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**REGISTER
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NANCY MURRAY MANN PAPERS, 1914 - 1985**

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Location: Special Collections Department, Morrow Library, Room 217

Corporate Name: Huntington League of the Association of Junior Leagues International

Date: 1914-1985, bulk of content 1916-37

Extent: .25 cubic feet

System of Arrangement: The records are exchanged in two series: 1. Nancy Murray Mann Papers; 2. Items donated by Ben Riley

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Explanatory notes:

Bx refers to "box" in which papers are filled.

Fd refers to "folder."

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE COLLECTION

The Nancy Murray Mann papers consist of correspondences, speeches in various paper formats, newspaper clippings, government publications, photographs, copies of Mann's passport, land deeds, and research notes from Ben Riley, a Marshall University graduate student from 1983-1985. The focus of the collection primarily covers Mann's political and social activities, particularly her political involvement during the 1928 presidential campaign for Herbert Hoover and her subsequent work during his administration. Several of her letters are addressed to President Hoover; however almost of the responses come from his secretary Lawrence Richey. The inclusive dates range from 1914 - 1985, however most materials consist of documents created during the 1920s and 1930s. All the materials, except the photographs in Folder 16 consist of photoreproductions.

The material in Series II were collected and donated by Ben Riley. Folder 11 contains materials from the Herbert Hoover Library in West Branch Iowa. Other materials were produced or collected by Riley and Whear [?].

Processing of this collection began with Cora Teel, university archivist emireta, in the 1980s. The organization and collection content list were organized by Teel. A copy of her content list can found within the collection's box. The collection list that follows was adapted from Teel's content list. Keith Brown created all other parts of the finding aid.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF NANCY MURRAY MANN

Nancy Murray Mann was one of Huntington's most prominent Progressives between World War I and World War II. She was a leading advocate for women's suffrage during World War I, Prohibition throughout the 1920s and 1930s, and a peace advocate during the early years of the Depression. She was a member of the Democratic National Committee in 1924 and 1928, but switched party alliances during the 1928 campaign, supporting the election of Herbert Hoover. Mann campaigned throughout West Virginia and the United States, giving speeches to Republican women's groups. She remained a Hoover supporter throughout his presidency and received an appointment on the board of advisors for the Federal Industrial Institution for Women in Alderson West Virginia in 1930. She was the founder and first president of the Huntington chapter of the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association), on the board of governors of Greenbrier College for Women in Lewisburg, West Virginia, and she was an active member of the Women's Club of Huntington and the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

A lifelong resident of West Virginia, Mann was born in Bridgeport, WV on August 21, 1868 and died at Huntington Hospital in August of 1962. Nancy was the wife of Frank Mann, a businessman who owned two separate lumber companies specializing in wood trim. After Mann's first business in Alderson, West Virginia burned down, the Mann's moved to Huntington in 1910 and Frank reestablished his business in Huntington as the Huntington Sash Door & Trim Company. Frank died of disease in 1936 at age 75. The Mann's had two children: Nancy Karanaugh [?] Johnson (foster child) and Ellsworth Forsythe Mann, both deceased. The Mann's resided at 1621 Fifth Ave., Huntington, WV.

Series I. Nancy Murray Mann Papers	Fd. 1-10
Fd. 1 Correspondence, 1924-1944	12 items
Fd. 2 Speeches (typescript), 1924-1938; undated	18 items
Fd. 3 Speeches (holograph), 1914; undated	03 items
Fd. 4 Speeches – notices, undated	02 items
Fd. 5 Program, Lincoln Club, Portland, Maine, 1932	01 item
Fd. 6 Fragment of speech, undated	01 items
Fd. 7 Articles, newspaper clippings, 1916-1962; undated	34 items
Fd. 8 Certificate of appointment, 1929	02 items
Fd. 9 Passport, photographs; miscellanea, 1936-1937; undated	06 items
Fd. 10 Federal Industrial Institution for Women, Alderson, WV, 1930; undated	02 items
Series II. Materials Donated by Ben Riley	Fd. 11-16
Fd. 11 Material from Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, 1928-1936	14 items
Fd. 12 Interview sheet with Mary Sheppe Mann, undated	01 item
Fd. 13 Legal documents, 1929; 1934	04 items
Fd. 14 Research notes from Riley and Whear	02 items
Fd. 15 Newspaper clippings, 1916-1931	17 items
Fd. 16 Photographs, Mann home in St. Petersburg, 1985	04 items