Women’s History in microforms

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General

History of Women
Microfilm HQ 1111 H57

Comprehensive collection of literature by and about European and American women from the 1700s through 1920. Comprises approximately 8,500 books, 2,000 pamphlets, 117 periodicals, 80,000 pages of manuscript, and 800 photographs. Topics covered include: American and European women's suffrage and rights; the birth-control movement; women's involvement in fields such as law, government, medicine, business and industry, theology, and communications; women in the westward movement; women in the humanist tradition; education of women; early European women; women in Western Europe; colonial women; women and crime; family and childcare; wages and employment of women, including the history of women in domestic employment; and women and anti-slavery. Subject librarian: Anita Haney

Materials are arranged in chronological order. Periodicals are alphabetically arranged by title, and manuscripts and photographs are arranged by personal or organizational affiliation. The guide to the microfilm collection contains a reel guide, a summary for monographs, pamphlets and photographs; a main-entry index; a periodical title list; a subject index; and a name index to photographs.

In addition to the title lists in the finding aids, every item except photographs in this collection is cataloged in Addison; each will have call numbers beginning HQ1111 H572 followed by the reel number. All photographs are on reel 963.


United States

American Women’s Diaries. Southern Women.
Microfilm HQ 1123 A54 1988

Collection of the manuscript diaries of 32 women who lived in the Southeastern United States during the nineteenth century. Topics in these firsthand accounts of daily life, customs, and issues of the day include religion, education, careers, reactions to slavery and the Abolitionists. Subject librarian: Anita Haney


Herstory
Microfilm HQ 1101 W75

An international collection of several hundred newspapers, journals, and newsletters published by a wide variety of women’s organizations (including civic, professional, religious, political and peace groups) between 1968 and 1974; some materials date as far back as 1956. This collection is useful for studying the women's movement as a whole but also for tracing the histories of the specific organizations that fuelled it. It covers all areas of women's studies; history, politics, employment and the peace movement as well as women's liberation campaign literature. Sources are predominantly but not exclusively from the United States.

Newspaper and journal titles are arranged alphabetically in one section, then chronologically by issue. Newsletters are arranged alphabetically in a separate section by title; most are then arranged chronologically, though a few newsletters (notably those from the National Organization for Women [NOW]) are arranged alphabetically, then geographically by chapter location.

In addition to the title lists in the finding aids, every publication in this collection is cataloged in Addison; each will have call numbers beginning HQ1101 W75 followed by its item number. Subject librarian: Anita Haney

Finding aids:
• Herstory: Microfilm Collection: Table of Contents. Ref Room HQ 1101 H47
• Reel Guide to Herstory Supplementary Set. Ref Room HQ1101 W745 1976 (two parts)
The Papers of Elizabeth Cady Stanton [1831-1906]
Microfilm  JK 1899 S7 A3 1979

Include correspondence, articles, speeches and miscellaneous materials from her career as a champion of women’s rights.

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Related finding aid: The Papers of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony.  HQ 1413 S689 P37 1992

Great Britain

Sexual Politics in Britain
Microfiche HQ1593 S49

Broadly similar to the US Herstory collection, but with more attention to activist political groups, collection documents the beginning of the movements for social, economic, political, ideological liberation of women and homosexual men in England, Scotland, and Ireland, primarily in the 1970s. Includes journals, minutes of meetings, conferences and annual reports, memos, press releases, transcripts, manifestos, and similar material. Finding aid contains table of contents, alphabetical list giving group names, and journal titles.  Subject librarian: Anita Haney


Women’s Language and Experience, 1500-1940: Women’s Diaries and Related Sources, Pts 1 and 2
Microfilm HQ 1593 W63 1994

Brings together diaries, books, travel letters, journals, and other sources from records in Bedfordshire, Birmingham, and Hertfordshire. Includes diaries, commonplace books, travel journals and letters, describing women's lives and experiences of women in various socioeconomic strata. The 18th century is particularly well covered. Topics include sexuality and gender, courtship and marriage, family life and relations, education, economic relations, and political culture and ideas.  Subject librarian: Anita Haney

Finding aid: Women’s Language and Experience, 1500-1940. Ref Room and Microforms index area HQ1593 W63 1994
Guide and online: http://www.ampltd.co.uk/COLLECT/TP296.HTM

Related Materials

This is a selective guide to microform resources at Virginia Tech. To view the wider range of related materials, begin by searching Addison for the following subjects (which have various further “subdivisions”):

- Feminism
- Women – history
- Women – social conditions
- Women – Great Britain
- Women – United States
- Women – Southern States
- Women's rights

See also these resources:
- Papers of Eleanor Roosevelt, 1933-1945. Microfilm E807.1 R48 A36 1986
- Women and/in Health. Microfilm: HQ1426 W635
- Stanton and Anthony Papers Project. Online: http://ecssba.rutgers.edu/index.html