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**South Carolina Coalition
for the
Equal Rights Amendment**

Papers, 1963-1978

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Scope and Content Note:

Formed in January 1973, the Coalition was reorganized in 1975 as a public interest lobby to secure ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the federal constitution by South Carolina. The Coalition was co-funded by the League of Women Voters and the National Organization for Women and headed by Keller H. Barron [formerly Keller Bumgardner] as legislative coordinator to handle political strategy and Janet Wedlock as field coordinator to organize constituent lobbying.

The collection consists of 3.75 ft. of material, 1962-1978, chiefly the office files of the Coalition, including research files on such diverse subjects as Athletics, Black Women and Disadvantaged, Credit, Divorce and Domestic Relations, Education, ERA and the Military, Human Relations, Insurance, Local Government Consolidation, Voting and Elections Laws, Welfare, Women and Work, and material on the filing of the ERA bill in the S.C. House of Representatives and its subsequent tabling on March 26, 1975. Also present are files of Mrs. Bumgardner as President of the League of Women Voters of S.C., 1967-1971, and as a member of the Richland County-City of Columbia Study Commission, 1971-1972.

Note: Related records are contained in the papers of the League of Women Voters of South Carolina.

Collection Inventory

General:

Box 1

1968-1971
 1972
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Topical Files:

Abortion
 Advertising
 American Association of University Women
 American Civil Liberties Union
 Athletics
 Bibliographies
 Bylaws
 Citizens Advisory Council on the Status of Women:
 1970-1972
 1973-1974
 Common Cause
 Communications Workers of America
 Credit
 Democratic Party
 Divorce
 Education

Employment
Endorsements

E.R.A. and Men
E.R.A. in Other States:
 Ariz.-Cal.
 Conn.-La.
 Minn.-N.C.
 N.D.-Wisc.

Box 2

E.R.A. Strategy, c. 1975
Fund Raising
Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, 1967
Griffiths, Martha
Homemakers
Homosexuality
International Women's Year:
 General:
 1974-Oct. 1977
 Nov. 1977-1978
 South Carolina

Labor Unions
Legislation, National
Legislation, South Carolina:
 General, 1973-1975 & n.d.
 Area Coordinators:
 General, 1974-1975 & n.d.
 Senate Districts 1-4
 Senate Districts 5-16
 Joint Hearing, Feb. 1973
 Joint Hearing, Feb. 1975
 Poll of Members, 1974-1975

Lobbying
Military
Minorities
National Organization for Women
National Women's Party
Opposition
Petitions
Press Master List
Privacy
Religion:

Box 3

 General
 Christian brochure
Republican Party
Rescission (see also Opposition)
Social Security
South Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs
South Carolina Women's Political Caucus
"Speak Out Seminar--Government Action, What Women Want," 1975
Speakers Bureau
U.S.C. Symposium, "The E.R.A. and South Carolina Laws":
 Correspondence
 Notes
 Transcripts (2 folders)
Women's Equity Action League

Reference Material:

1970-1972
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1974
1975-1977
n.d.

Clippings:

Box 4

Abortion
Education
Employment
E.R.A. in other States
Insurance
International Women's Year
Legislation, South Carolina:
 1972-1974
 1975
 1977-1978 & n.d.
Marriage and Divorce
Military
Minorities
National Organization for Women
Opposition
Prostitution
Religion
Social Security
U.S.C. Symposium
Misc.:
 1963-1973
 1974
 1975
 1977-1978 & n.d.

Audiovisual, Audiocassettes:

USC Symposium, March 1974 (6 cassettes)
National Town Meeting, Aug. 1974
National Town Meeting cont., Aug. 1974, and Perspective, Feb. 1975
General Assembly Hearing, Feb. 1975 (3 cassettes)
WIS, Feb. 1975
LWV of IN, n.d.