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EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT SOUTH CAROLINA COALITION RECORDS

1970-1977

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EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT SOUTH CAROLINA COALITION RECORDS

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Provenance: The Equal Rights Amendment South Carolina Coalition Papers was donated to the Louise Pettus Archives & Special Collections at Winthrop University by Joanne Montague.

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Scope and Content Note: **The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was first introduced to the US Congress in 1921 and propelled the conversation as the meaning of equality between men and women. The ERA passed in Congress in 1971 and was submitted to the States in 1972 for ratification. However, it has yet to receive enough ratifications by the States to be entered as an official amendment. The Equal Rights Amendment South Carolina Coalition Records consists of correspondence, newspaper and other clippings, a large booklet on the Equal Rights Amendment talking points, various organizations' papers in favor of the ERA, promotional materials, and brochures and inserts. These documents were created in an effort to get the ERA ratified in South Carolina.**

Related Collection:

**Equal Rights Amendment South Carolina Coalition Records - Accession 81
National Organization for Women (NOW) South Carolina Records - Accession 142
Equal Rights Amendment South Carolina Coalition Records- Accession 168
Equal Rights Amendment South Carolina Coalition Records – Accession 183
Equal Rights Amendment South Carolina Coalition Records – Accession 388
Equal Rights Amendment South Carolina Coalition Records - Accession 693
Equal Rights Amendment South Carolina Coalition Records- Accession 1062**

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>These letters of correspondence pertain to various aspects of the Equal Rights Act (ERA) such as: advocates for the ERA, announcement of progress of the amendment by the ERA organization, and a letter entailing salary discrepancies at Winthrop College between men and women during the academic year of 1972-1973.</p> <p>*This series is arranged chronologically.</p>	1972-1973, 1977
1	2	<p>NEWSPAPER AND OTHER CLIPPINGS</p> <p>This section includes newspaper clippings as well as photocopy clippings of various stories related to women's rights in general or even the ERA specifically. Includes excerpts from: the magazines: <i>U.S. News and World Report</i> December 13th, 1971 and the <i>Monitor</i> October 1976, and newspapers: <i>The Chapel Hill Newspaper</i> November 2nd 1976 and <i>The Louisville Times</i> February 21, 1977.</p> <p>*This series is arranged chronologically.</p>	1971, 1976-1977
1	3	<p>EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT BOOKLET</p> <p>This booklet, of which there are two copies, contains argumentative points surrounding the ERA proposal. In addition, besides providing these talking points the booklet also discusses states that have already passed the ERA.</p>	1977
1	4	<p>WOMEN'S EQUITY ACTION LEAGUE</p> <p>This collection of documents directly relate to the Women's Equity Action League (WEAL) in regards to their advocacy of women's rights. Additionally, there are two WEAL newsletters that emphasize the importance of the ERA as a major step towards their purpose.</p> <p>*This series is arranged chronologically</p>	1970-1972
1	5	<p>NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN</p> <p>There is a short letter penned by the National Organization for Women (NOW) president, Eleanor Smeal, in which she advocates for the ERA proposal. Additionally, there is an annual report and conference guide from the South Carolina NOW chapter in which the ERA is discussed.</p>	1977

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

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1	6	<p>LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS</p> <p>This section contains two documents penned by the League of Women Voters (LWV) describing how the ERA has impacted states who ratified it as well as reporting on common talking points opponents to the amendment utilized in their counter-arguments.</p>	1976
1	7	<p>CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN DOCUMENTS</p> <p>These documents pertain to the Citizens' Advisory Council on the Status of Women(CACSW) in which the ERA is described. This description outlines the basics as to how the ERA will affect various public institutions and traditional behaviors. In addition, there is a specific document published by the CACSW describing the role the ERA will play into child support laws and alimony.</p>	1972
1	8	<p>EQUAL RIGHTS ACT PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS</p> <p>Included in this section are various promotional materials in support of the ERA. These documents not only briefly explain what the Era is, but also provide pictures to convey their message.</p>	1973, 1976-1977, nd
1	9	<p>BROCHURES AND INSERTS</p> <p>Enclosed in this section are various brochures and inserts in favor of the ERA. They not only describe the benefits of adopting the ERA, but also address common arguments opponents use to rally against it.</p>	1976-1977