

## Finding Aid to the Votes for Women League of North Dakota, Fargo Branch Records

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### HISTORY

The Votes for Women League of North Dakota (also called North Dakota League for Votes for Women) was organized on February 4, 1912 in Fargo at the home of Mrs. Mary Darrow Weible. It appears that it was organized in conjunction with the appearance of Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, a noted English suffragist, in Fargo for a public talk. A formal organization was established with its activities confined to securing female suffrage. Shortly thereafter other chapters were organized throughout the state with the headquarters being in Fargo. The Fargo group remained active into World War I and the rise of the Nonpartisan League that also helped enact limited suffrage in North Dakota in 1917. Thereafter with the enactment of the Federal Amendment appearing imminent, the League helped out the boys at Camp

Dodge, Iowa, did Red Cross work, and supported the Council for Defense. By 1919, active work by the League had declined and it began discussing the formation of a civic league to replace what might become the defunct League.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records of the Votes for Women League of North Dakota, Fargo Branch consist of meeting minutes, some correspondence and various subject files. An undated typed constitution is included in the first folder. The **Meeting Minutes** ledger covers the period of 1912 to 1919 and details the general activities of the club. Another folder contains miscellaneous, undated meeting minutes.

The **Correspondence File**, 1916-1917 contains only several letters from the National Woman Suffrage Publishing Company. The **Subject Files** include several membership lists, a 1917 treasurer's report of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, and a newspaper clipping on the death of Clara L. Darrow. The League publications include its 1917 "Program Suggestions for Leagues," and the program for its 1917 annual convention in Bismarck.

## BOX AND FOLDER LIST

| Box/Folder | Contents   |
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| 1/1        | Finding aid, and Historical material                                   |
| 1/2        | Constitution   |
|            | <b>Meeting Minutes Series</b>  |
| 1/3        | Meeting minutes, 1912-1919   |
| 1/4        | Meeting minutes, loose sheets  |
|            | <b>Correspondence Series</b>   |
| 1/5        | Correspondence, 1916-1917  |
|            | <b>Subject Files Series</b>  |
| 1/6        | Membership and treasurer's lists                                       |
| 1/7        | National American Woman Suffrage: Association Treasurer's report, 1917 |
| 1/8        | Newspaper clipping on Clara Darrow, 1915                               |
| 1/9        | Votes for Women League of North Dakota publications, 1917              |