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[American Association of University Women, Missouri Division Records, \(CA5689\)](#)
[American Association of University Women, Missouri Division Records, \(C2734\)](#)
[Missouri Equal Rights Amendment Coalition Records, \(S0437\)](#)

[Missouri National Organization for Women Records, \(C0781\)](#)

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Historical Note:

Natalie Jean Kannenberg was born in February 1932, in Wausau, Wisconsin, to Natalie Corso Paris Kannenberg and the politician Roland Kannenberg. She was married to Claude Neault, Jr., from 1950-1955 and to Raymond Rolain from 1955-1958. In 1958, she married psychology professor William "Marshall" Tackett. They lived in Indiana at the time. Natalie had four children: Roland, Scott, Renee, and William Jr.

In 1964, the Tackett family moved to Maryville, Missouri, where Marshall took a teaching position at Northwest Missouri State University. There, Natalie completed her college education while continuing to raise four children. She graduated in 1966 and went on to earn her M.A. in English in 1968. From 1968-1970, she worked as an instructor of English at Tarkio College, and in 1970, she became a member of the English department faculty at Northwest Missouri State University.

In July 1975, Marshall died suddenly of a heart attack, and in 1978, Natalie moved to Jefferson City, where she took a position at the Missouri Department of Revenue. She worked the remainder of her career at various positions for the State of Missouri, eventually retiring as Director of the Oversight Division of the Missouri General Assembly.

Natalie was active in numerous community and political organizations over the course of her career. Shortly after she began teaching, she joined the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Founded in 1881 to benefit women with college degrees and promote higher education among women, the organization continues to work for gender equity "through research, education and advocacy." In the 1970s and 1980s, Tackett held several leadership positions in the AAUW, including Maryville Branch Legislative Chairman (1971-1972), Missouri By-laws Chairman (1973-1974), State Legislative Chairman (1974-1977), 2nd Vice President in charge of programs (1978-1981), First Vice President of the Missouri Division of the AAUW (1979-1980), Jefferson City Branch President (1981-1982), and President of the Missouri Division of the AAUW (1983-1986).

Tackett also worked extensively to pass the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in Missouri beginning in the mid-1970s. She was coordinator of the Missouri National Religious Committee, ERA Support Project, from 1973-1975; she served on the Steering Committee for the Missouri ERA Coalition from 1973-1977; and in 1977, she became Coordinator for the Missouri Religious Committee for the ERA. In this last role, she engaged extensively in outreach to church groups as well as lobbying activities. The ERA was never ratified in Missouri.

Tackett has also been involved in numerous other organizations, including the Girl Scouts, the League of Women Voters, and the Cole County Historical Society.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following four series:

American Association of University Women
Equal Rights Amendment
Other Organizations
Oversize

Scope and Content Note:

American Association of University Women

This series contains materials related to Tackett's activities with the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Her time as Missouri State Division President is strongly represented in all materials dating from the mid-1980s. Many of these materials are addressed to Phyllis Crisp, who was Tackett's administrative assistant during this time. The bulk of the correspondence is from her time as president and concerns a broad range of operational and legislative issues. Tackett's legislative activism is represented throughout the series, particularly activities surrounding the Missouri Council for Women's Economic Development and Training Act, the Missouri Commission on the Status of Women, and the National AAUW Association Legislative Program Committee, in which she was active in the 1980s. Legislative foci included issues such as family and medical leave, pay equity, women in politics, and public education. Less well represented are her early activities in the Maryville Branch and the Jefferson City Branch, and her time as Missouri State Legislative Chairman. Materials in this series complement the *American Association of University Women, Missouri Division Records* (CA5689 and C2734).

Equal Rights Amendment

This series consists of materials pertaining to Tackett's Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) activities. Most of these materials date from the mid-1970s, when Missouri was working toward ratifying the ERA. Tackett's activities in the Religious Committee for the ERA are heavily represented, and these materials are what sets this collection apart from other ERA-related collections such as the *Missouri Equal Rights Amendment Coalition Records* (S0437). Before and during her time as Coordinator of the Missouri Religious Committee for the ERA, Tackett was extremely active in outreach to churches and other religious organizations in Missouri. She corresponded with religious officials and leaders of religious coalitions, arranged advertising, and created and distributed brochures. Additionally, she kept an extensive list of contacts. Less well represented are administrative materials such as meeting minutes; these are scattered and incomplete.

Other Organizations

This series contains scant materials relating to Tackett's volunteer work with the Girl Scouts and a project to document the history of Nodaway County. Also included is her curriculum vitae from 1979.

Oversize

This series contains two oversize items: an information poster from the AAUW and an ERA poster created by the United Methodist Family Life Committee.

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