

Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform Records

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Collection Summary

Title: Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform Records

Inclusive Dates: 1896-1933

Bulk Dates: 1931-1933

ID No.: MSS38315

Creator: Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform

Extent: 350 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: .4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Chiefly responses to queries about international liquor policies and regulations collected from consuls general and other foreign representatives between 1931 and 1933 by Grace McClure Dixon Cogswell Root (Mrs. Edward Wales Root), research director of the Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform, which advocated repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

Organizations

United States. Constitution. 18th Amendment.

Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform.

Subjects

Liquor laws--United States.

Prohibition--United States.

Prohibition.

Acquisition Information

The records of the Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform, which advocated repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, were given to the Library of Congress by Grace McClure Dixon Cogswell Root (Mrs. Edward Wales Root), research director of the organization, in 1935.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1984. The finding aid was revised in 2011 by David Mathisen. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The records of Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform 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, Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform span the years 1896-1933, with the bulk of the material dating from 1931 to 1933. The collection consists mainly of responses to a query by Grace McClure Dixon Cogswell Root (Mrs. Edward Wales Root), director of research for the organization, sent to consuls general and other representatives of foreign countries about their liquor policies and regulations. Founded in 1929, the organization favored the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment because of concerns about the ineffective enforcement of Prohibition and the lawlessness and disrespect for authority associated with the failure of government-imposed abstinence. Included are copies or transcriptions of liquor laws and regulations of the countries queried or studied.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name of country, with miscellaneous material filed at the end.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Country file
BOX 1	Argentina
BOX 1	Australia
BOX 1	Austria
BOX 1	Belgium
BOX 1	Bolivia
BOX 1	Bulgaria
BOX 1	Canada
BOX 1	Chile
BOX 1	Colombia
BOX 1	Cuba
BOX 1	Denmark
BOX 1	Ecuador
BOX 1	Egypt
BOX 1	El Salvador
BOX 1	Estonia
BOX 1	France
BOX 1	Greece
BOX 1	Hungary
BOX 1	Italy
BOX 1	Japan
BOX 1	Latvia
BOX 1	Liberia
BOX 1	Lithuania
BOX 1	Mexico
BOX 1	Netherlands
BOX 1	Nicaragua
BOX 1	Paraguay
BOX 1	Peru
BOX 1	Poland
BOX 1	Siam
BOX 1	Spain
BOX 1	Switzerland
BOX 1	Turkey
BOX 1	United States
BOX 1	USSR
BOX 1	Union of South Africa
BOX 1	Uruguay
BOX 1	Venezuela
BOX 1	Yugoslavia
BOX 1	Miscellany

Container List

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BOX 1	Acts regarding reforms in unidentified countries
BOX 1	Clippings
BOX 1	Printed matter