Elizabeth Boynton Harbert papers

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Abstract: This collection consists of the personal and professional papers of feminist, suffragist, author and lecturer Elizabeth Boynton Harbert and her family.
Language of Material: The material is in English.

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Biography
Elizabeth Morrison Boynton Harbert, a feminist, suffragist, author and lecturer, was active from an early age in support of the rights of women to vote and to obtain a higher education. She served for twelve years as president of the Illinois Woman Suffrage Association, corresponded extensively with other prominent feminist leaders, wrote pamphlets and books, and was active in numerous women’s, political, religious and philanthropic organizations. In 1870 she married lawyer William Soesbe Harbert. They had three children: Arthur Boynton (d.1900), Corinne Boynton, and Elizabeth Harbert Rowe. The Harberts relocated to Pasadena, California later in their lives and Elizabeth died there in 1925.

Scope and Content
The collection consists of the papers of Elizabeth Boynton Harbert. Chiefly correspondence, the collection also contains manuscripts (including diaries, address books of woman suffrage workers, poetry and music), printed matter and ephemera, large scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, some photographs, and an extensive collection of pamphlets and broadsides on the topic of woman suffrage.
Subject matter represented in the collection includes the woman suffrage movement (particularly in Iowa, Illinois, and California), and related organizations (including the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association); religious and philanthropic organizations (including the Women's Christian Temperance Union); editorial and journalistic activities of Elizabeth Boynton Harbert; and Harbert family matters.
Correspondents include: Susan B. Anthony, Rachel Foster Avery, Amelia Jenkins Bloomer, Clara Dorothy Bewick Colby, Matilda Joslyn Gage, Helen Mar Jackson Cougar, Julia Ward Howe, Mary Ashton Rice Livermore, Caroline M. Seymour Severance, May Wright Sewall, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Frances Elizabeth Willard.
The material previously housed in the seven green binders can be found in Boxes 10, 16, 17, and 19 (Binder 1 was previously Rare Book 408105).
Material from three of the original series in the collection can be found in Ephemera, Rare Book stacks, Scrapbook 97.
Arrangement
The collection is arranged in the following series: Biographies (Box 1); Woman Suffrage (Boxes 2-12); Letters to Elizabeth Boynton Harbert (Boxes 13-14); Elizabeth Boynton Harbert and William S. Harbert Manuscripts and Personal Letters (Boxes 15-16); Newspapers, Magazines, Pamphlets and Books (Box 17); Diaries, Address Books, Notes, Manuscripts, Poetry, Binders and Oversize (Boxes 18-20).

Personal Names
Anthony, Susan B. (Susan Brownell), 1820-1906
Avery, Rachel Foster, 1858-1919
Bloomer, Amelia Jenks, 1818-1894
Colby, Clara Dorothy Bewick, 1846-1916
Gage, Matilda Joslyn, 1826-1898
Gougar, Helen Mar Jackson, 1843-1907
Harbert, Elizabeth Boynton, 1845- -- Archives
Howe, Julia Ward, 1819-1910
Livermore, Mary A. (Mary Ashton), 1820-1905
Severance, Caroline M. Seymour (Caroline Maria Seymour), 1820-1914
Sewall, May Wright, 1844-1920
Stanton, Elizabeth Cady, 1815-1902
Willard, Frances E. (Frances Elizabeth), 1839-1898

Corporate Names
Illinois Equal Suffrage Association
Woman's Christian Temperance Union

Subjects
Feminists -- United States -- Archives
Suffragists -- United States -- Archives
Temperance -- United States -- History -- 19th century -- Sources
Women -- Societies and clubs
Women -- Suffrage -- United States -- History -- 19th century -- Sources
Women -- Suffrage -- United States -- History -- 20th century -- Sources
Women's rights -- United States

Geographic Areas
Evanston (Ill.)
Pasadena (Calif.)

Genre
Address book -- United States
BROADSIDES -- United States
Clippings (information artifacts)
Diaries -- United States
Letters (correspondence) -- United States
Manuscripts -- United States
Pamphlets -- United States
Personal papers -- United States
Scrapbooks -- United States

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Biographies
Physical Description: Box 1

Box 1

Biographies
## Woman Suffrage

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- Ames, Julia A. (1880s)
- Anthony, Lucy Elmina (1889)
- Anthony, Susan B. (Susan Brownell), 1820-1906 (1870-1879)
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- Anthony, Susan B. (Susan Brownell), 1820-1906 (1885, June-Dec.)
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- Baruch, Bertha Hirsch (1907-1908)
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- Bloomer, Amelia Jenks, 1818-1894 (1873-1886)
- Bolton, Sarah Knowles, 1841-1916 (1878)
- Bostwick, C. B. (1879-1888)
- Bradwell, Myra, 1831-1894 and James R. Bradwell (1880-1893)
- Brown, Olympia, 1835-1926 (1885-1902)
- Burnett, George Edwin and Mary Lamoreaux Burnett, 1871-1949 (1897-1908)
- Burnett, Mary Weeks (1884)
- "B" Miscellaneous (1877-1913)
- Castle, Miles B. (1881-1886)
- Catt, Carrie Chapman, 1859-1947 (1893-1919)
- Chandler, Lucinda B. (1884-1902)
- Chant, Laura Ormiston, 1848-1923 (1885-1903)
- Coggeshall, Mary J., 1836-1911 (1886)
- Colby, Clara Dorothy Bewick, 1846-1916 (1881-1913)
- Cullom, Shelby M. (Shelby Moore), 1829-1914 (1879-1881)
- "C" Miscellaneous (1867-1908)
- Decker, Sarah Platt (1905, Dec. 20)
- Diaz, Abby Morton, 1821-1904 (1877-1899)
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- Dickinson, Anna E. (Anna Elizabeth), 1842-1932 (1868-1869)
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- Dunn, Julia Mills (1878-1885)
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Folder 4  Palmer, Bertha Honoré, 1849-1918 (1891-1900)
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Newspapers, Magazines, Pamphlets and Books

Physical Description: Box 17

Box 17
Newspapers, Magazines, Pamphlets and Books

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Folder 3  California Political Equality League: Miscellaneous printed material (1910-1911)
Folder 4  Citizens Suffrage League (1911)
Folder 5  College Equal Suffrage League (1911)
Folder 6  Harbert, Elizabeth Boynton - Ephemera, etc. (1860-1919)
Folder 7  National American Woman Suffrage Association (1904-1909)
Folder 8  Pacific Religious Liberty Association [undated]
Folder 9  Southern California Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage (1911)
Folder 10  Suffrage - Colorado (1904-1910)
Folder 11  Woman Suffrage - Ephemera ([1878]-1911)
Folder 12  Woman Suffrage - History (Pamphlets) (1848-1910)
Folder 13  Woman Suffrage - Illinois (1881-1903)
Folder 14  Woman Suffrage - Indiana (1867)
Folder 15  Woman Suffrage - Michigan (1901, Oct.)
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Folder 18  Woman Suffrage - New Zealand (1906)
Folder 19  Woman Suffrage - Pennsylvania (1867)
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Folder 21  Woman Suffrage - Wisconsin (1901)
Folder 22  Woman Suffrage - Wyoming (1882, Jan. 12)
Folder 23  Woman Suffrage Party of New York (Foreign Language) [undated]

Diaries, Address Books, Notes, Manuscripts, Poetry, Binders and Oversize

Physical Description: Boxes 18-20

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Folder 4  Religious - Philosophical Handwritten Notes (1890-1913)

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Folder 2  Poetry Notebook (1863-1883)
Folder 3  Binder 1: E.B.H. Highlights (1862-1920)
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Box 20
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