

# Edith Dolan Riley papers, 1876-1965

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Riley, Edith Dolan
<b>Title</b>	Edith Dolan Riley papers
<b>Dates</b>	1876-1965 (inclusive) 1876 1965
<b>Quantity</b>	5.98 cubic feet (15 boxes)
<b>Collection Number</b>	0388 (Accession No. 0388-001)
<b>Summary</b>	Papers of a political activist and civic leader regarding her political career
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections</a> Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 <a href="mailto:speccoll@uw.edu">speccoll@uw.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Open to all users
<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Biographical Note

Edith Dolan Riley, a long-time activist in Democratic politics and civil organizations, was born Edith Rose Dolan in 1885. She was educated at St. Clara Academy and Rosary College in River Forest, Illinois. As a teacher in the public schools in Chicago, she first became involved in politics by lobbying for a teacher's pension bill in the state legislature. In 1913 she married Edward J. Riley, an electrical engineer. The couple lived in Brooklyn for a time before moving to Spokane, Washington. The Rileys soon rose to social prominence in Spokane and Edith became involved in Democratic politics. In 1924 she was elected Chairman of the Spokane County Democratic Committee, the first woman in the state to hold such an office. She also was active in the Spokane Women's Democratic Club, in which she served as president (1934), and helped organize the Spokane League of Women Voters in 1934. In the 1930s she was involved in the Washington State Federation of Women's Clubs as chair of its Motion Picture Committee. Her concern for motion pictures grew out of her interest in education and juvenile delinquency.

The Rileys left Spokane in 1937 and lived in Butte, Montana until the early 1940s when they moved to California. While in the Bay area, Edith Riley continued her involvement with the League of Women Voters and motion pictures. She was active in the Federation of Motion Picture Councils, the East Bay Motion Picture Council, San Francisco Motion Picture and Television Council and the Motion Picture Committee of the San Francisco Council of Catholic Women. The aims of these organizations were the promotion of "wholesome" motion pictures and the safety of theaters for children.

## Content Description

Correspondence, speeches, writings, photographs, and memorabilia from her political career and activities as chairman of the Spokane County Democratic Central Committee, an officer in the League of Women Voters, and a political associate of James Geraghty, Lewis B. Schwellenbach, and Clarence C. Dill.

## Use of the Collection

### Restrictions on Use

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Organized into 1 accession

Accession No. 388-001, Edith Dolan Riley papers, 1909-1965

### Acquisition Information

Donated by Edith D. Riley, 1963 and June 20, 1967

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series 1: Personal and Family Papers, 1876-1965

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	<b>Subseries 1: Incoming Letters</b>	<b>1909-1964</b>
Box/Folder		
1/1	Banker, E.F.	1936
1/2	Boettiger, Anna Roosevelt	1937
Box/Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/3	Christensen, George F.	1926
1/4	Church, Frank	1960
1/5	Gannon, George H.	1935
1/6	Leavy, Charles H.	1941
1/7	Magnuson, Warren G.	1941
1/8	Martin, Clarence D.	1935, 1940
1/9	Roosevelt, James	1949
1/10	Stevenson, Adlai	1956
1/11	Truman, Harry S.	1948-1963
1/12	U.S. Works Projects Administration	1935-1936
1/13	Federation of Women's Clubs, Washington	1935-1936
1/14	Wilson, William W.	1911
1/15-20	Miscellaneous A-Z, Unidentified	1909-1964
<b>Subseries 2: Outgoing Letters</b>		<b>1928-1955</b>
Box/Folder		
1/21-22	Outgoing Letters, chronological	1928-1955
<b>Subseries 3: General Correspondence</b>		<b>1926-1964</b>
Box/Folder		
1/23	Bone, Homer T.	1936-1938
1/24	Brown, Edmund G.	1960-1963
1/25	Bullitt, A. Scott	1926-1930

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/26	Dewson, Mary W.	1931-1933
1/27	Dill, Clarence	1926-1937
1/28	Geraghty, James M.	1926-1937
1/29	McGrath, D. Harold	1936-1959
1/30	Reilly, Edward J.	1936-1937
1/31	Roosevelt, Franklin Delano	1928-1941
1/32	Schwellenbach, Anne D. (Mrs. L. B.)	1964
1/33	Schwellenbach, Charles H.	1935
1/34-2/11	Schwellenbach, Lewis B.	1931-1945
2/12	Society for the Propagation of the Faith	1956-1962
2/13	Re: Senator Dill - Grand Coulee Investment	1933
<b>Subseries 4: Speeches and Writings</b>		<b>1964-1965</b>
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
2	<i>Development of Political Parties in the State of Washington Part I: 1920-1928</i>	1964
2	<i>Development of Political Parties in the State of Washington Part II: Citizen Participation in the Party Politics 1929-1934</i>	1964
3	<i>Deterioration of the Democratic Party in the State of Washington</i>	1964
3	<i>Profiles of Political Patriots</i>	1964
3/1	Audiograms	undated
3/2	Audiogram Transcriptions	undated
3/3	UW Project Drafts: Preliminary Notes	1965

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
3/4	UW Project Drafts: Interview Procedure	1965
3/5	UW Project Drafts: Project Drafts	1965
3/6	UW Project Drafts: Project Drafts	1965
3/7	UW Project Drafts: "Odds and Ends of Project Material"	1965
3/8	UW Project Drafts: "1924-25"	1965
3/9	"Rewrites to 1929"	1965
4/1	UW Project Drafts: "1930"	1965
4/2	UW Project Drafts: "Chapter III 1931"	1965
4/3	UW Project Drafts: "Chapter V 1933"	1965
4/4	UW Project Drafts: "Chapter VI 1934"	1965
4/5-8	UW Project Drafts	1965
4/9	UW Project Drafts: "Party Deterioration 1924"	1965
4/10	UW Project Drafts: "1924"	1965
4/11	UW Project Drafts: "1926"	1965
4/12	UW Project Drafts: "1927"	1965
4/13	UW Project Drafts: "1929"	1965
4/14	UW Project Drafts: "Quotes on Geraghty"	1965
4/15-25	UW Project Drafts	1965
4/26-5/13	Miscellaneous Includes notes, partial drafts, complete drafts and duplicates of various speeches and writings	undated
<b>Subseries 5: Notes</b>		<b>1943</b>

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
5/14-15	Notes	undated
5/16	Class Notes - Personnel Counseling	undated
5/17	Class Notes - Parliamentary Law	undated
5/18	Miscellaneous	1943
<b>Subseries 6: Ephemera</b>		<b>1901-1964</b>
Box/Folder		
6/1	Photographs	undated
6/2-3	Ephemera	1912-1964, undated
6/4	Pamphlets - Editorial Research Reports by Richard Boeckel	1928
6/5	Miscellaneous	1949-1964, undated
6/6	Memorabilia	1901-1963
6/7	Scrapbook - Clippings About Son Clifford Riley	1937-1941
6	Clippings	1922-1935
7	Clippings	1925
15	Scrapbook - "Democracy" column written by E. D. Riley for <i>Spokane Chronicle</i>	May-November 1928
7/1	Clippings - Personal/Biographical	1913-1937, 1953-1957, undated
7/2	Clipping - "Democracy" column written by E.D. Riley for <i>The Spokane Chronicles</i>	1928

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7/3-8/2	Miscellaneous	1898-1960s, undated
<b>Subseries 7: Subject Series</b>		<b>1923-1965</b>
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
8/3	American Education and the Causes of Juvenile Delinquency - Outgoing Letters	1955-1965
8/4	American Education and the Causes of Juvenile Delinquency - General Correspondence	1961
8/5-10	American Education and the Causes of Juvenile Delinquency - Writings	1960-1965
8/11	American Education and the Causes of Juvenile Delinquency - Writings of Others	1960
8/12-14	American Education and the Causes of Juvenile Delinquency - Notebooks	1961-1965
9/1	American Education and the Causes of Juvenile Delinquency - Notes	1965, undated
9/2	American Education and the Causes of Juvenile Delinquency - Charts and Graphs	undated
9/3	American Education and the Causes of Juvenile Delinquency - Clippings	undated
9/4-7	Testimony Before Federal Communications Commission	1964
9/8	Home Education Project (H.E.P.)	1966
9/9	Educational TV	undated
9/10	Russian Education	undated
9/11	Observers' Club	1923-1939
9/12	Sinsinawa Dominican Federation	1955

Container(s)	Description	Dates
9/13	War Work: American Women's Voluntary Service, San Francisco Unit	1945
<b>Subseries 8: Family Papers</b>		<b>1876-1953</b>
Box/Folder		
9/14	General Correspondence	1876-1953

## Series 2: Democratic Party, 1923-1963

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
10/1-9	General Correspondence	1923-1963
10/10	Ephemera	undated
10/11	Proxies - State Democratic Convention, Centralia	1930
10/12	Grange Power Bill (Bone) Misc.	1930
10/13-15	Miscellaneous	undated
10/16-18	Clippings	undated
10/19	East Lake Democratic Club (Alameda County, CA)	1962-1963
10/20	Spokane County Democratic Central Committee	1928-1930

## Series 3: League of Women Voters, 1922-1963

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Subseries 1: League of Women Voters, San Francisco</b>		<b>1946-1963</b>
Box/Folder		
11/1	Organizational Features	undated



Container(s)	Description	Dates
11/2	Incoming Letters	1947-1952, undated
11/3	Outgoing Letters	1949-1951, 1954, undated
11/4	Minutes/Agenda	1948-1963
11/5	Speeches and Writings	1947, 1949, undated
11/6	Informational Materials	1949-1950, undated
11/7	Conferences and Conventions: League of Women Voters, California, 28th Annual Convention	May 1949
11/8	Newsletters	1949-1950
11/9	Newsletters - Other California League of Women Voters Newsletters	1949-1952, 1960
11/10	Ephemera	1946-1950, undated
11/11	Publications	1948, 1963, undated
11/12	Notes	undated
11/13-16	Clippings	undated
11/17	Subject Series: Election Reform and Assembly Reapportionment	1961
11/18	Subject Series: Neighborhood Meetings	1949
11/19	Subject Series: Teas for TV	1955
	<b>Subseries 2: League of Women Voters, San Francisco, Citizen Participation in Government Committee</b>	<b>1947-1950</b>

Box/Folder

Container(s)	Description	Dates
12/1	Organization	1949
12/2	Annual Report	1949-1950
12/3	Reports	1949
12/4	Writings	undated
12/5	Informational Materials	1947-1950
12/6	Workshops	1949
12/7	Notes	undated
12/8	Clippings	undated
12/9	Subject Series: Study of Primary Laws	undated
	<b>Subseries 3: League of Women Voters, Oakland, CA, State Item Committee</b>	<b>1952-1953</b>
Box/Folder		
12/14	League of Women Voters, Oakland, CA, State Item Committee	1952-1953
	<b>Subseries 4: League of Women Voters, Spokane</b>	<b>1922-1937</b>
Box/Folder		
12/15	General Correspondence	1922-1937
12/16	Miscellany	1937, undated
12/17	Publication	1923
12/18	Clippings	1922, 1933, undated
12/19	Subject Series: Organizing a Society	1936
12/20	Subject Series: Women's Democratic Club	1936-1937

## Series 4: Women's Magazine of the Air, 1949-1950

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
12/10	General Correspondence	1949-1950, undated
12/11	Program Planning Materials	1949
12/12-13	Scripts	1949

## Series 5: East Bay United Nations Council, 1943-1953

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
12/21	Miscellany	1945, 1953
12/22	Publications	1943, 1953
12/23	Workshop Committee - E.D. Riley Chair	1953

## Series 6: Motion Picture Councils, 1939-1962

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Subseries 1: Federation of Motion Picture Councils</b>		<b>1930-1960</b>
Box/Folder		
13/1	Organization	1955
13/2	Incoming Letters	1939-1959, undated
13/3	Outgoing Letters	1947, 1956-1960, undated
13/4	General Correspondence	1957-1959

Container(s)	Description	Dates
13/5	Conferences and Conventions - Annual Conference	May 4, 1960
13/6-9	Conferences and Conventions - Regional Conference: Federated Motion Picture Councils of the Bay Area	October 16, 1958
13/10	Conferences and Conventions - Annual Conference Programs	1955-1960
13/11	Speeches and Writings	1957-1960, undated
13/12	Reports	1955, 1959
13/13	Legislation	1960
13/14	Ephemera	undated
13/15-16	Clippings	1950-1960
13/17	Subject Series: Northern California Motion Picture Workshop	undated
13/18	Subject Series: Reference Material Saved from Earlier Years	1930s
13/19	Subject Series: Ronald Reagan Visit	October 1957
	<b>Subseries 2: East Bay Motion Picture and Television Council</b>	<b>1956</b>
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
14/1	East Bay Motion Picture and Television Council	1956
	<b>Subseries 3: San Francisco Motion Picture and Television Council</b>	<b>1956-1962</b>
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
14/2	Incoming Letters	1956-1958
14/3	Outgoing Letters	1956, 1960
14/4	Scrapbook	1960-1962

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	<b>Subseries 4: National Council of Catholic Women, San Francisco County Council, Motion Picture Committee</b>	<b>1947-1959</b>
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
14/5-6	General Correspondence	1947-1951
14/7-8	Reports	1946-1947
14/9	Ratings Reports: Legion of Decency Ratings for Irving and Sunset Theaters	1946-1947
14/10	Speeches and Writings	1947-1948, undated
14/11	Lists	1947
14/12	Notes	1947
14/13	Clippings	1959

## Names and Subjects

### Personal Names :

Riley, Edith Dolan--Archives

### Other Creators :

#### Personal Names :

Bone, Homer Truett, 1883-1970

(creator)

Dewson, Molly, 1874-1962

(creator)

Dill, Clarence C. (Clarence Cleveland), 1884-1978

(creator)

Geraghty, James M., 1870-1940

(creator)

McGrath, D. Harold

(creator)

Reilly, Edward J

(creator)

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945

(creator)

Schwellenbach, Anne D

(creator)

Schwellenbach, Charles H

(creator)  
Schwellenbach, Lewis B. (Lewis Baxter), 1894-1948

(creator)

**Corporate Names :**

Democratic Party. East Lake Democratic Club (Alameda County, Calif.)

(creator)

East Bay Motion Picture and Television Council

(creator)

East Bay United Nations Council

(creator)

Federation of Motion Picture Councils

(creator)

KNBC (Radio station : San Francisco, Calif.). Woman's Magazine of the Air

(creator)

League of Women Voters of Oakland. State Item Committee

(creator)

League of Women Voters of San Francisco

(creator)

League of Women Voters of Spokane

(creator)

National Council of Catholic Women. San Francisco County Council. Motion Picture Committee

(creator)

San Francisco Motion Picture and Television Council

(creator)

Society for the Propagation of the Faith

(creator)

United States. Work Projects Administration

(creator)

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