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Collection Summary

Title: Mira Lloyd Dock Papers
Span Dates: 1814-1951
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1899-1945)
ID No.: MSS18689
Creator: Dock, Mira Lloyd, 1853-1945
Extent: 2,500 items; 11 containers plus 1 oversize; 4.4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English and German
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Horticulturalist, conservationist, educator, and clubwoman. Correspondence, printed matter, speeches and writings, clippings, photographs, maps, and other papers relating primarily to Dock's efforts in forestry, conservation, gardening, park development, and nature study in Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the United States as well as in Germany and England.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Bascom, F. (Florence), 1862-1945--Correspondence.
Brandis, Dietrich, Sir, 1824-1907--Correspondence.
Crocker, Marion A.--Correspondence.
Dock family--Correspondence.
Dock family--Genealogy.
Dock, Mira Lloyd, 1853-1945.
Howells, William Dean, 1837-1920--Correspondence.
Jäger, T. B.--Correspondence.
Lloyd family--Correspondence.
Lloyd family--Genealogy.
Manning, Warren H. (Warren Henry), 1860--Correspondence.
McFarland, J. Horace (John Horace), 1859-1948--Correspondence.
Pinchot, Gifford, 1865-1946--Correspondence.
Rothrock, Joseph T., 1839-1922--Correspondence.
Sargent, Charles Sprague, 1841-1927--Correspondence.
Sherman, Mary Belle King, -1935--Correspondence.
Surface, H. A. (Harvey Adam), 1867--Correspondence.

Organizations
General Federation of Women's Clubs.
Lorberry Creek Railroad.
State Federation of Pennsylvania Women.

Subjects
Arbor Day.
Civic improvement.
Conservation of natural resources--England.
Conservation of natural resources--Germany.
Conservation of natural resources--Pennsylvania.
Conservation of natural resources--United States.
Conservation of natural resources.
Forest fires.

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Forestry schools and education--England.
Forestry schools and education--Germany.
Forestry schools and education--Pennsylvania.
Forestry schools and education--United States.
Forestry schools and education.
Forests and forestry--England.
Forests and forestry--Germany.
Forests and forestry--Pennsylvania.
Forests and forestry--United States.
Forests and forestry.
Gardening.
Horticulture--England.
Horticulture--Germany.
Horticulture--Pennsylvania.
Horticulture--United States.
Horticulture.
Parks--Design and construction.
Playgrounds.
Railroads--Pennsylvania.
Trees.
Urban beautification.
Women--Societies and clubs.

Places
Black Forest (Germany)--Description and travel.
England--Description and travel.
Europe--Description and travel.

Occupations
Clubwomen.
Conservationists.
Educators.
Horticulturists.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of Mira Lloyd Dock, horticulturist, conservationist, educator, and clubwoman, were given to the Library of Congress by her estate through her sister Lavinia L. Dock from 1945 to 1948.

Processing History
The papers of Mira Lloyd Dock were arranged and described in 1974. The collection was reprocessed in 2008.

Transfers
Some broadsides have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the Dock Papers.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Mira Lloyd Dock is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.)
Access and Restrictions

The papers of Mira Lloyd Dock are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Mira Lloyd Dock Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1895-1896</td>
<td>Studied plant biology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.</td>
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<td>1897</td>
<td>Chairman, Program Committee, Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs</td>
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<td>1898-circa 1932</td>
<td>Cofounder and member, Civic Club, Harrisburg, Pa.</td>
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<td>1901-1913</td>
<td>First female member, State Forestry Reservation Commission of Pennsylvania</td>
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<td>1903-1929</td>
<td>Teacher, Pennsylvania State Forest Academy, Mont Alto, Pa.</td>
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<td>1904-1913</td>
<td>Chairman of forestry, State Federation of Pennsylvania Women</td>
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<td>1910</td>
<td>Vice-chairman, Conservation Committee, General Federation of Women's Clubs</td>
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<td>1911</td>
<td>Member, Advisory Committee, Pennsylvania State Branch of the National Conservation Association</td>
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<td>1912</td>
<td>Member, Board of Directors, Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women, Ambler, Pa.</td>
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<td>1914-circa 1924</td>
<td>Chairman, Forestry Committee, General Federation of Women's Clubs</td>
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<tr>
<td>1945, July 11</td>
<td>Died near Cashtown, Pa.</td>
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of Mira Lloyd Dock (1853-1945) span the years 1814-1951, with the bulk of the material dating from 1899 to 1945. The papers are in English and German and are organized into Correspondence, Speeches and Writings, Miscellany, and Oversize series primarily relating to Dock's involvement in horticulture, forestry, conservation, and forestry education in Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the United States as well as in Germany and England.
The Correspondence series covers Dock's early efforts, her years as the first woman on the State Forestry Reservation Commission of Pennsylvania, and her work through women's organizations such as the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women in the areas of conservation, forestry, horticulture, forestry education, and city beautification. Notable correspondents include F. Bascom, Sir Dietrich Brandis, Marion A. Crocker, T. B. Jäger, Warren H. Manning, J. Horace McFarland, Gifford Pinchot, Joseph T. Rothrock, Charles Sprague Sargent, Mary Belle King Sherman, and H. A. Surface.

Also in the Correspondence are letters from family member William Dean Howells as well as letters concerning Dock and Lloyd family genealogy. Early nineteenth-century correspondence written by Dock and Lloyd ancestors is supplemented in the Miscellany series by an 1864 contract with Gilliard Dock for work on the Lorberry Creek Railroad in Pennsylvania.

The Speeches and Writings span Dock's career and cover topics such as forest conservation; forest fires; playgrounds; park development; forestry education; Arbor Day; city beautification of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; gardening; John Bartram; and tree species. Included is a draft and printed version of a report documenting her 1899 trip to Europe, most notably to England and the Black Forest of Germany. Other reports include those written for the State Forestry Reservation Commission of Pennsylvania and various women's clubs.

The Miscellany is comprised mostly of newspaper clippings and printed matter relating to Dock's interest in forestry, conservation, horticulture, and genealogy.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged in four series:

- Correspondence, 1814-1951
- Speeches and Writings, 1840-1936
- Miscellany, 1836-1944
- Oversize, 1890-1921
## Description of Series

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| BOX 1     | 1886-1902  
(6 folders) |
| BOX 2     | 1903-1909  
(7 folders) |
| BOX 3     | 1910-1914  
(6 folders) |
| BOX 4     | 1915-1916  
(6 folders) |
| BOX 5     | 1917-1924  
(6 folders) |
| BOX 6     | 1925-1934  
(7 folders) |
| BOX 7     | 1935-1951, undated  
(4 folders) |
| BOX 7-8   | **Speeches and Writings, 1840-1936**  
Notes, drafts, and printed copies of speeches, writings, papers, and reports.  
Arranged chronologically. |
| BOX 7     | General |
| BOX 7     | 1896-1906  
(3 folders) |
| BOX 8     | 1907-1929, undated  
(6 folders) |
| BOX 8     | Notes, 1840-1854, 1903-1917, 1926, 1936, undated |
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| BOX 9     | Blueprint, undated |
| BOX 9     | Contract for work, Lorberry Creek Railroad, Pennsylvania, 1864 |
| BOX 9     | Forestry and horticultural schools, circa 1919-circa 1922 |
| BOX 9     | General Federation of Women's Clubs, biennial meeting, 1916  
*For additional material see Container 4*, 1916 |
| BOX 9     | Maps, 1890, 1906, 1921, 1933, undated  
*See also Oversize* |
| BOX 9     | Newspaper clippings, 1836, 1874-1879, 1886-1944, undated  
(4 folders) |
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