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Guide to the Records of Dorothea DeVault's Participation in W.O.M.A.N. Inc.

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: World Organization of Mothers of All Nations, Inc.

Title: Records of Dorothea DeVault's Participation in W.O.M.A.N. Inc

Dates: 1949-1951

Quantity: .3 linear feet (1/2 manuscript box)

Abstract: World Organization of Mothers of All Nations, Inc., known by the acronym W.O.M.A.N. was a women's peace organization that followed in the wake of World War II's horrors. This collection provides a snapshot of the Connecticut branch's activities soon after the group was founded.

Language: English

Repository: Bridgeport History Center

Biographical History:

World Organization of Mothers of All Nations, Inc., known by the acronym W.O.M.A.N. was a women's peace organization that followed in the wake of World War II's horrors. It was founded in 1946 by Dorothy Thompson (1894-1961) whose speech in front of the United Nations implored a greater consideration for peace and life, and for women in particular to advocate for those causes. The organization became international soon after, and focused on humanitarian projects. It was especially popular in Germany, where the organization dissolved as late as 2010.

Dorothea DeVault was a Connecticut resident and served as the state chair for the organization. It is unclear when the Connecticut branch dissolved.

Scope and Content note:

Material in the collection contains information about state level activity in the reports and correspondence, but it is not extensive by any definition. The other two folders contain clippings and information put out by W.O.M.A.N. Inc. demonstrates how the organization was understood by media at the time. This collection provides a snapshot of the Connecticut branch's activities soon after the group was founded.

Arrangement Note:

Arranged with original documents and organization activities placed first, followed by clippings and printed information created by national organization.

Administrative information:

Provenance: 1990.26

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Names and Subject Tracings

Personal names

DeVault, Dorothea

Corporate names

World Organization of Mothers of All Nations, Inc.

Subject tracings

Bridgeport, Conn.

Women

Detailed box and folder listing

Box 1

1. Reports for W.O.M.A.N. Inc., 1949-1951
2. Correspondence, 1949-1950
3. Organization articles and information, 1950
4. Clippings about organization, 1948-1950