

**Vermont Women's History Project
Records, 2004-2011
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Introduction

This collection contains the records of the Vermont Women's History Project which existed under the auspices of the Vermont Commission on Women from 2004 until it was transferred to the Vermont Historical Society in 2008. The records were received by the Vermont Historical Society when it took over the project. They are housed in one records center box and consume 1 linear foot of shelf space.

Organizational Note

The Vermont Women's History Project (VWHP) was organized by the Vermont Commission on Women in 2004 to bring "the historic voices and work of Vermont women to life in the present." The project was "part of a nationwide effort to discover and highlight the critical roles women have played in our nation's history." The Vermont project's primary focus was on research and the development of educational resources and projects for Vermonters and visitors to the state. Flyers which describe the project's purpose are in folder 5 of this collection.

The project's first major initiative was at the Vermont History Expo where the collaborative theme was "Vermont Women in History." The VWHP conducted interviews at the expo and released a 14-minute CD entitled "Strengthening the Future by Illuminating the Past" that won the Vermont Historical Society's Richard O. Hathaway award in 2007.

The VWHP launched a web site with location-based information for travelers as part of the state's "ConnectVermont" project. The website included a tour of sites related to women's history in Franklin County and grew to include a database of biographical sketches of historically significant Vermont women. The website was available on the state's vermontvacation.com website. The driving tour was also published in pamphlet form under the title "Vermont Women's History Project: Remarkable Women of Franklin County."

The VWHP also produced a photo exhibition "Women & Work in Vermont, 1800-1984" and a series of eight bookmarks, each featuring a biography of a Vermont woman.

The project was housed in the offices of the Vermont Commission on Women and was governed by an 18-member steering committee. Joyce Barbieri and Ruth Finn were the committee co-chairs. Judith Irving was the paid Project Coordinator and Wendy Love was the Executive Director of the Vermont Commission on Women.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the records of the Vermont Women's History Project that were transferred to the Vermont Historical Society in 2008 when the latter institution absorbed the project. The collection includes two sets of agendas and minutes, flyers, and promotional

materials. A significant portion of the collection is devoted to documentation of site visits conducted by consultant Laura Daudelin in 2006-2007 and to the development of the organization's database of Vermont women of historical importance. The collection also includes various articles from other sources photocopied by researchers.

Related Collections

The Vermont Historical Society's Leahy Library holds VHWP's DVD, "Strengthening the Future by Illuminating the Past" is in the Leahy Library's collection (call number Video C-148); a pamphlet for Women & work in Vermont 1800-1984: An Exhibition Produced by the Vermont Division of the American Association of University Women (call number 331.4 W842 2006); and the driving tour of Franklin County (call number 305.4074 V5943f). Copies of the VHWP bookmarks and posters are in the VHS's broadside collection under "Women."

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