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Ellis Meredith Collection, 1930-1948: Finding Aid

Summary Information

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Abstract:	Consists of correspondence and manuscripts related to the anthology <i>Democracy at the Crossroads</i> (1932), arranged by Ellis Meredith, a suffragist and journalist from Colorado.

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Biography of Ellis Meredith

Ellis Meredith was a suffragist and journalist from Colorado. She enlisted the help of the national suffragist movement in the successful Colorado campaign to get women the vote. Her works include *What Difference Does it Make to the Women* (1904) and *Heart of My Heart* (1904).

Description

The collection consists of correspondence and manuscripts related to the anthology *Democracy at the Crossroads*, arranged by Ellis Meredith. The purpose of the book was to restate some of the fundamental principles of the Democratic Party and to recall some of its achievements under the leadership of Woodrow Wilson. It was published in New York under the auspices of the Woman's National Democratic Club of Washington, D. C., by Brewer, Warren & Putnam in 1932. Correspondents include the contributing authors of the book, such as Claude G. Bowers, Edward P. Costigan, Mabel Costigan (Mrs. Edward Costigan, who was president of the Women Citizens League of Colorado), John W. Davis, John H. Latane#, George Palmer Putnam (of Brewer, Warren & Putnam, Inc.), Carl Vrooman, Thomas J. Walsh, Robert F. Wagner, and Brand Whitlock. There is also an autograph note signed by Meredith to Caroline Reilly.

The manuscripts include typewritten biographies of the above contributors; a typescript (30 pp.) of Brand Whitlock's essay "Gentlemen Cry Peace, Peace," with holograph corrections; and Newton D. Baker's essay (33 pp.) "Democracy at War," also containing holograph corrections. Both essays were published in *Democracy at the Crossroads*. Also included are the dust jacket for the book and an envelope from the Women's Division of the Democratic National Committee addressed to Meredith, postmarked 15 September 1948.

Arrangement

Folders are arranged by subject.

Access and Use

Access

Collection is open for research use.

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Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition

Gift of The Library of Congress's Manuscripts Division on May 28, 1951.

Processing and Other Information

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Processing Information

This collection was processed by Dina Britain on August 15, 2007. Finding aid written by Traci Ballou-Broadnax on August 15, 2007.

Encoding

Machine-readable finding aid encoded in EAD 2002 by Traci Ballou-Broadnax on August 16, 2007.

Descriptive Rules Used

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Subject Headings

These materials have been indexed in the [Princeton University Library online catalog](#) using the following terms. Those seeking related materials should search under these terms.

- Democratic Party (U.S.) -- History -- 20th century.
- Women Citizens League of Colorado.
- Woman's National Democratic Club (U.S.)
- Democracy at the Crossroads.
- Democracy -- United States -- History -- 20th century.
- Suffrage -- United States -- History -- 20th century.
- Voting -- United States -- History -- 20th century.
- Correspondence -- 20th century.

- Manuscripts, American -- 20th century.
- Library of Congress. Manuscript Division, former owner.
- American politics and government