

American Civil Liberties Union - Whatcom County Chapter Records, 1958-1982

Overview of the Collection

Creator	American Civil Liberties Union of Washington - Whatcom County Chapter
Title	American Civil Liberties Union - Whatcom County Chapter Records
Dates	1958-1982 (inclusive) 1958 1982
Quantity	4 Linear Ft., ()
Collection Number	XOE_CPNWS0035aclu (collection)
Summary	The collection encompasses material generated at the national, state, and local levels of the ACLU. Whatcom County Chapter materials include constitution and bylaws, correspondence and meeting minutes, as well as financial records. Subjects cover a range of topics including mandatory registration for the Selective Service, abortion rights, separation of church and state, sexual harassment, and criminal code reform.
Repository	Western Washington University, Center for Pacific Northwest Studies Goltz-Murray Archives Building 808 25th St. Bellingham, WA 98225 Telephone: 360-650-7534 cpnws@wwu.edu
Access Restrictions	The collection is open to the public.
Languages	English.
Sponsor	Funding for preparing this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the Washington State Legislature to the Washington Women's History Consortium. Funding for encoding the finding aid was awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

Founded in 1920, the American Civil Liberties Union is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership organization devoted to protecting the civil liberties of all Americans as laid out in the Bill of Rights, and extending them to groups that have traditionally been denied their basic rights. The A.C.L.U. of Washington, a regional affiliate, is involved in litigation and advocacy on behalf of individuals, and lobbies on scores of bills in the state legislature and local councils. In addition, the A.C.L.U. of Washington is active in many public education and community organizing projects. The Whatcom County Chapter is one of the seven local chapters of the A.C.L.U. of Washington and has worked to realize the goals of the national and state organizations on a community level.

Content Description

The Whatcom County Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union Records encompass material generated at the national, state, and local levels of the ACLU. National materials consist of the national constitution and bylaws as well as items relevant to the organization of state affiliates and local chapters. The Washington affiliate branch materials include the constitution and bylaws, correspondence, and meeting minutes. Whatcom County Chapter materials also include a constitution, bylaws, correspondence and meeting minutes, as well as financial records. Issues files cover a range of topics including mandatory registration for the Selective Service, abortion rights, separation of church and state, sexual harassment, and criminal code reform.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

American Civil Liberties Union - Whatcom County Chapter Records, Center for Pacific Northwest Studies, Heritage Resources, Western Washington University, Bellingham WA 98225-9123.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

The American Civil Liberties Union - Whatcom County Chapter Records are organized in accordance with the following series arrangement:

- Series I - A.C.L.U. National Policy Materials, 1967-1981
- Series II - A.C.L.U. Washington State, 1958-1982
- Series III - A.C.L.U. Whatcom County Chapter, 1967-1982
- Series IV - Issues Files, 1970-1981

Acquisition Information

Materials Donated by William Scott undated

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Series I: A.C.L.U. National Policy Materials, 1967-1981

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/1	A.C.L.U. 60th Anniversary	1980
1/2	A.C.L.U. Constitution and By-Laws	1967-1968
1/3	A.C.L.U. News (Newsletters)	1980-1981
1/4	A.C.L.U. Policy Guide of the Revised	1967
1/5	Brochures	undated
1/6	Budget	1980
1/7	Civil Liberties Alert	1979-1981
1/8	Civil Liberties Newsletter and Other Publications	1978
1/9	Civil Liberties Review	1976
1/10	Manual of Organization	1975
1/11	Memos	1980
1/12	Program for Local Service	1974

Series II: A.C.L.U. of Washington, 1958-1982

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/13	A.C.L.U Articles of Incorporation	1958 March 4
1/14	A.C.L.U. Washington Constitution and Bylaws	1958
1/15	A.C.L.U. Foundation Minutes	1979-1981
1/16	Ad Hoc Committee	1967
1/17	Administrative Communication	1967
1/18	Board of Directors Minutes and Agendas	1980-1981

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/19	Board of Directors Documents	1971
1/20	Board of Directors Meeting Minutes	1970 May
1/21	Board of Directors Minutes	1973
1/22	Board of Directors Nominations	1981
1/23	Board Minutes of Washington State A.C.L.U	1967-1971
1/24	Civil Liberties (Newspaper, not a Complete Set)	1972-1982
1/25	Committee Materials	1967-1968
1/26	Committee Minutes and Information	1980-1981
1/27	Conference Information	1972-1982
1/28	Correspondence to Chapter Presidents	1980-1981
1/29	Correspondence to Washington State Board of Directors	1974-1981
1/30	Executive Committee	1967-1968
1/31	Executive Directors	1980
1/32	High School Draft Proposal (State) and Other State Material	1969
1/33	Legal Committee	1980-1981
1/34	Legal Docket	1979-1980
1/35	Legislative Committee	1967-1970
1/36	Legislative Memos and Bulletins	1969-1971
1/37	Legislative Program	1981
1/38	Len Mandelbaum Situation	1969
1/39	Mailings to Local Chapters	1970

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/40	Membership Projects	1966-1970
1/41	Minutes, Agendas, and Announcements	1979
2/1	Newletters	1970
2/2	Planning and Development Committee	1967
2/3	Programs	1968-1970
2/4	Proposed Amendments to By-Laws	1981
2/5	Publications	1961-1965
2/6	Reports and Correspondence	1970-1975
2/7	Reports and Correspondence	1975-1982
2/8	State Annual Meeting	1969
2/9	Volunteer Recognition	1975
2/10	Washington State Local Chapters	1970-1971

Series III: A.C.L.U. of Washington - Whatcom County Chapter, 1967-1982

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/11	A.C.L.U. Local Chapter By-Laws, Minutes and Agendas	1967-1969
2/12	Action Auction Information	1972
2/13	Annual Reports	1964-1968
2/14	Bellingham School Board Re: Release of Student Records to the Selective Service	1980
2/15	Board Information and Minutes	1981

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/16	Board Statement on Western Washington State College Trustees Resolution	1969 March 13
2/17	Cases Called to ACLU's attention	1979
2/18	Chapter Manual	1967
2/19	Chapter Material	1980-1981
2/20	Correspondence	1964-1969
2/21	Correspondence	1967-1968
2/22	Correspondence	1969-1970
2/23	Correspondence	1973-1975
2/24	Correspondence	1979-1980
2/25	Correspondence	1981-1982
2/26	Financial Records	1964
2/27	Financial Records	1965
2/28	Financial Records	1966
2/29	Financial Records	1967
2/30	Meetings	1969 October-November
2/31	Meetings	1969 December
2/32	Meetings	1970 January-February
2/33	Meetings	1970 February-March
2/34	Meetings	1970 March-April

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/35	Meeting	1970 March-April
2/36	Meeting Minutes, By Laws & Newspaper Clippings	1963-1965
2/37	Meeting Minutes	1969 January-May
2/38	Membership	1975-1976
2/39	Memos & News Releases	circa 1970-1975
2/40	Memos, Reports, and Agendas	1968
2/41	Newsletters	1974-1975
2/42	News Clippings	undated
2/43	Press Clippings & Releases	1969-1970
3/1	Press Releases & Letters to the Editor	1966-1970
3/2	Public Practices	1965-1968
3/3	Volunteer Items	1978
3/4	Western Washington State College Student Chapter	1964-1968
3/5	Whatcom County Library	1981
3/6	Whatcom County Library- Selection of Materials	1982
3/7	Whatcom County Library Board of Trustees Minutes	1981-1982
3/8	Whatcom County Library Board of Trustees Re: Rose Gerber	1982
3/9	Workshops, Conferences, and Press Releases	1967-1968

Series IV: Issues Files, 1970-1981

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
3/10	Abortion Rights	1981
3/11	Academic Freedom Committee	1970
3/12	Access to Law Libraries	1980
3/13	Bill of Rights Lobby	1981
3/14	Composition of Juries in Whatcom County Study	1974
3/15	Court Observation Project	1970-1974
3/16	Court Reform	1970
3/17	Crime, Delinquency & Law Enforcement (Wilson Library) Bibliography	1969
3/18	Criminal Code Reform	1980
3/19	Freedom of Information Act	undated
3/20	Gay Rights	1981
3/21	Government Spying	1978-1981
3/22	Mandatory Male Registration with the Selective Service	1979-1981
3/23	Marijuana Law Reform	1978
3/24	National Committee Against Repressive Legislation (NCARL)	1976
3/25	New Criminal Code for Bellingham WA	1970
3/26	Nixon Impeachment	1973
3/27	Police Community Project	1977-1978
3/28	Privacy	undated
3/29	Privacy Rights of Welfare Recipients	1975

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/30	Racism Concern Day	1981
3/31	Rape Inquiry	1979
3/32	Retired Senior Volunteer Program	1973
3/33	Seattle 8	1970
3/34	Separation of Church and State	1970
3/35	Separation of Church and State	1980-1981
3/36	Separation of Church and State: Christmas Programs in Public Schools	1974-1975
3/37	Sexual Harassment	1981
3/38	Student Rights	undated

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

American Civil Liberties Union of Washington--History--Sources.

Civil rights--Washington (State)--History--Sources.

Corporate Names :

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