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Summary Information

Repository:         M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Creator:           Rhoda Fox Graves, 1877-1950
Title:             Rhoda Fox Graves Papers
ID:               apap364
Date [inclusive]:  1922-1947
Physical Description:  33.5 cubic ft.
Physical Location: The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material: English
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Mixed Materials [Collection]: X
Abstract:          This collection documents Rhoda Fox Graves' service in the New York State Assembly and Senate. It also contains some personal materials from her life.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:
Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Rhoda Fox Graves Papers, 1922-1947. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Graves Papers).

Historical Note

Rhoda Fox Graves (1877-1950) was prominent in public affairs in the North Country of New York and the first woman elected to New York State Senate. Graves was first elected to the New York State Assembly from St. Lawrence County in 1924 and served from January 1, 1925 until December 31, 1932.
Two years later, she was elected to the New York State Senate where she served continuously until she resigned in ill health December 31, 1948.

Rhoda Fox married Perle A. Graves in 1905 and had two sons, Paul and Marcus. All three survived her. When she resigned from her State Senate seat, Paul was elected to succeed her.

Graves achieved a number of firsts in her career. She was the first woman to become vice president of the St. Lawrence County Republican Committee. She was the first woman to be elected from a northern county to the New York State legislature. She was the first woman to serve in the New York State Senate, the first woman to preside over that legislative body and to head a Senate Standing Committee (Agriculture).

Scope and Contents

The Rhoda Fox Graves Papers contain clippings, many loose, but some pasted into scrapbooks; correspondence, both personal and professional; legislation; and subject files.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is unprocessed and is likely disorganized. Individual items may be difficult to find.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

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Processing Information

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Acquisition Information

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