

RG 17: Records of the Organized Women Voters

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The Organized Women Voters of Arlington County was founded in 1923 as the Arlington County League of Women Voters, and later that same year changed its name to the Organized Women Voters in order to remain clearly independent of the now nationally known League of Women Voters. As of 2017, the organization was still active in Arlington County.

The objectives of the organization were "to collect and disseminate political and civic information; to be non partisan; and to be free to take action on any County problem." The Organized Women Voters has been active in educating Arlington County voters on voting procedures and political candidates, as well as actively supporting women candidates for County Board positions. The organization also sponsored two yearly local events for a number of years the Woman of the Year Award and the annual Birthday Luncheon.

Record Group 17 houses the scattered records of the Women Voters of Arlington County. The collection measures 9.2 linear feet, and ranges from 1923 to 2015. Found in this group are scattered meeting minutes, membership lists, meeting announcements, by-laws and constitution, financial documentation, memorabilia, and news clippings. Of particular interest are the early meeting minutes and correspondence for the 1923 through 1925 period. The collection also houses several photographs of members at their various functions.

- Proposal to Amend Constitution of the Organized Women Voters
- Letter from Roy Braden to Executive Committee, Organized Women Voters
- Organized Women Voters Jail Committee
- Organized Women Voters of Arlington County Executive Committee
- Records of the Organized Women Voters Finding Aid
- Organized Women Voters, 1930
- Members of the Organized Women Voters at their 31st Anniversary Luncheon
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- Meeting Reminder Postcard for Organized Women Voters Meeting on September 24, 1968
- Organized Women Voters Charter Members

Series 1: Biographies of Members

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File 7: Programs 1949, 1966, 1973-1982 (1 record)

Event Program, Organized Women Voters 50th Anniversary Luncheon

File 8: Programs 1983-1991

File 9: Reservation Lists 1973-1984

File 10: Reservation Lists 1987-1991, n.d.

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Series 3: By-laws and Constitutions

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File 2: 1928-1939 (1 record)

Proposal to Amend Constitution of the Organized Women Voters

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Letter from Roy Braden to Executive Committee, Organized Women Voters

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Series 5: Financial

Subseries 1: Bankbooks, bank statements, cancelled checks

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File 28: Cancelled checks 1940-1953, 1974 (incomplete)

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Subseries 4: Reports

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File 3: Treasurer's reports 1958-1977 (incomplete)

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File 2: Programs, timetables, log type lists 1960, 1986, n.d.

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File 2: Arlington Investment Corporation, Ruby Simpson, 1931-1935

File 3: Legal citations

Series 7: Membership

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File 3: Lists of members 1940s-1950s

File 4: Lists of members 1960s

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File 7: Lists of members 1980s

File 8: lists of members 1980s

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Series 8: Minutes of Meetings

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Meeting Reminder Postcard for Organized Women Voters Meeting on September 24, 1968

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Subseries 2: Committee Minutes

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File 3: Civic 1929, 1930, 1939, 1990

File 4: Constitution and Bylaws 1978

File 5: County Government 1978

File 6: Education 1924

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File 9: Hospital n.d.

File 10: Legislative 1935, 1939

File 11: Membership 1967-1968

File 12: Nominating 1931-1986 (incomplete)

File 13: State and County Government 1939-1940, 1978

File 14: Sunshine 1969

File 15: Tax and revenue 1958, 1960, n.d.

Subseries 3: Executive Meeting Minutes

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File 5: 1936-1937

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Subseries 5: Summary of Minutes

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Series 9: Newsletters

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Series 10: Newspaper Clippings

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File 2: Juvenile Jail 1960

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Series 11: Organizations and Clubs

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File 2: Arlington County Government 1957-1983 (incomplete)

File 3: County Manager Newsletter Oct 1960-July 1961 (incomplete)

File 4: Federation of Homemakers and housing material 1962, 1965, n.d.

File 5: Neighborhood civic associations 1950-1984 (incomplete)

File 6: Schools

File 7: Speaker's bureau 1980s

File 8: Numerous clubs A-M

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Series 12: Photographs and Slides

File 1: Photographs (5 records)

Members of the Organized Women Voters at their 31st Anniversary Luncheon

Organized Women Voters Jail Committee

Organized Women Voters Charter Members

Organized Women Voters of Arlington County Executive Committee

Organized Women Voters, 1930

File 2: Slides

Series 13: Politics

File 1: Candidate brochures

File 2: Candidate correspondence 1981-1989 (incomplete)

File 3: Candidate questionnaire 1959, 1976, n.d.

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File 1: 1923-1930s

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Series 16: Scrapbooks

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File 9: 1970s Scrapbook, 1970-1974, n.d.

Series 17: Subjects

File 1: Aging 1959-1962

File 2: Agriculture foreign investment 1978

File 3: American Farm Land Trust

File 4: Arlington County board meetings

File 5: Arlington County budgets 1963-1984

File 6: Arlington County – County manager form of government

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File 9: Birthday party for U.S. Senator Harry Byrd Jr. 1982

File 10: 3x5 Cards with gifts and costs with names

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File 17: Drug smuggling

File 18: Education 1930-1977 n.d.

File 19: Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

File 20: Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

File 21: Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

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File 23: Foreign affairs El Salvador and Nicaragua

File 24: Health 1962-1977

File 25: Histories 1923-1983 (incomplete)

File 26: Housing 1982-1984

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File 28: Miscellaneous

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File 30: Panama Canal 1977-1978

File 31: Panama Canal 1977-1978

File 32: Playgrounds report

File 33: Police and fire department pension system

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File 34: Report on clean-up campaign in Arlington County particularly the Negro settlement in Queen City and East Arlington, 1937-1938

File 35: Senior citizens 1976-1984

File 36: Sheriff's office

File 37: Sketches written and performed at the first annual meeting

File 38: Solicitations from organizations (for money)

File 39: Television

Series 18: Nancy Renfro Notebooks

Subseries 1: Binder 1

File 1: "Renfro Papers 1935," 1935

File 2: "Renfro Papers 1960," 1960

File 3: "Renfro Papers OWV 1967," 1965-1967

File 4: "Renfro Papers OWV 1972-1973," 1928, 1972

File 5: "Renfro Papers OWV 1976," 1976

File 6: "Renfro Papers OWV 1977," 1977

Subseries 2: Binder 2

File 1: "OWV May 14 1974 – May 23 1978" (1)

File 2: "OWV May 14 1974 – May 23 1978" (2)

Subseries 3: 1977-1979 Binder

File 1: "Renfro Papers, 1977-1979," 1962, 1967, 1968, 1975, 1976

File 2: "Renfro Papers, 1977-1979," 1967, n.d.

File 3: "Renfro 1977-1979," 56th Anniversary Booklet, 1979

File 4: "Renfro Papers, 1977-1979: 1978 ERA," 1978

File 5: "Renfro Papers, 1977-1979: no info or date – 1968?," n.d.

File 6: "Renfro Papers, 1977-1979: 1978-1979," 1974, 1978-1979

File 7: "Renfro Papers, 1977-1979: 1978," 1978, 1990

File 8: "Renfro Papers, 1977-1979: 1977," 1977

File 9: "Renfro Papers, 1977-1979," 1986, 1989-1990

Series 19: Lillian "Mimi" Simms Notebooks

File 1: "Simms Papers 1950s-1980s, Book I," 1956, 1958, 1962, n.d.

File 2: "Simms Papers 1950s-1980s, Book II," 1970-1979, 1982-1984, 1989, 1991

File 3: "Simms Papers, 1989-1999," 1988-1999

Series 20: Administrative Binders

File 1: "O.W.V., 8/93 – 5/98," 1993-1998

File 2: "OWV 9/1998 – 5/1999," 1998-1999

File 3: "OWV 9/1999 – 5/2000," 1999-2000

File 4: "OWV 9/2000 – 5/2001," 2000-2001

File 5: "OWV 9/2001 to 5/2002, 2001-2002

File 6: "OWV 2002-2003," 2002-2003

File 7: "OWV 2003-2004, 2004-2005," 2002-2005

File 8: "Organized Women Voters, 2005-2006, 2006-2007," 2005-2007

File 9: "Organized Women Voters, 2007-2008," 2007-2008

File 10: "OWV June 2008 to May 2009," 2008-2009

File 11: "OWV 2009-2010," 2009-2010

File 12: "OWV 2011-2013," 2011-2013 (1)*

File 13: "OWV 2011-2013," 2011-2013 (2)

File 14: "Organized Women Voters of Arlington, June 2013 – May 2015," 2013-2015*

Series 21: Sue Renfro Renfro Records

Subseries 1: "2nd Vice President" Folder

File 1: OWV Board Activities, 1961

File 2: Speaker Invitations, 1961-1962

File 3: County Board Dealings, 1958, 1961

File 4: Drafts of Public Statements, 1957, n.d.

File 5: Arlington Public Schools Personnel Policies and Salaries, 1953, 1955, 1956

File 6: Building Yorktown High School, 1958, n.d.

File 7: Schools (general), 1943, 1953-1956, n.d.

File 8: "Speech by Father Edmond A. Walsh," 1952, n.d.*

File 9: OWV Stationary and Envelopes

File 10: Personal Correspondence and Forms, 1940-1944, 1960-1961*

File 11: Miscellaneous, 1961, n.d.

Subseries 2: "School Tuition Grants" Folder

File 1: Tax and Revenue Committee, 1958, 1959, n.d.

File 2: Legislative Committee, 1959

File 3: Correspondence, 1958-1959, n.d.

File 4: OWV Proclamations, 1959, n.d.

File 5: Notes and Drafts, 1958, n.d.

File 6: School Segregation Strategies, 1959, n.d.

File 7: Clippings, 1958-1959

File 8: "Organized Women Voters Constitution and Bylaws," September 1958

File 9: Arlington County Civic Federation

File 10: Campaign Literature, 1958, n.d.

File 11: State and Federal Regulations, 1959

File 12: Congressional Record, 1959

Subseries 3: "Redevelopment 1958 Tax and Revenue Committee" Folder

File 1: Working Papers, 1958 (1)

File 2: Working Papers, 1950 (2)

File 3: Federal Publications, 1957, 1958, n.d.

File 4: Published Material, 1958

File 5: County Board Minutes, 1958

File 6: Clippings, 1953, 1954, 1957, 1958

File 7: Personal Materials, n.d.

Subseries 4: Public Housing Folder

File 1: Material on Public Housing, National Association of Real Estate Boards, 1958

File 2: Articles on Segregation and Public Housing, 1954-1957, n.d.

File 3: "Public Housing in New York City," 1957

File 4: "Report on the Need to Establish a Housing and Redevelopment Authority, by Tax and Revenue Committee, OWV," October 28, 1958

File 5: "Public Housing Fact Book," 1958

Subseries 5: Unnamed Folder

File 1: "From Senate Document Room, HR 696," 1959

File 2: State Sales Tax, 1960

File 3: School Board Appointments 1959

File 4: County Board and Planning, 1958

File 5: Clippings and Publications, 1959-1960, n.d.

File 6: Personal Papers, 1958-1959, n.d.

Subseries 6: Smaller Folders

File 1: "Resolution for Public Hearing on School Board Nominations," 1957

File 2: "Election Data on Redevelopment and Housing," 1958

File 3: "Miscellaneous News Clippings," 1957-1962

File 4: Yearbooks., 1984, 1990-1993, n.d.

Audio Cassette Box 1

January 22, 1980 Martin Brown changes in Income Tax

August 13, 1980

August 13, 1980 Vietnam Remembered

September 1980

September 1981 House of Delegates Race

Fall 1981 Col. Harrington

Audio Cassette Box 2

February 23, 1982 Dr. Martin Wasserman

March 5, 1982 Exec. Committee re: Constitution and By-laws (2 tapes)

March 23, 1982 County Manager Griffin

April 27, 1982 Senator Byrd's birthday (2 tapes)

Audio Cassette Box 3

September 1983 Candidates County Board and committee officers

April 1984 VEPC Walter Frankland guest representing Chamber of Commerce (the other side is dated February 27, 1979)

May 22, 1984 63rd Birthday

October 25, 1983 Candidate meeting Warren Stambaugh

Audio Cassette Box 4

April 28, 1987

May 4, 1987 Birthday

May 8, 1987 Secore/Coulter/Jenkins (Ga.)/McCollum R. (Fla.) Green (3 tapes)

May 11, 1987 McFarlane

May 11, 1987

Audio Cassette Box 5

May 11, 1987 McFarlane (2 tapes)

May 12, 1987 (2 tapes)

May 13, 1987 McFarlane, Nunn, Rodino

Audio Cassette Box 6

May 14, 1987 McFarlane, Sigur

May 14, 1987 Sigur

May 14, 1987 Sigur (2 tapes)

May 15, 1987

January 23, 1990

Audio Cassette Box 7

March 27, 1990

April 2, 1990

May 21, 1991

March 24, 1992 Helen E. Fahey Commonwealth

March 24, 1992

March 23, no year Act. County Manager Griffin guest speaker

Artifact Box

This material was the party favors that were given as souvenirs at the Birthday Luncheons. The material includes pens, key chains, and potholders.