Dorothy Frooks

Papers 1913 - 1990

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# Summary

**Title:** Dorothy Frooks Papers 1913-1919 (bulk dates 1960 - 1989)

**Size:** 5.5 linear feet (5 RC, 1 AB, 1 FB)

**Source:** Gift of Dorothy Frooks, 1987-1990

**Biographical Note**
Frooks is an attorney, author and founder of *The Murray Hill News,* which she has published since 1952.

**Description**
Correspondence, writings, subject and organization files, photographs and printed matter documenting the career of Dorothy Frooks, especially her activities as publisher of *The Murray Hill News.*
Biographical Note

Dorothy Frooks, lawyer, author and publisher was born on February 12, 1899. She received her LL.B in 1918 and her LL.M the following year, both from Hamilton College. Frooks served as attorney for the Salvation Army from 1920 to 1921. She was a writer for The Evening World (New York) from 1920 to 1932 and she has published The Murray Hill News since 1952.

Frooks has long been active in public affairs. She worked to institute the Small Claims Court in the 1920's and regularly presents her ideas at the conferences of the American Bar Association, the Inter-American Bar Association and the International Bar Association. In the 1970's Frooks worked to stop passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. She has also been involved in working to establish a labor court. Her pamphlet, Labor Courts-Outlaw Strikes, was published in 1984. On the local level, she has served as president of the Murray Hill Association and regularly covers local issues in The Murray Hill News.

Frooks writes frequently for The Murray Hill News. In addition she has written both fiction and non-fiction works over the years. Her published works include: All in Love, Love's Law, The American Heart, The Olympic Torch, How To Use Small Claims Court, Over the Heads of Congress, Are You a Happy American?, and Lady Lawyer (her autobiography).

As a veteran of both World War I (Navy) and World War II (Army- Judge Advocate's Office), Frooks is an active participant in veteran's organizations. She has served as National Commander of the Women World War Veterans and worked with the Veterans of World War I and the Retreads, an organization for veterans who served in both world wars.
Scope and Content Note

NOTE: The paragraphs that follow describe boxes 1 - 4, which made up the original gift. The most recent additions to the papers (boxes 5 - 7) have not been interfiled and are described below under the heading Additions.

The papers of Dorothy Frooks include correspondence, writings, published pamphlets, subject and organization files and photographs.

The correspondence (1942-1987), most of which dates from the 1970's includes both business and personal letters and reflects Frooks's involvement with The Murray Hill News, veterans organizations, the anti-ERA movement, and the publications and promotion of her works. Additional correspondence may be found in the subject and organization files. Correspondence directly related to Frooks's writings is filed with the manuscripts.

Writings include manuscripts, published and unpublished, published pamphlets and resolutions on various legal issues and public policy matters, written by Frooks and presented at conferences and conventions. A few of the manuscripts were written for The Murray Hill News. Also included are files on First Ladies of the White House, written by Gertrude Z. Brooks and promoted by Frooks, and miscellaneous papers and correspondence relating to publications.

The Subjects and Organizations series includes files on various veterans organizations, the Murray Hill Association, the Equal Rights Amendment and the naming of Norman Thomas High School in New York City. Information on conventions and conferences attended by Frooks is also filed in this series. Most of the material dates from the 1960's and 1970's.

Photographs (c.1915-1985) include portraits of Frooks through the years. Many of these were taken at special events and include political figures and celebrities. These photos are mainly from the 1970's and many were published in The Murray Hill News. Also included are a few photographs of women veterans. Several drawings, made by Harry Bell for The Murray Hill News, are boxed with the photographs.

Additions:

Additions to the collection include correspondence, writings, photographs, clippings, miscellaneous papers and printed matter. The correspondence (1921-1990) relates to both personal and business matters. The bulk of the letters are from the 1980's and relate to The Murray Hill News and Frooks's promotion of her books and pamphlets.

The writings include manuscripts by Frooks and others, some of which may have been written for The Murray Hill News. The earliest item in the collection is a school speech written by Frooks in 1913. Also included is a scrapbook of Frooks' columns for The Evening World (1928-1929) and several radio broadcasts made by her (1930-1939).
The photographs (c.1915-1984) include portraits of Frooks and pictures of her at various events.

The clippings (c.1920-1989) include articles about Frooks, material from , and general items.

Miscellaneous files include information on conferences attended by Frooks, resolutions which she presented at various meetings and several files of mailings (mostly 1980's) from Republican fund-raising organizations.

Printed matter is made up for the most part of programs, annual reports, and membership directories from organizations with which Frooks is affiliated.

**Related Materials**

Published works by Frooks can be located in the General Research Division. Recent issues of *The Murray Hill News* are in the Periodicals Room. The bound issues are in the General Research Division. Original drawings by Edward Caswell for *The Murray Hill News* are in the Art Division.

Several scrapbooks relating to Frooks are at the New-York Historical Society.
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Miscellaneous

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