

Finding Aid to the Martha's Vineyard Museum
Record Unit 175
Martha's Vineyard Women's Voter Associations, 1933-1990
By Karin Stanley

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Martha's Vineyard Museum

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Title: Martha's Vineyard Women Voters Associations

Creator: Karin Stanley

Quantity: .25 cubic feet

Abstract: This collection of documents, relating to Martha's Vineyard Women Voters Associations, includes publications from the League of Women Voters of Tisbury and the League of Women Voters of Martha's Vineyard. The bulk of the material consists of meeting minutes and correspondence from the Tisbury Women Voters' Association, 1934-1939.

Administrative Information

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Index Terms

- Tisbury Women Voters' Association
- League of Women Voters
- League of Women Voters of Martha's Vineyard
- League of Women Voters of Tisbury

Series and Subseries Arrangement

- Series I: Tisbury Women Voters' Association
 - Subseries A: Correspondence, 1933-1939
 - Subseries B: By-Laws
 - Subseries C: Meeting Minutes, 1933-1939
 - Subseries D: Membership Lists
 - Subseries F: Clippings

Series II: Other Martha's Vineyard Women Voters Associations
Subseries A: League of Women Voters of Tisbury
Subseries B: League of Women Voters of Martha's Vineyard

Historical Note

On December 14, 1933 a group of thirteen women from the town of Tisbury gathered to discuss the formation of a League of Women Voters. Because the fee to join the state and national groups was two dollars per year the women decided to form a local independent group with an annual membership fee of twenty-five cents. This group, named the Tisbury Women Voters' Association, consisted of women residents from the town of Tisbury. The Association's goals were to provide a nonpartisan meeting ground for women to work together to become educated and active participants in government. This collection of documents contains the Associations minutes through 1939.

In 1955 the League of Women Voters of Tisbury was formed as a provisional member of the National League. This League attracted members from the entire Island. In 1957, as part of the requirement to become a full voting League, the Tisbury League wrote an informative pamphlet, "Tisbury Tides," a study and compilation of facts about local government in Tisbury. Full legal status was granted in 1958. In 1962 the League voted to study the entire Island for their "local" government pamphlet. Since then all of their publications have focused on the whole Island. Now known as the League of Women Voters of Martha's Vineyard; this group continues to "promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government," for the people of Martha's Vineyard.

Scope and Content Note

This .25 cubic foot collection contains documents relating to Martha's Vineyard Women Voters Associations, beginning with the formation of the Tisbury Women Voters' Association in 1933, through a 1990 publication of the League of Women Voters of Martha's Vineyard. The documents are arranged chronologically within their series. Most of this collection consists of minutes of the meetings of the Tisbury Women Voters' Association (1933-1939). The later publications were produced either by the League of Women Voters of Tisbury or the League of Women Voters of Martha's Vineyard.

Series Descriptions

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Series II: Other Martha's Vineyard Women Voters Associations

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