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Summary Information

Repository:	Historical Society of Pennsylvania
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Scope and Contents

Cynthia J. Little, Ph.D, has been involved with public history and civic life in Philadelphia since the early 1970s. In the 1970s, she founded Feminist Tours of Philadelphia with classmate Barbara Klaczyńska. She was also a field organizer in Chicago for the National Abortion Rights League (NARAL). In 1980, Little was a founder of what became National Women's History Month. In Philadelphia, she has served on several boards, including Women's Way, New Century Trust, Muse Foundation for Women in the Arts, Museum Council of Philadelphia and Delaware Valley, and the Pennsylvania Abolition Society. Her work life has included positions at the Philadelphia Area Cultural Consortium, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and the Philadelphia History Museum. Moreover, she has consulted on numerous public history projects and served on multiple history advisory committees locally and nationally.

This collection consists of papers and material that Little created and collected over the course of her work with a myriad of local and national cultural and women's organizations. Women's rights, history, and health care are prevalent topics throughout. Documents pertain to the Mayor's Commission for Women, Commission on the Status of Women, Illinois Women's History Week, Women's History Institute of Sarah Lawrence College, National Collaborative for

Women's History Sites. Little's professional papers include her writings and articles, calendars, some correspondence, ephemera, and papers related to the New Century Guild/New Century Trust and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Tour scripts and research notes are also present. Of note, is Little's collection of radical feminist literature which date mostly from the 1970s and 1980s and include periodicals, papers, and articles. There are two boxes of photographs documenting Little's professional life, including her time at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

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Three-ring binders were disassembled, and the documents were housed in archival folders and boxes.

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Related Materials

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Philadelphia Area Cultural Consortium records (Collection 3342)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Philadelphia (Pa.) -- Tourism -- 20th century
- Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation
- Public history
- Women's rights -- United States -- History -- 20th century
- Women's History
- Women's History -- Pennsylvania -- 20th century
- Feminism -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia

Collection Inventory

Women's history, organizations, and projects, 1965-2022, undated		
Title/Description	Instances	
Planned Parenthood, 1965, undated	box 1	folder 1
Programs, newsletters, and literature, 1970-2004, undated	oversize Flat file 1	
Philadelphia Women's Political Caucus, 1973, undated	box 1	folder 2
Bicentennial Women's Center, 1976	box 1	folder 3
Women's history posters and calendars, 1976-1991, undated	oversize Flat file 2	
Women's history celebrations and conferences - Illinois, 1979-1980	box 1	folder 4
National Women's History Week, 1980-1981	box 1	folder 5
Mayor's Commission for Women, 1981-1991, undated	box 1	folder 6
"In Celebration of Women," Women's History Week Project, Lansdale American Association of University Women, 1981	box 1	folder 7

Women's Way - The Unfinished Agenda file, part 1, 1981-1987	box 1	folder 8-9
Women's Way, 1987-2019	box 2	folder 1-2
"A Change of Pace: Accelerating Women's Progress," Women's Way, 2003	box 2	folder 3
Philadelphia Coalition on Domestic Violence, 1987-1988, undated	box 2	folder 4
Black History Month - Poster copies and calendar, February 1988	oversize Flat file 3	
Abortion rights, 1989-1990, undated	box 2	folder 5
National Collaborative for Women's History Sites, 2000-2004	box 2	folder 6-7
Pennsylvania Commission for Women, 2004-2005, undated	box 2	folder 8
Women's History Month, 2005	box 2	folder 9
<i>History of the Women in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives 1923-2005</i> , by Jeanne H. Schmedlen, 2005	volume 1	
Curating Game Changers exhibit notes, 2018	box 2	folder 10
Miscellaneous programs and newsletters, 1970-1989, undated	box 2	folder 11
Miscellaneous programs and newsletters, 1976-2022, undated	box 3	folder 1

New Century Guild/New Century Trust, 1968-2012, undated

Title/Description	Instances	
New Century Guild/New Century Trust - History, 1968-2006, undated	box 3	folder 2-3
<i>The New Century Journal</i> - Copies of articles, 1931-1938, undated	box 3	folder 4
<i>Annals of the New Century Club, 1877-1935</i> [photocopies], undated	box 3	folder 5
New Century Trust - Grants Committee, 1998-2009	box 3	folder 6
New Century Trust binder, 2000-2008	box 3	folder 7-8
New Century Trust - Board of Directors Manual, part 1, 2004-2007	box 3	folder 9
New Century Trust - Board of Directors Manual, part 2, 2004-2007	box 4	folder 1
New Century Trust - Minutes, agendas, reports, and correspondence, 2004	box 4	folder 2

New Century Trust - Meetings, financial statements, and bylaws, 2004-2009	box 4	folder 3
New Century Guild/New Century Trust - Miscellaneous documents, 2005-2007	box 4	folder 4
New Century Trust - Planning and meetings, 2007-2008	box 4	folder 5
New Century Trust - Board of Directors, meetings, and bylaws, 2008-2009	box 4	folder 6
New Century Trust - Meetings, committees, bylaws, and correspondence, 2011-2012	box 4	folder 7
New Century Trust - Miscellaneous papers	box 4	folder 8

Tours, 1984-2016, undated

Title/Description	Instances	
Tours and tour scripts, 1984-2004	box 4	folder 9
<i>Women in the City of Brotherly Love... And Beyond: Tours and Detours in Delaware Valley Women's History</i> , by Gayle Brandow Samuels with Lucienne Beard and Valencia Libby, 1994, 1996	box 5	folder 1
Tour scripts and notes, 2002-2004, undated	box 5	folder 2-3
Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation, 2002	box 5	folder 4
Power couples notes, 2011-2016	box 5	folder 5
Feminist tour binder, undated	box 5	folder 6
Research binder, undated	box 5	folder 7
Tour maps, undated	oversize Flat file 4	

Radical feminist literature and reference material, 1969-1980, undated

Title/Description	Instances	
"Uncertain, Coy, and Hard to Please," by Isaac Asimov, undated	box 6	folder 1
"The Political Economy of Women's Liberation," by Margaret Benston, 1969	box 6	folder 2
<i>Everywoman</i> , volume 1, number 1, issue number 5, 31 July 1970	oversize Flat file 5	
<i>Off Our Backs: A Women's Liberation Bi-Weekly</i> , volume 1, number 15, 31 December 1970	oversize Flat file 5	
<i>Awake and Move</i> , volume 1, number 1, January-February 1971	oversize Flat file 5	
Radical literature from the New England Free Press, April 1971	oversize Flat file 6	

<i>Catalyst: Chicago Womyn's Paper</i> , volume 1, number 2, February 1980	oversize Flat file 7	
<i>I'm Not for Women's Lib... But</i> , cartoons by bulbul, 1973	box 6	folder 3
"Sex Roles and Female Oppression," by Dana Densmoore, undated	box 6	folder 4
"Female Liberation as the Basis for Social Revolution," by Roxanne Dunbar, undated	box 6	folder 5
"The Early Development of the Family," Friedrich Engels, undated	box 6	folder 6
"Sisters Unite," by Patience Merriman Fahey et al., feminist organization newsletter, circa 1978	box 6	folder 7
"Families," by Linda Gordon, 1970	box 6	folder 8
"Liberation of Women: Sexual Repression and the Family," by Laurel Limpus, undated	box 6	folder 9
<i>Black Women's Liberation</i> , by Maxine Williams and Pamela Newman, 1970	box 6	folder 10
"The Grand Coolie Damn," by Marge Piercy, undated	box 6	folder 11
"The Myth of Women's Inferiority," by Evelyn Reed, undated	box 6	folder 12
"Jumping the Track," by Alice de Rivera, undated	box 6	folder 13
"Woman and Her Mind: The Story of Daily Life," by Meredith Tax, undated	box 6	folder 14
<i>Separated and Unequal: Discrimination Against Women Workers After World War II (the U. A. W. 1944-54)</i> , by the Women's Work Project, undated	box 6	folder 15
<i>Women in Health</i> , by the Women's Work Project, undated	box 6	folder 16
"Women Workers: Some Basic Statistics," by Lisa Vogel, undated	box 6	folder 17
<i>The Dialectics of Sexism: No More Fun and Games: A Journal of Female Liberation</i> , issue 3, November 1969	box 6	folder 18
"I am Furious (Female)", undated	box 6	folder 19
National Organization for Women brochure, undated	box 6	folder 20
<i>The New Right vs. Women's Rights</i> , Women Organized for Reproductive Choice, 1980	box 6	folder 21
"On the Oppression of Working Women," a collection of articles, undated	box 6	folder 22
<i>We Choose Personhood: The Female State</i> , issue 4, April 1970	box 6	folder 23
Reference material, undated	box 5	folder 8

Personal and miscellaneous professional papers, 1970-2023, undated

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Bucks County Community College, 1970	box 5	folder 9
College paper - "Sisters Unite!: An Analysis of the New Century for Women: 1876," by Cindy Little, fall 1972	box 5	folder 10
Appointment calendar - The Liberated Woman's Appointment calendar, 1975	box 5	folder 11
Appointment calendar - Peace Calendar, 1976	box 7	folder 1
"Women's Participation in the Non-Domestic Sphere: The Society of Beneficence of Buenos Aires, 1823-1900, by Cynthia J. Little, undated	box 7	folder 2
Sarah Lawrence College - Summer Institute in Women's History, 1979	box 7	folder 3
Sarah Lawrence College Women's History Reunion, 2004	box 7	folder 4
Sarah Lawrence College donation, 2023	box 7	folder 5
Philadelphia Area Cultural Collaborative, 1980-1982, undated	box 7	folder 6
Certificates and awards, 1983-1996	box 7	folder 7
Program - An Affirmation of the Role of Women in the Church, 1987	box 7	folder 8
Notes for talks and radio shows file, 1988-1996, undated	box 7	folder 9
Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1984-1999, undated	box 7	folder 10
CD - Historical Society of Pennsylvania	box 7	folder 11
Articles by and about Cindy Little, 1981-2015, undated	box 7	folder 12
Miscellaneous papers, 1986-1987, undated	box 7	folder 13
Photographs, 1972-2001, undated	box 8 box 9	
Clippings, 1972-2013	box 7	folder 14
Newspaper clippings, 1972-2013	oversize Flat file 8	
Clippings, 1992	oversize Flat file 9	
<i>The Philadelphia New Observer</i> , 25 November 1987	oversize Flat file 10	
Slides, 2005, undated	box 6	folder 24
Negatives, undated	box 6	folder 25

VHS tape: Girl Scouts of Greater Philadelphia 75th
Anniversary Video Scrapbook, undated

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