

# Maggie Smith Hathaway Collection, 1893-1954

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Hathaway, Maggie Smith, 1867-1955
<b>Title</b>	Maggie Smith Hathaway Collection
<b>Dates</b>	1893-1954 (inclusive) 1893 1954
<b>Quantity</b>	1.0 linear foot
<b>Collection Number</b>	Mss 224 (collection)
<b>Summary</b>	Maggie Smith Hathaway was one of the first two women to serve in the Montana legislature and worked in education and child welfare in Montana. The collection contains scrapbooks and the manuscript for a book, <i>Maggie and Montana</i> , written by Harold Tascher.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections</a> Archives and Special Collections Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library University of Montana 32 Campus Dr. #9936 59812-9936 Missoula, MT Telephone: 406-243-2053 Fax: 406-243-4067 <a href="mailto:library.archives@umontana.edu">library.archives@umontana.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of Archives and Special Collections, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and The University of Montana--Missoula.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Biographical Note

Maggie Smith was born in 1867 in Ottawa, Ohio, the daughter of a Methodist Episcopal minister. She arrived in Stevensville, Montana, in 1893. She became a teacher when she was fifteen and taught in Ohio. Later, she was principal and county superintendent of schools in Helena. The Epworth League, established in 1889 in Cleveland, Ohio, was formed as a junior league to extend the effectiveness of Methodism; Smith became a member of the Montana League in 1894. The following year, she became the state president, and worked to make the organization more effectively carry its message of Methodism statewide. She was also active in the Women's Christian Temperance Union. In 1911, she married Benjamin Tappan Hathaway, a deputy superintendent of the State Department of Public Instruction. He died when they had only been married six months.

That same year, she became interested in politics. She actively lobbied for women's suffrage and served as one of the first two women in the Montana legislature, 1917-1921. Some of her legislation concerned alcohol and tobacco controls in the state. In 1920, the Democratic caucus elected her the

minority floor leader, making her the first woman in American history to receive this distinction. She ran unsuccessfully for the office of Representative to the U. S. Congress from Montana in 1922. In 1925, she was appointed secretary of the Bureau of Child Protection in Montana, and served in that post for three years. Here, she worked to advance the welfare of women and children in the state. In 1936, she was appointed director of Child Welfare Services of the Montana Relief Commission. In this post, she traveled to Washington, DC, to lobby for women and children. She left that position in 1937 and became a freelance worker. In 1940 she became Informational Representative of the State Department of Public Welfare, and became secretary of the Montana Temperance Commission in 1941. In 1953, the Montana Conference of Social Welfare honored Hathaway at its annual banquet.

## Content Description

The collection contains scrapbook and manuscript materials collected by Hathaway and used by Harold Tascher in writing his book *Maggie and Montana*, which was published in 1954.

## Use of the Collection

### Restrictions on Use

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### Preferred Citation

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

The collection is divided into three series:

Series I: Scrapbooks, 0.75 linear feet, 1893-1932

Series II: *Maggie and Montana* manuscript, 0.25 linear feet, 1920, 1954

Series III: Clippings, 1 folder, 1917-1951

### Custodial History

The collection was acquired by Harold Tascher as part of his work on Hathaway. This was originally a segment of his papers.

### Acquisition Information

Gift of Harold Tascher, 1972.

### Processing Note

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<http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv62588>

The actions of the original processors are unknown. In November 1997, the collection was substantially rearranged and more thoroughly described.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Scrapbooks , 1893-1932

0.75 linear feet

This series contains twelve scrapbooks that focus on Hathaway's legislative activities, child welfare work, the Epworth League, and women's suffrage. The books contain photographs, newspaper clippings, typescript transcriptions of newspaper stories, typescript copies of Hathaway's addresses and speeches, and various awards and accolades given her.

The series is arranged approximately chronologically.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Box-volume</b>		
1/1	Epworth League scrapbook	1893-1897
1/2	Fourth International Convention, Epworth League	1899
1/3	Lobbyist	1907, 1915, 1923, 1925, and substitute, 1947
1/4	Trips east	1913-1914, 1917-1918
1/5	Women's suffrage	1914
2/1	Montana Legislature	1917
2/2	Montana Legislature	1917
2/3	Montana Legislature, special session	1918
2/4	Montana Legislature, regular and extraordinary session	1921
3/1	Bureau of child protection	[ca. 1925-1937]
3/2	Bureau of child protection	[ca. 1925-1937]
3/3	Bulletins and annual report, Bureau of Child Protection	1924, 1929, 1931-1932

## Series II: *Maggie and Montana* manuscript , 1920, 1954

0.25 linear feet

This series consists of the handwritten and typescript manuscript for Tascher's book. The typescript copy bears annotations that seem to be in Hathaway's hand. There is also one copy of the book in published form.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
4/1	Set 1	undated
4/2	Set 2	undated
4/3	Chapters 5 and 9; National Democratic Convention	1920
4/4	<i>Maggie and Montana</i> , published form	1954

## Series III: Clippings , 1917-1951

1 folder

This series consists of newspaper and magazine clippings from Montana and national newspapers about Hathaway and a few publications about liquor and tobacco. Many of the newspaper clippings are annotated in her hand.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
4/5		1917-1951

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Alcohol--Law and legislation--Montana  
Child welfare--Montana  
Children--Government policy--Montana  
Methodist women--Montana  
Temperance--Montana  
Tobacco--Law and legislation--Montana  
Women in church work--Methodist Church  
Women in church work--Montana  
Women in politics--Montana  
Women legislators--Montana

Women--Suffrage--Montana

**Personal Names :**

Hathaway, Maggie Smith, 1867-1955

**Corporate Names :**

Epworth League (U.S.)

Montana Relief Commission

Montana Temperance Commission

Montana. Bureau of Child Protection

Montana. Legislative Assembly

Woman's Christian Temperance Union

**Geographical Names :**

Montana--Politics and government--20th century

Montana--Religious life and customs--20th century

**Form or Genre Terms :**

Scrapbooks--Montana

**Other Creators :**

**Personal Names :**

Tascher, Harold, 1900-1989. Maggie and Montana

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