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Collection Summary
Collection Title: Evelyn M. Clar papers,
Date (inclusive): 1912-1993
Date (bulk): (bulk 1950-1970)
Collection Number: BANC MSS 90/149 c
Creator: Clar, Evelyn Mickelberry, 1908-1989
Extent: Number of containers: 4 cartons, 1 oversize folder
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Abstract: The Evelyn M. Clar Papers, 1912-1993, consist of records pertaining to Clar's work with various California organizations. The bulk of the records relate to her work with the League of Women Voters of California. Records in the collection also document Clar's involvement in the California Library Association, Friends of California Libraries, Friends of Sacramento Libraries, and the League of Women Voters of Sacramento. The papers include Board of Directors records, bylaws, committee records, correspondence, meeting and event material, program and project records, clippings, publications, and reports. Much of the material in the collection relates to Clar's work on legislative committees and as a lobbyist in Sacramento. Records in the collection date from 1912 to 1993, with the bulk dating from 1950 to 1970.

Physical Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.
Languages Represented: English

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Related Collections
C. Raymond Clar papers, BANC MSS 75/66 c
Portraits of Charles Raymond Clar from C. Raymond Clar papers, BANC PIC 1975.082-POR
League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville records, BANC MSS 73/107 c
League of Women Voters of the Bay Area records, BANC MSS 2004/162 c
California Library Association records, BANC MSS 83/116 c, BANC MSS 81/172 c, BANC MSS 80/86 c, BANC MSS 85/109 c, BANC MSS 76/92 c, BANC MSS 79/135 c, and BANC MSS 70/112 c

Separated Material
Printed materials have been transferred to the book collection of The Bancroft Library.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
Clar, Evelyn Mickelberry, 1908-1989--Archives.
League of Women Voters of California.
California Library Association. Legislative Committee.
Friends of California Libraries.
League of Women Voters of Sacramento.
Associations, institutions, etc.--California.
Women--California--Societies and clubs.
Women in politics--California.
California--Politics and government.
Minutes.
Lobbyists--California.

Provenance
The Evelyn M. Clar Papers were given to The Bancroft Library by Evelyn M. Clar on December 19, 1973. Additions were made by C. Raymond Clar on May 21, 1990, and May 16, 1995.

Funding
Funding for the processing of the records provided by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.
Evelyn Mickelberry Clar was born on February 3, 1908, in Fresno, California. She grew up in Bakersfield, California, and graduated from Kern Union High School in 1924. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1929 with an A.B. degree in geography. A long-time resident of Sacramento, she was married to C. Raymond Clar in 1928 and had two daughters.
Evelyn Clar was active in several California organizations for more than thirty years. She was the Northern vice-president of the League of Women Voters of California and served the league as a member of the standing rules, legislative, and organization committees. She also worked as the state league's first lobbyist in Sacramento during the 1950s-1960s. Clar was the vice president and president of the Sacramento League of Women Voters and served six years on the Sacramento league board as publicity, legislative, and section chairman.
In addition, Clar served as the chairman of the legislative committee of the California Library Association. She worked as a legislative observer for the Friends of California Libraries, and served as vice-president, president, and newsletter editor of the Friends of Sacramento Libraries. Clar was also on the board of directors of the Mercy Clinic for Children in Sacramento. In 1962, she was honored as Woman of the Year by the Young Women's Christian Association of Sacramento for her community service with the Parent-Teacher Association.
After several years of affliction with arthritis, Evelyn Clar died on December 11, 1989, at the age of 81.

Scope and Content of Collection
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Writings by Evelyn Clar are located throughout the collection. Articles written by Clar that were published in the California Voter and manuscripts and typescripts of talks given by Clar are located in Series 2., League of Women Voters of California. Other writings such as legislative reports by Clar, and the California Library Association's "Handbook for Legislative Action" are located in Series 3., Other Organizations. In Series 3 there is also a League of Women Voters of Sacramento Voter article written by Clar.

Many publications of organizations were retained in the collection since they served as reference material to Clar and are annotated in many cases. Publications that were separated include League of Women Voters newsletters from the national, state, and Bay Area leagues.

Physical Description: Carton 1, folders 1-9
Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically.
Scope and Content Note
This series consists primarily of clippings and correspondence. Clippings are on both Evelyn Clar and her daughter Barbara. There is also a folder of clippings on women in politics that were collected by Clar. Most of the correspondence in this series is addressed to Evelyn Clar, however there is also correspondence to C. Raymond Clar in folders 1 and 9.

carton 1, folder 1
C. Raymond Clar correspondence and miscellaneous material, 1949-1992
Clippings
carton 1, folder 2
Regarding Barbara Clar, 1948
carton 1, folder 3
Regarding Evelyn Clar, 1942-1968, undated
carton 1, folder 4
Regarding women in politics, 1949-1973, undated
Correspondence
carton 1, folder 5
From friends and family, 1952-1953, undated
carton 1, folder 6
From Friends of the Governmental Affairs Institute for German and Japanese Training Programs, 1951
carton 1, folder 7
Crawford McGinnis letters and typescript, 1945, 1956, undated
carton 1, folder 8
Grassroots: Women Who Made a Difference, entry form, 1993
Obituary and condolences, 1989-1990
Physical Description: Carton 1, folders 10-49; Cartons 2-3; Carton 4, folders 1-16; Oversize 1 C and 2 A
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically.
Scope and Content Note
Divided into three subseries: Administrative Files, Committee Records, and Action and Advocacy.

Physical Description: Carton 1, folders 10-49; Carton 2, folders 1-33; Oversize 1 C and 2A

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically.

Scope and Content Note
This subseries consists of Board of Directors records, bylaws, convention and meeting records, continuing responsibilities, current agendas, correspondence, program planning material, press releases, publications, and reports. Also included in this subseries are articles written by Evelyn Clar for the California Voter and manuscripts and typescripts of talks given by Evelyn Clar. Research materials for her talks date from 1912, however the bulk of the records in this subseries begin with her involvement in the legislative activities of the League of Women Voters of California during the 1950s.

Annual Reports

Articles by Evelyn Clar published in California Voter, 1958-1962
- carton 1, folder 19: Bay Area finance exploratory committee meeting minutes, 1962

Board of Directors
- carton 1, folder 20: Meeting agendas, 1951-1956
- carton 1, folder 21-22: Meeting minutes, 1951-1956
- carton 1, folder 23: State board conference with national president, 1951
- carton 1, folder 24: State Board Report, 1970
- carton 1, folder 25: Bylaws amendment, undated
- carton 1, folder 26: Continuing responsibilities and current agendas, 1951-1964, undated
- carton 1, folder 27: Convention records
- carton 1, folder 28: 1950 annual convention, 1950
- carton 1, folder 29: 1951 annual convention, 1951
- carton 1, folder 30: 1952 annual convention, 1952
- carton 1, folder 31: 1953 annual convention, 1953
- carton 1, folder 32: 1954 annual convention, 1954
- carton 1, folder 33: 1955 annual convention, 1955
- carton 1, folder 34: 1961 annual convention, 1961
- carton 1, folder 35-41: 1963 annual convention, 1963

Correspondence, 1929, 1949-1969, undated
- carton 1, folder 36: Map of leagues in California, ca. 1950s
- carton 1, folder 37: Criteria for league action, undated
- carton 1, folder 38: Executive board member list, 1951-1952, 1951

League of Women Voters of the United States
- General, 1939-1959
- Clippings, 1931, 1936, undated
- Oversize clippings, 1951-1956, undated

Publications
- carton 1, folder 44: Brief for Action, 1946-1952
- carton 1, folder 45: Freedom Agenda, pamphlet series, 1954-1955
- carton 1, folder 46: Memo, pamphlet series, 1945-1946
- carton 1, folder 47-48: Memo, pamphlet series, 1947-1953
- carton 2, folder 1: Oversize folder 1 C
- carton 1, folder 42: Oversize folder 2 A


carton 2, folder 2-3
Miscellaneous pamphlets, 1940-1960, undated

Report from the Hill Legislative Newsletter, 1956

Map showing distribution of local leagues in California, 1950

Orientation program handbook, 1952

President's report to council, 1960

Press releases, 1953-1954, undated

Procedures for selection of program, determining legislative action, and determining position on ballot measures, 1950

Program activity report, Berkeley league, 1952

Program planning, 1946-1956, undated

Publications


California Supplement to the Local League Handbook, 1959-1960, ca. 1959


Education Bulletin, 1956-1957

Facts About California State Finances, 1950-1951, ca. 1951

Facts About California's Public Schools, 1959

Facts About LWV of California, 1955-1956, ca. 1956

Guide for Observers of Boards and Commissions, 1945

Guide to the Study of Political Parties, 1947

Legislative Bulletin, 1955-1961

Legislative Fact Sheets, 1954, 1956


Tools for Work on Local Government, 1961

Yearbook, 1961-1963, ca. 1961

Publications available at the state league office, 1952

Quotable quotes, 1952

Report on the state of the league, undated

 Talks by Evelyn Clar

Manuscripts and typescripts, 1959, undated

Notes and background material, 1912-1960, undated


Physical Description: Carton 2, folders 34-50; Carton 3, folders 1-12

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by name of committee.

Scope and Content Note

This subseries consists of correspondence, meeting records, notebooks, notes, and reports documenting Evelyn Clar's participation in several committees, including the Bay Area Ad Hoc Committee, the Budget Committee, the Legislative Committee, the Organization Committee, and the Standing Rules Committee. The Organization Committee records contain files on the initial organization of the Santa Rosa, South San Francisco, and Visalia leagues. Included in the Legislative Committee records are Clar's files and notebooks from 1956-1961, which document her role as the league's first legislative secretary. As legislative secretary, she facilitated legislative action by observing and reporting on the introduction and progress of bills in the California legislature.

Bay Area Ad Hoc Committee, 1957

Budget Committee, 1951-1956

Legislative Committee

General, 1947-1963, undated


Guide for legislative interviews, 1955, undated
Legislative interviews, 1957-1959, undated
Legislative secretary
Files, 1956-1961, undated
Legislative session notebooks, 1953, 1956-1959
Legislative session notebooks, 1961

Organization Committee
General, 1948-1956, undated
Field reports, 1952-1953
Local league standard bylaws, 1960-1962
Santa Rosa league organization, 1949-1953, undated
South San Francisco league organization, 1952, undated
Visalia league organization, 1951-1953, undated
Standing Rules Committee, 1948-1950, undated


Physical Description: Carton 3, folders 13-36; Carton 4, folders 1-16

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically.

Scope and Content Note
This subseries consists of correspondence, project and study kits, clippings, action bulletins, notes, position statements, and reports documenting league action and studies. Topics of action and studies in this subseries include California government, cross filing, education, elections and reapportionment, housing, individual liberties, legislative processes, mental health, public personnel, social welfare, state constitution revision, taxation, technical assistance, and trade.

Administrative agencies kit, 1946
Administrative and financial structure of public education in California study 1955-1957, results summary, 1959
Association of California Consumers, 1967, undated
Ballot measures, 1952-1962, undated
California government study kit, 1951-1953, undated
California legislature kit, 1963-1965, 1964
Cross filing
General, 1946-1962, undated
Clippings, 1956-1961, undated
Education, 1947-1963, undated
Education kit, 1955-1956
Elections and reapportionment, 1952-1963, undated
Focus on reapportionment kit, 1965
Government reorganization, 1952, 1956, undated
Housing, 1953
Individual liberties
General, 1951-1955
Clippings, 1951-1956, undated
Legislative processes


carton 3, folder 33-34
General, 1948-1965, undated

carton 3, folder 35
Clippings, 1953-1963, undated

carton 3, folder 36
Legislative processes kit supplement, 1948

Mental health, 1947-1961, undated

carton 4, folder 1-3
Mental health kit, 1950

Public personnel

carton 4, folder 4
General, 1946-1959, undated

Handbook on Public Personnel, 1959

Senate bill no. 562, 1959, undated

Social welfare, 1951-1963, undated

State constitution revision study

General, 1950-1963, undated


Physical Description: Carton 4, folders 17-59

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by name of organization or committee.

Scope and Content Note

This series consists of Board of Directors records, bylaws, correspondence, clippings, meeting records, notes, publications, and reports documenting Evelyn Clar's involvement in several California organizations. Organizations and committees represented in this subseries include the Advisory Committee for Library Services and Construction Act, Title III, the California Library Association, Friends of California Libraries, Friends of Sacramento Libraries, and the League of Women Voters of Sacramento.

carton 4, folder 17
Advisory Committee for Library Services and Construction Act, Title III, correspondence, 1966-1967

California Library Association

carton 4, folder 18
Annual conference program, 1968

CLA Newsletter, 1969-1971

carton 4, folder 19
Correspondence, 1959-1974

carton 4, folder 20
Final Report, 1968

Handbook for Legislative Action

carton 4, folder 21
California Librarian article regarding handbook, 1969

carton 4, folder 22
Correspondence, 1968-1970

carton 4, folder 23
Drafts, 1968-1969

carton 4, folder 24-25
Final version, 1969

Legislation Committee

carton 4, folder 27-28
Correspondence, 1967-1970

carton 4, folder 29
Meeting records, 1968-1970

carton 4, folder 30
Member lists, 1969-1970

carton 4, folder 31
Program plans, 1968-1969

carton 4, folder 32
Reports, mid-year and final, 1968

carton 4, folder 33
Resignation from committee, 1970

carton 4, folder 34
Resolution regarding Evelyn Clar, 1970

carton 4, folder 35
Mid-Winter meeting proceedings, 1969
Friends of California Libraries
  carton 4, folder 36  Annual meeting agenda and minutes, 1969
  carton 4, folder 37  Annual workshop material, 1965-1970
  carton 4, folder 38  Board of Directors meeting agendas and minutes, 1966-1970
  carton 4, folder 39  Bylaws draft, 1970
  carton 4, folder 40  Correspondence, 1965-1970, undated
  carton 4, folder 41  Folio, 1969-1971
  carton 4, folder 42  Legislation reports, 1967-1969, undated
  carton 4, folder 43  Officers and committees lists, ca. 1966, 1968
  carton 4, folder 44  Questionnaire on legislation program, 1969, undated

Friends of Sacramento Libraries
  carton 4, folder 45  Board of Directors meeting minutes, 1970-1971
  carton 4, folder 46  Bylaws, 1969, 1971, undated
  carton 4, folder 47  Clippings, 1964-1971
  carton 4, folder 48  Correspondence, 1968-1971
  carton 4, folder 49  Friends of Sacramento Libraries Newsletter, 1965-1971
  carton 4, folder 50  Officers and directors lists, ca. 1966, 1969, undated
  carton 4, folder 51 Public library history note cards, ca. 1966

League of Women Voters of Sacramento
  carton 4, folder 52  Bylaws, 1967
  carton 4, folder 53  County probation departments information, 1948
  carton 4, folder 54  History of action and studies, 1959
  carton 4, folder 55  Meeting records, 1948, 1962
  carton 4, folder 56  Publications
    Directory of Officials and Boards, to be used in conjunction with Sacramento
    County Government, 1960
  carton 4, folder 57  Sacramento County Government, 1955
  carton 4, folder 58  Reports, 1949, 1955, 1960-1961
  carton 4, folder 59  Voter article written by Evelyn Clar, undated