



The NFDW History Committee has met since 1996 with the goal of collecting the NFDW papers and finding a permanent storage site for these papers. In 2011, the History Committee asked the Library of Congress to consider accepting the NFDW Collection. Quickly it agreed to accept the Collection for permanent storage because it would complement other women's collections that it had and would be useful to researchers into the future. Since 2011, the History Committee has been collecting and organizing the NFDW papers. On November 16, 2015 the History Committee, along with President Joanne Sullivan, 6 former presidents, and other NFDW members, presented the NFDW Collection to the Library of Congress. Within the Collection was a detailed inventory of what the NFDW Collection contains and a description of each series in the Collection. The inventory and the description can be found below. They are in the NFDW website so that members will know what is in the Collection.

While the Collection that was presented to the Library of Congress is a good representation of the NFDW from its founding to the present day, it is not complete. Collecting and organizing papers will continue and will be submitted to the Library of Congress every two years, at the end of each administration. In addition, the History Committee will be working to locate other papers that are not in the collection when it was submitted to the Library of Congress. We are asking each member for help in making the NFDW Collection as complete as it can be, by searching for material that is not listed in the inventory and fits the description of what is there.

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