Guide to the Women's Suffrage Collection, circa 1880-1917

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Overview of the Collection

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Abstract: The Women's Suffrage Collection consists of pamphlets, broadsides, and ephemera documenting debates and events surrounding the late 19th- and early 20th-century women's suffrage movement in the United States. It includes materials arguing both in favor of and against the enfranchisement of women, especially prints of some of Elihu Root's anti-suffrage speeches; two racist, anti-suffrage broadsides from the Brown Printing Company of Montgomery, Alabama; broadsides opposing Woodrow Wilson's re-election to the Presidency on the grounds he opposed women's suffrage; pamphlets outlining arguments to use in favor of women's suffrage; an invitation to the Michigan Equal Suffrage Association's annual convention in 1889; instructions posted at polling places for first-time women voters in Massachusetts in 1895; a Keystone View Company stereoscopic card showing the 1913 "Suffragette Parade" in Washington, D.C.; a women's suffrage handkerchief that includes speculative images about the state of the world 100 years after women received voting rights; and more.

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Scope and Contents
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Women's Suffrage Ephemera, 1889-1913
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Anti-Women's Suffrage Pamphlets and Broadsides, 1894-ca. 1915
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Speculative Suffrage Handkerchief, ca. 1880
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Constitutions, National Women's Suffrage Association, ca. 1910