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Abstract

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Creator

Chalfant, Patricia, 1941-2006

Extent

1.65 cubic feet 3 boxes, 1 flat folder

Repository

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Received on December 12, 2015 from Reba Leiding, former librarian at JMU.

Processing Information

All publications are individually foldered with the exception of multi-issue serials which are foldered together by title. Materials related to conferences and events were removed from their original folders or binders and foldered by event.

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Bio/Historical Information

Patricia Jeanne Chalfant was born December 1, 1941 to Charles E. "Chap" Chalfant and Betty Hunter Chalfant of Christiana, Pennsylvania. She was a 1959 graduate of Octorara High School in Atglen, Pennsylvania and a 1962 graduate of Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. Chalfant continued her education by earning master's degrees from Drexel University and the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She also attained her Juris Doctor from the Delaware Law School in 1985. Chalfant served as an attorney for the United States Navy and as Associate Council for the Defence National Stockpile. She was regarded by colleagues as being politically active and an advocate for women's rights. She was an active member of the National Organization for Women and served as the president of the Wilmington, Delaware chapter of NOW. Chalfant died December 7, 2006 and is interred at Glen Run Cemetery in Atglen, Pennsylvania.

Scope and Content

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Series 1: Publications, 1968-1978, comprises the bulk of the collection and includes newsletters, pamphlets, booklets and short published works on the topics of women's liberation, Title IX, the Equal Rights Amendment, and related feminist subjects.

Series 2: Conferences and Events, 1975-1978, documents national conferences, marches, and related women's rights events presumably attended by Patricia Chalfant. Materials from the 1975 (Philadelphia),

1977 (Detroit), and 1978 (Washington, D.C.) National Organization for Women national conferences are included. These materials include information on conference registration, program and lecture schedules, committees, election ballots, members, and getting around in the host city. Three folders of materials document the historic 1977 National Women's Conference in Houston, Texas. Newspaper clippings, information on conference programming and schedules, and member and delegate information provide additional context for this significant moment in the struggle for equal rights. Of particular interest are posters for a November 5, 1977 ERA rally and reception in Alexandria, Virginia. The event featured NOW President Eleanor Smeal and actresses Esther Rolle and Lily Tomlin. The oversize poster is signed by Lily Tomlin. Photographs are also included that document the 1978 ERA March on Washington.

Series 3: Ephemera, 1974-1978, includes blank postcards and note cards with feminist imagery, applied embroidery patterns for logos and feminist symbols, a broadside printed by Helaine Victoria Press, posters, ERA related stickers and sashes, and other miscellaneous items. Two oversize posters designed by feminist artist Judy Chicago are included.

Keywords

Women's rights -- United States -- History -- 20th century
Feminism -- United States -- History -- 20th century
Second-wave feminism -- United States
Women -- Political activity -- United States -- History -- 20th century
Women -- Legal status, laws, etc. -- United States
Equal rights amendments -- United States
Publications (documents)
Pamphlets
Newsletters
Booklets
Posters
Bylaws (administrative records)
Color photographs
Printed Ephemera
Postcards
Embroidery (visual works)
Stickers
National Organization for Women -- History -- 20th century

Bibliography

Obituary for Patricia Jeanne Chalfant, *Intelligencer Journal* (Lancaster, PA), December 11, 2006.

Provenance

This collection was orphaned in Reba Leiding's office in Carrier Library and she transferred the materials to Special Collections upon her retirement. The name Patricia Chalfant can be found on much of the materials, but no further information is known about the creator's connection to JMU or the collection's provenance. A collection inventory created by JMU student Emily Noonan was found in the box of Chalfant's materials. This document confirms that the material has been in the custody of JMU since at least 2006.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in three series. All series are arranged chronologically.

- Publications, 1968-1978
- Conferences and Events, 1975-1978
- Ephemera, 1974-1978

Description of Subordinate Components

Publications

Unit ID 1

Unit Date 1968-1978

Toward a Female Liberation Movement by Beverly Jones and Judith Brown

Unit Date 1968

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Bread and Roses by Kathy McAfee and Myrna Wood

Unit Date 1969

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Creator McAfee, Kathy

Creator Wood, Myrna

Sex Roles and Female Oppression: A Collection of Essays by Dana Densmore

Unit Date 1969

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Creator Densmore, Dana

The Social Construction of the Second Sex by Jo Freeman

Unit Date 1970

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Creator Freeman, Jo (1945-)

Manglish by Varda One

Unit Date 1971

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Notes from the Third Year: Women's Liberation

Unit Date 1971

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Women's Liberation: An Anthropological View by Minda Borun, et al.

Unit Date 1971

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Creator Borun, Minda

The Women's Liberation Movement: Its Origins, Structures and Ideas by Jo Freeman

Unit Date 1971

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Creator Freeman, Jo (1945-)

Look Jane look. See sex stereotypes. by Women on Words and Images

Unit Date 1972

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Creator Women on Words & Images (Society)

Sisterhood is Powerful by Betsey Stone

Unit Date 1972

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Twelve Steps to Non-Sexist Masculinity by Roslyn Rettew

Unit Date 1973

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

The Monthly Extract: An Irregular Periodical

Unit Date 1973

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Civil Rights Digest, Vol. 6 No. 3, Sexism and Racism: Feminist Perspectives

Unit Date Spring 1974

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Is Biology Woman's Destiny by Evelyn Reed

Unit Date 1974

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Creator Reed, Evelyn

The Majority Wins: How to Build a Program for Legislative Change by Linda Joy

Unit Date 1974

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Circle One: A Woman's Beginning Guide to Self Health and Sexuality

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

The Erotization of Male Dominance Female Submission by Ellen Morgan

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Feminist Revolution by Redstockings

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Creator Redstockings, Inc

Pennsylvania NOW, Vol. 3 No. 1

Unit Date February 1975

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

See How She Runs: Effective Political Techniques by Patricia Jo Smith, et al.

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Tell-A-Woman

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Title IX

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Resource Booklet for Battered Spouses

Unit Date 1977

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Women's Leadership Training Manual

Unit Date 1977

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Aegis by Feminist Alliance Against Rape

Unit Date September/October 1978

Mixed Materials [1000886337] 1 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Creator Feminist Alliance Against Rape (U.S.)

March on Washington, July 9, 1978, For the Equal Rights Amendment: A Photographic Essay by Cully Miller and Chris Backus

Unit Date 1978

Mixed Materials [1000886338] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

National Lampoon Presents Claire Bretécher

Unit Date 1978

Mixed Materials [1000886338] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Resource Booklet for Families in Crisis

Unit Date 1978

Mixed Materials [1000886338] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Delaware Today Magazine, Update on Women: New Dawn or False Horizon?

Unit Date November 1978

Mixed Materials [1000886338] 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

The Washington Equal Times

Unit Date 1978

Mixed Materials [1000886338] 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Conferences and Events

Unit ID 2

Unit Date 1975-1978

Poster, International Women's Day

Unit Date 1975 March 8

Mixed Materials [1000898272] 1 (Flat File)

National Organization for Women National Conference

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials [1000898272] 1 (Flat File)

National Conference to Deal with Bylaws

Unit Date 1976

Mixed Materials [1000886338] 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

National Organization for Women National Conference

Unit Date 1977

Mixed Materials [1000886338] 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

ERA Stars in Virginia

Unit Date 1977

Mixed Materials [1000886338] 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Mixed Materials [1000898272] 1 (Flat File)

National Women's Conference (Folder 1 of 3)

Unit Date 1977

Mixed Materials [1000886338] 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

National Women's Conference (Folder 2 of 3)

Unit Date 1977

Mixed Materials [1000886338] 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

National Women's Conference (Folder 3 of 3)

Unit Date 1977

Mixed Materials [1000886338] 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Photographs, ERA March on Washington, D.C.

Unit Date 1978

Mixed Materials [1000886339] 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

National Organization for Women National Conference

Unit Date 1978

Mixed Materials [1000886339] 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Ephemera

Unit ID 3

Unit Date 1974-1978

Cards and Postcards

Unit Date 1974-1978, undated

Mixed Materials [1000886339] 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Posters, Judy Chicago artwork

Unit Date 1975, 1978

Mixed Materials [1000898272] 1 (Flat File)

Creator Chicago, Judy, 1939-

Applied embroidery patterns, feminist imagery [SELECTED ITEMS REMOVED TO OVERSIZE]

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886339] 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Mixed Materials [1000898272] 1 (Flat File)

ERA stickers, sashes, and ruler

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886339] 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Helaine Victoria Press Broadside

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886339] 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Miscellaneous

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886339] 3 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Bag, Helaine Victoria Press

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000898272] 1 (Flat File)