffrage and women's rights movements of the 19<sup>th</sup> century including the Seneca Falls Woman's Rights Convention, marriage reform, women's dress, abolitionism, and many other related topics;
    - Includes drafts and discussion of the 1854 address to the New York State Legislature in which Stanton, as the first woman to address that legislative body, unsuccessfully advocated for the expansion of the New York State 1848 Married Woman's Property Act;
    - Covers the anti-slavery movement and post-Civil War political and civil rights for African Americans;
    - Correspondents include Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Oakes Smith, Lucy Stone, Susan B. Anthony, Sarah M. Grimke, Matilda Joselyn Gage, Julia Ward Howe, Alice Stone Blackwell, Emmeline Pankhurst, and many other important suffragists and women's leaders of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
  - **Papers of Maud Wood Park on woman suffrage, 1915–1919** (84 documents)
    - Selections focus on the lobby efforts for and status of the woman suffrage amendment in Congress. Details the activities of National American Woman Suffrage Association Congressional Committee and explores the state ratification of woman suffrage amendment.
  - **Papers of the Madeline McDowell Breckinridge on woman suffrage, 1895–1921** (159 documents)
    - Madeline McDowell Breckinridge was an important and influential leader in the women's suffrage movement. She was the president of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association and vice president of the National Women's Suffrage Association.
    - Collection contents include:
      - Grass roots campaign for a woman suffrage amendment to Kentucky Constitution and updates on suffrage campaigns in many other states;

- Collaboration and conflict between National American Woman Suffrage Association and other organizations, including the Congressional Union of Woman Suffrage, state suffrage organizations, and conflict between regional factions of Suffrage Movement;
- Legal and political discussion of a proposed woman suffrage amendment to U.S. Constitution;
- Weekly reports of National Congressional Committee Chairman of National American Woman Suffrage Association on efforts to pass federal woman suffrage amendment
- Internal politics of National American Woman Suffrage Association
- **Papers of Emma Willard on female education in the 19<sup>th</sup> century** (2 documents)
  - Pioneering educator of young women and author of many text and history books, Emma Willard headed the Troy Female Seminary, the most important institution of higher learning for women during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. These lengthy documents (44 handwritten pages) discuss the status and achievements of the Seminary between 1833 and 1852.
- **Florence Ellinwood Allen Papers regarding the campaign to secure her appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court** (36 documents)
  - Florence Allen was a groundbreaking female judge and a staunch and longtime advocate for women's rights. She was the first woman appointed as an assistant county prosecutor, to be elected to a judgeship, appointed to the federal circuit court of appeals, and the first woman to be chief judge of a federal circuit court of appeals. These documents on the unsuccessful 1957 campaign for her appointment to the highest court in the United States go into great detail into her life and accomplishments.

### ***Government documents***

- **U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau Bulletins** (77 documents)
  - Dating from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, detailing women's work experiences in specific industries, labor laws affecting women, hazards to factory women during World War II, and a wide range of related topics, many with valuable statistical data.
- **U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau pamphlets on women's employment, 1946-1959** (6 documents)
- **U.S. Department of Labor Children's Bureau Annual Reports, 1914-1932** (20 documents)
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- **U.S. Department of Labor Reports on the Condition of Women and Child Wage Earners, 1911**
  - Topics include the history of women in trade unions, the metal trades, and the laundry industry.
- **Results of U.S. Department of Agriculture surveys (1915)** on the economic, educational, domestic, social, and labor needs of farm women, expressed in their own words.
- **Illinois state government documents** (21 documents)
  - These items include reports on child welfare legislation, women jurors and jury service, vice commission reports, and more.
  - A wonderful accompaniment to the Sophonisba Breckinridge manuscript documents on these very same topics
- **Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports and Issue Briefs** on all manner of women's and gender issues written in the 1970s through the late 90s. (127 documents)
  - Topics include abortion and reproductive rights, alimony, the wage gap, domestic violence, welfare reform, health care, women in Congress, breast cancer, parental leave, women in the armed forces, the ERA movement, sexual harassment, and much more. CRS is the research arm of the U.S. Congress and it prides itself on producing unbiased, non-partisan reports solely for the consumption of members of Congress. It is high quality material that gives excellent coverage of important issues while providing the historical context both undergrads and members of Congress so desperately need.
- **Reports of the President's Commission on the Status of Women, 1963** (5 items)
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### ***Federal legislation***

- Full text of all federal statutes concerning gender and women passed by the U.S. Congress, covering the suffrage movement, job discrimination, abortion, and other gender-related issues in the 19th and 20th centuries.

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### ***Autobiographies of American women from the 18th through 20th centuries***

- Sample titles include *The Journal of Madam Sarah Knight* from the colonial era; *A New England Girlhood*, by Lucy Larcom, from the early 19th century; *Eighty Years and More*, by Elizabeth Cady Stanton from later in the 19th century; and, from the 20th century, *Notes of Sixty Years: the Autobiography of Florence Kelley*, and *Front Door Lobby* by Maud Wood Park.

### ***Contemporary accounts detailing the suffrage and social reform movements***

- Sample titles include the magisterial *History of Woman's Suffrage*, 6 volumes (1899–1922) and *Hull House Maps and Papers* (1895).

### ***Secondary Sources***

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