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(Women) Alva Belmont, Edith Houghton Hooker (and Others)

[Magazine]: Equal Rights. Independent Feminist Weekly (1928-1939)

(Baltimore: The National Woman's Party) 1928-1939



A collection of 423 original issues in stapled wraps of the National Woman's Party "Independent Feminist Weekly." The magazine was published in Baltimore and edited by Edith Houghton Hooker, Maryland's best-known female suffragist and Progressive reformer.

The collection consists of several near-complete consecutive annual sets of individual issues spanning the years from 1928 through 1939. The bulk of the collection is comprised of 353 weekly folio issues (10¼" x 13½") dating from January, 1928 through November, 1936. Also included are 23 semi-monthly quarto issues (8¼" x 11") dating from 1935 and 1936 (published intermittently in conjunction with weekly folio issues from the same two years); and 47 semi-monthly and monthly small folio issues (9" x 12") dating from 1937 through 1939.

The magazines document the National Woman's Party's ongoing fight for full gender equality after suffrage was achieved ("to secure for women complete equality with men under the law and in all human relationships"); its indefatigable efforts for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (also known as the Lucretia Mott Amendment) in the United States, and to achieving social, political, and economic equality for women throughout the world. The magazine features articles by and about several of its prominent activists and public figures, ranging from the Party's co-founder and President Alva Belmont, a renowned suffragist whose influence and wealth spearheaded the modern feminist movement, to Amelia Earhart. Because so many of the Party's political activities were designed to attract attention to its campaign for equal rights the magazine often employed its own photographers and published many important photographs of its members and events, rallies, and related activities.

About 30 issues from 1934-36 are dampstained, else overall most issues are very good with light horizontal center folds, some scattered splitting along the spine folds, scattered short tears, and modest rust to the staples. A scarce, large collection of issues of this important feminist magazine.

A detailed list follows:

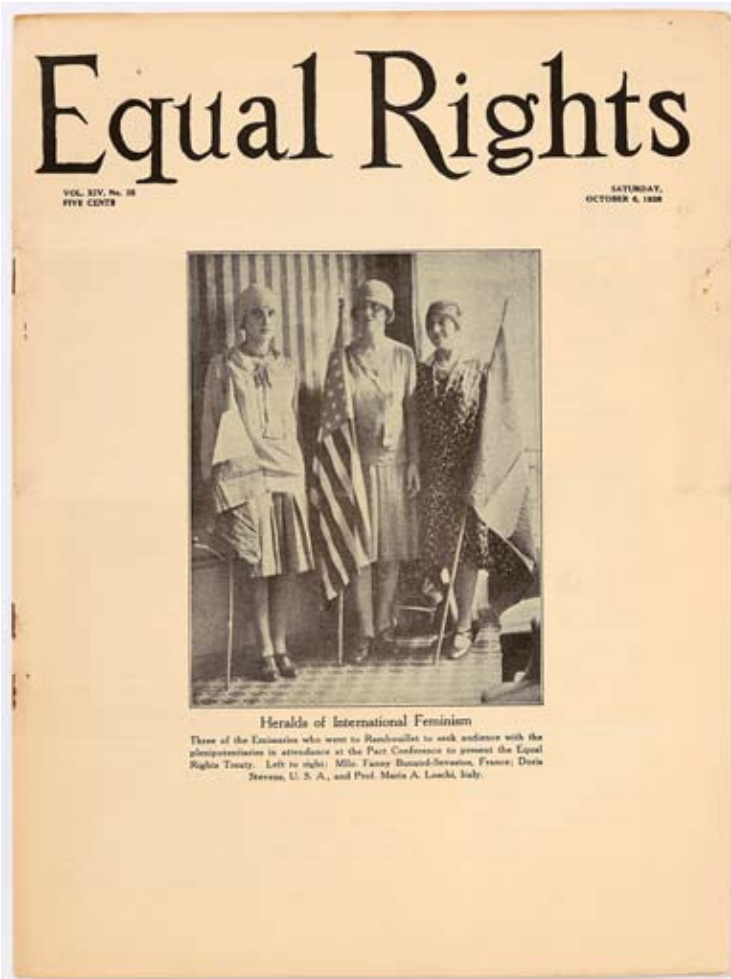
1928: 42 weekly issues.

Light horizontal center fold, modest rust to the staples, some issues with partial splitting along the spine folds, the last page of issue no. 47 (December 29, 1928) is detached with short tears to the edges, overall very good.

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1932: 49 weekly issues.

Light horizontal center fold, some issues with partial splitting along the spine folds, overall very good.



1929: 48 weekly issues.

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1933: 49 weekly issues.

Light horizontal center fold, some issues with partial splitting along the spine folds, overall very good.

1930: 39 weekly issues.

Light horizontal center fold, some issues with partial splitting along the spine folds, the last page of issue no. 51 (December 27, 1930) has two vertical tears and is creased, else overall very good.

1934: 48 weekly issues.

Light horizontal center fold, several issues have old damp-stains to the margins (at the top and bottom of the bundle), the first issue (no. 49, January 6, 1934) is damaged, else most issues are good overall.

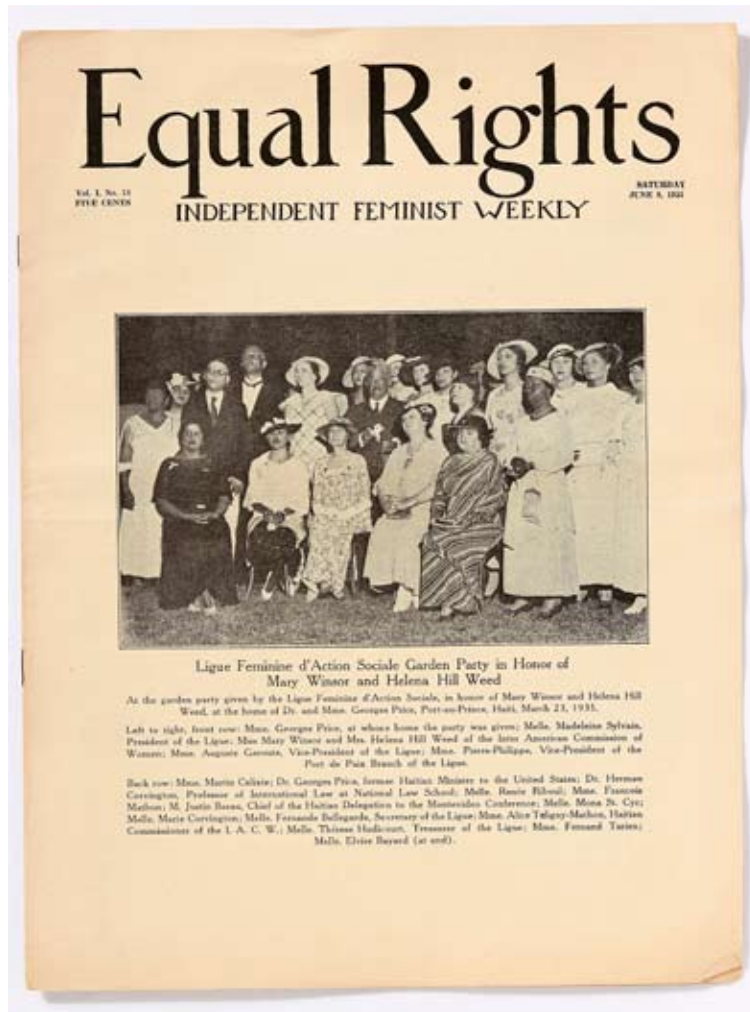
1931: 46 weekly issues.

Light horizontal center fold, some issues with partial

1935:

-16 weekly folio issues (March – September, 1935);
-5 semi-monthly issues (April – September, 1935).

Several of the weekly folio issues are damp-stained (at the top and bottom of the bundle), light horizontal center fold, fair to good overall. The semi-monthly issues have a light vertical center fold, overall very good.



1936:
-16 weekly folio issues (June – November, 1936);
-18 semi-monthly issues (February 15 – December 15, 1936).
Several of the weekly folio issues are damp-stained, rust to the staples, light horizontal center fold, fair overall. The semi-monthly issues overall very good.

1937: 23 semi-monthly issues.
-Nos. 1-23: January 15 – December 15, 1937. Very good.

1938: 8 semi-monthly issues.
-Nos. 1-7: January 1 – April 1, 1938; and issue no. 22 (November 15, 1938). Very good.

1939: 16 semi-monthly and monthly (June-December) issues.
-Nos. 1-16: January 1 – December, 1939. Very good.



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