

Veteran Feminists of America, Inc.

N-YHS Collecting Policy

The objective is to document women's experience throughout the centuries, especially feminist activism of the first and second waves. Subject areas include but are not limited to suffrage, political campaigns, women's health and mental health issues, labor discrimination, women of color, reproductive rights, sexual violence, domestic violence, divorce and custody laws, the ERA, the development of women's studies/women's history courses, gay and lesbian rights, anti-pornography, eco-feminism, feminist visual and performing arts, and literature.

The Center will accept donations in a variety of formats including but not limited to letters, diaries, speeches, lectures, articles, photographs, posters/flyers, organization minutes and records, scrapbooks, political items, pamphlets, badges, buttons, ribbons, souvenirs, articles of clothing, visual materials, and three-dimensional artifacts. Personal papers and organizational records may be considered. Prospective donations of oral histories, film, and music require a written summary or transcript. Priority will be given to materials related to New York City and State [This is a preference, not an absolute priority] and to unpublished, rare, or original items.

The Center reserves the right to refuse, return, or dispose of materials that are not relevant to the purpose and collecting goals of the New-York Historical Society, duplicates, in poor condition, or with restrictions on use in compliance with the N-YHS's deaccessioning policies.

New-York Historical Society staff are not permitted to appraise the financial value of any materials proposed for acquisition consideration. This is considered a conflict of interest.

If you are interested, please first send the attached form via first class mail or via email to:

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INQUIRY FORM

PLEASE NOTE: We will not accept unsolicited gifts.

Your name: _____

___ Please indicate here if you are associated with Veteran Feminists of America

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Brief description of materials (eg. collection of posters; correspondence between X and Y; Spanish-language outreach re: battered women's shelter in Brooklyn; etc.):

Date/s in which materials were created/collected: _____

Persons, organizations, or events associated with materials: _____

Please tell us your connection to the materials and how they relate to the rights or practices that changed women's lives

If possible, please attach images of three-dimensional objects or visual materials.

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