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Summary:

Title: West Virginia International Women’s Year Coordinating Committee Records  
Span Dates: 1975-1977  
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Access to Collection: Open  
Extent: 1.25 feet  
Donor: Betsy McCreight

Search Terms:

International Women’s Year  
West Virginia International Women’s Year Coordinating Committee

Biographical Notes:

The year 1975 was designated as the first International Women’s Year (IWY) by the United Nations. Later extended to a decade, President Carter created a National Commission on the Observance of International Women’s Year featuring state level meetings that culminated in a national women’s conference in Houston, Texas that was funded by the U.S. Congress. State meetings were held throughout West Virginia and other states in 1977 to elect delegates to the national conference and to identify goals for improving the status of women over the next decade. Results of the meetings differed widely from state to state, as did their receptions. Despite initial hopes that these women’s conferences would become annual events, without funding such meetings have not been held on this nationwide scale since 1977.

Betsy McCreight, the donor of this collection, served as Treasurer for the WV IWY activities. She lived in Huntington, West Virginia.

Information taken from UMass Amherst’s International Women’s Year Conference collection: http://scua.library.umass.edu/umarmot/international-womens-year-conference/

Scope and Content:

Given the collection’s small size, the decision was made to keep the collection’s original order as found and not divide into series. Broader thematic content of the collection includes state level financial and treasurer’s papers organizing the conference as well as financial documents submitted to receive reimbursement from the IWY grant funds appropriated by Congress. Additional state materials include correspondence to and from the Treasurer for WV IWY, Betsy McCreight, publicity materials and brochures, reports,
and financial material related to delegates attending the national conference.

Box 3 includes materials for the national IWY Conference, including manuals, publicity materials, and publications.

**Processing Notes:**

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Box 3

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