

**Women's International League for
Peace and Freedom Records,
1968-1994**

Creator: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

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Administration Information

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Provenance: Rose Wheeler sent WILPF materials to the Women and Leadership Archives, date unknown. WLA2011.45

Separations: Less than .15 duplicates were removed.

Administrative History

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom was founded in 1915 by a group of women from 12 different countries who met at The Hague in The Netherlands during World War I and made a series of proposals for ending the war and for a just peace. Jane Addams was a leading figure in the founding of WILPF, and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931 for her work in the League. WILPF worked for true global security and permanent peace through meeting human needs.

WILPF's world headquarters are located in Geneva, Switzerland. WILPF is divided into 37 sections (in 37 countries). Each section is divided into numbered regions and local branches. WILPF has promoted global cooperation and women's equality and empowerment since its founding. In the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s WILPF also focused on several prevailing political issues, including nuclear disarmament, Cold War and post-Cold War international relations, reduction of Defense spending and funding of domestic human-needs programs, peace in the Middle East, and racism. WILPF engineered letter-writing and calling campaigns, met with members of Congress and held local marches, lectures and other events to raise awareness and attain political change.

The Chicago Branch that created the materials in this collection ceased operations in 1995.

Scope and Content

The Administrative Records in this collection belonged to Rose Wheeler, who was a board member of the Chicago branch of WILPF. Many of the documents are directly related to the Chicago branch, including newsletters, mailings from Ruth Shirman, the chairperson, board meeting minutes, board correspondence, ballots for organizational elections, newspaper clippings related to branch members and fliers for events held by the branch. The collection also includes some national WILPF material including newsletters, promotional materials, Principles and Policies and material related to the political agenda of the WILPF United States Section. The collection contains issues of WILPF's magazine, *Peace and Freedom* (sometimes referred to as *Pax et Libertas*) that span from

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1975-1994. There are a number of newspaper clippings that Rose had collected that are related to women's activism as well as woman artists and women recognized for career excellence. There is also limited promotional materials from other women's organizations. This collection is arranged alphabetically.

Series 1: Administrative, 1968-1994, n.d., Box 1

Contains materials relating to the WILPF (including International, United States section and Chicago branch). Materials include newsletters, mailings, meeting minutes, Principles and Policies, promotional materials, programs and events, newspaper clippings and political activism papers. Also present are newspaper clippings and promotional materials for other women's groups.

Series 2: Oversized, 1981, Box 2

Contains a companion publication for Judy Chicago's *The Dinner Party* art installation. The booklet includes information about the conception, creation and intent of *The Dinner Party*, as well as descriptions of components of the installation and a map of the gallery.

Subjects:

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. U.S. Section

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Chicago Branch

Women and peace--Illinois--Chicago--History--20th century.

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Series 1: Administrative, 1968-1994, n.d.			
1	1	Annual Reports	1988
	2	Ballots	1975, 1991
	3	Board Correspondence	1990, n.d.
	4	Board Meeting Minutes	1989-1992
	5	Conferences	n.d.
	6	Member Correspondence: Chicago Branch	1984, 1990-1991
	7	Member Correspondence: International Headquarters	1989-1992
	8	Member Correspondence: United States Section	1989-1994
	9	Newsletters: Chicago Branch	1975-1994
	10	Newspaper Clippings: Members	1988-1991
	11	Newspaper Clippings: Related Topics	1975-1993
	12	Political Activism: Arms Control/ Defense Budget	1988-1990
	13	Political Activism: Middle East Crisis	1990, 1993
	14	Political Activism: Nuclear Disarmament	1982-1991
	15	Political Activism: Women's Peace and Justice Treaty of the Americas	1992
	16	Political Activism: The Women's Budget	n.d.
	17	Principles and Policies	1956-1958, 1973, 1985
	18	Programs and Events: Chicago Branch	1990-1993
	19	Promotional Materials	1979-1994
	20	Promotional Materials: Related Groups	1968-1992
	21	Publications: <i>Peace and Freedom Magazine</i>	1975-1978
	21	Publications: <i>Peace and Freedom Magazine</i>	1981-1989
	22	Publications: <i>Peace and Freedom Magazine</i>	1990-1994
	23	WILPF Program	1988-1989
Series 2: Oversized, 1981			
2		Judy Chicago: <i>The Dinner Party</i>	1981