

Mira Lloyd Dock

A Register of Her Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Mira Lloyd Dock Papers

Span Dates: 1814-1951

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1899-1945)

ID No.: MSS18689

Creator: Dock, Mira Lloyd, 1853-1945

Extent: 2,500 items; 11 containers plus 1 oversize; 4.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English and German

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Horticulturalist, conservationist, educator, and clubwoman. Correspondence, printed matter, speeches and writings, clippings, photographs, maps, and other papers relating primarily to Dock's efforts in forestry, conservation, gardening, park development, and nature study in Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the United States as well as in Germany and England.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Personal Names

Bartram, John G. (John Greer), 1893-1955.

Bascom, F. (Florence), 1862-1945--Correspondence.

Brandis, Dietrich, Sir, 1824-1907--Correspondence.

Crocker, Marion A.--Correspondence.

Dock family--Correspondence.

Dock family--Genealogy.

Dock, Mira Lloyd, 1853-1945.

Howells, William Dean, 1837-1920--Correspondence.

Jäger, T. B.--Correspondence.

Lloyd family--Correspondence.

Lloyd family--Genealogy.

Manning, Warren H. (Warren Henry), 1860---Correspondence.

McFarland, J. Horace (John Horace), 1859-1948--Correspondence.

Pinchot, Gifford, 1865-1946--Correspondence.

Rothrock, Joseph T., 1839-1922--Correspondence.

Sargent, Charles Sprague, 1841-1927--Correspondence.

Sherman, Mary Belle King, d. 1935--Correspondence.

Surface, H. A. (Harvey Adam), b. 1867--Correspondence.

Organizations

General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Lorberry Creek Railroad.

Pennsylvania. State Forestry Reservation Commission.

State Federation of Pennsylvania Women.

Subjects

Arbor Day.

Civic improvement.

Conservation of natural resources--England.

Conservation of natural resources--Germany.

Conservation of natural resources--Pennsylvania.

Conservation of natural resources--United States.

Conservation of natural resources.

Forest fires.

Forestry schools and education--England.

Forestry schools and education--Germany.
Forestry schools and education--Pennsylvania.
Forestry schools and education--United States.
Forestry schools and education.
Forests and forestry--England.
Forests and forestry--Germany.
Forests and forestry--Pennsylvania.
Forests and forestry--United States.
Forests and forestry.
Gardening.
Horticulture--England.
Horticulture--Germany.
Horticulture--Pennsylvania.
Horticulture--United States.
Horticulture.
Parks--Design and construction.
Playgrounds.
Railroads--Pennsylvania.
Trees.
Urban beautification.
Women--Societies and clubs.

Locations

Black Forest (Germany)--Description and travel.
England--Description and travel.
Europe--Description and travel.

Occupations

Clubwomen.
Conservationists.
Educators.
Horticulturists.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Mira Lloyd Dock, horticulturist, conservationist, educator, and clubwoman, were given to the Library of Congress by her estate through her sister Lavinia L. Dock from 1945 to 1948.

Processing History:

The papers of Mira Lloyd Dock were arranged and described in 1974. The collection was reprocessed in 2008.

Transfers:

Some broadsides have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the Dock Papers.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Mira Lloyd Dock is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.)

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Mira Lloyd Dock Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1853, Dec. 25	Born, Harrisburg, Pa.
1895-1896	Studied plant biology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
1897	Chairman, Program Committee, Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs
1898-ca. 1932	Cofounder and member, Civic Club, Harrisburg, Pa.
1899	Invited by the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association of London, England, to present paper to the horticultural section, International Congress of Women, London, England Representated the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women and City Parks Association of Philadelphia, Pa., at the International Congress of Women, London, England Studied forestry and urban arboriculture in England and Germany under auspices of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
1901-1913	First female member, State Forestry Reservation Commission of Pennsylvania
1903-1929	Teacher, Pennsylvania State Forest Academy, Mont Alto, Pa.
1904-1913	Chairman of forestry, State Federation of Pennsylvania Women
1910	Vice-chairman, Conservation Committee, General Federation of Women's Clubs
1911	Member, Advisory Committee, Pennsylvania State Branch of the National Conservation Association
1912	Member, Board of Directors, Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women, Ambler, Pa.
1914-ca. 1924	Chairman, Forestry Committee, General Federation of Women's Clubs
1945, July 11	Died near Cashtown, Pa.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Mira Lloyd Dock (1853-1945) span the years 1814-1951, with the bulk of the material dating from 1899 to 1945. The papers are in English and German and are organized into [Correspondence](#), [Speeches and Writings](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Oversize](#) series primarily relating to Dock's involvement in horticulture, forestry, conservation, and forestry education in Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the United States as well as in Germany and England.

The [Correspondence](#) series covers Dock's early efforts, her years as the first woman on the State Forestry Reservation Commission of Pennsylvania, and her work through women's organizations such as the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women in the areas of conservation, forestry, horticulture, forestry education, and city beautification. Notable correspondents include F. Bascom, Sir Dietrich Brandis, Marion A. Crocker, T. B. Jäger, Warren H. Manning, J. Horace McFarland, Gifford Pinchot, Joseph T. Rothrock, Charles Sprague Sargent, Mary Belle King Sherman, and H. A. Surface.

Also in the Correspondence are letters from family member William Dean Howells as well as letters concerning Dock and Lloyd family genealogy. Early nineteenth-century correspondence written by Dock and Lloyd ancestors is supplemented in the Miscellany series by an 1864 contract with Gilliard Dock for work on the Lorberrry Creek Railroad in Pennsylvania.

The [Speeches and Writings](#) span Dock's career and cover topics such as forest conservation; forest fires; playgrounds; park development; forestry education; Arbor Day; city beautification of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; gardening; John Bartram; and tree species. Included is a draft and printed version of a report documenting her 1899 trip to Europe, most notably to England and the Black Forest of Germany. Other reports include those written for the State Forestry Reservation Commission of Pennsylvania and various women's clubs.

The [Miscellany](#) is comprised mostly of newspaper clippings and printed matter relating to Dock's interest in forestry, conservation, horticulture, and genealogy.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [Correspondence, 1814-1951](#)
- [Speeches and Writings, 1840-1936](#)
- [Miscellany, 1836-1944](#)
- [Oversize, 1890-1921](#)

Description of Series

Container

Series

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Correspondence, 1814-1951

Correspondence with colleagues and family.
Arranged chronologically.

BOX 7-8

Speeches and Writings, 1840-1936

Notes, drafts, and printed copies of speeches, writings, papers, and reports.
Arranged chronologically.

BOX 9-11

Miscellany, 1836-1944

Blueprint, contract for work, maps, newspaper clippings, photographs, postcards, printed matter, and subject files.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material or subject and therein chronologically.

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Oversize, 1890-1921

Maps.
Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which the items were removed.

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BOX 4	1915-1916 (6 folders)
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BOX 6	1925-1934 (7 folders)
BOX 7	1935-1951, n.d. (4 folders)
BOX 7-8	Speeches and Writings, 1840-1936 Notes, drafts, and printed copies of speeches, writings, papers, and reports. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 7	General
BOX 7	1896-1906 (3 folders)
BOX 8	1907-1929, n.d. (6 folders)
BOX 8	Notes, 1840-1854, 1903-1917, 1926, 1936, n.d.
BOX 9-11	Miscellany, 1836-1944 Blueprint, contract for work, maps, newspaper clippings, photographs, postcards, printed matter, and subject files. Arranged alphabetically by type of material or subject and therein chronologically.
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BOX 9	Newspaper clippings, 1836, 1874-1879, 1886-1944, n.d. (4 folders)

Miscellany, 1836-1944

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BOX 10	Printed matter
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BOX 11	1914-1936, n.d. (5 folders)
BOX OV 1	Oversize, 1890-1921 Maps. Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which the items were removed.
BOX OV 1	Maps, 1890, 1906, 1921, n.d. (Container 9)