



## Nichols, Finette Benson Collection Ms B31

### Summary Information

#### Repository

Fairfield Museum and History Center

#### Creators

Nichols, Emma S. (Emma Starr), 1874-1947

Nichols, Finette Benson, 1864-1948

Peden, Charles

#### Title

Nichols, Finette Benson Collection

#### ID

Ms B31

#### Accession Numbers

L88.Nov.33, L91.April.33, L92.Aug.4

#### Date [inclusive]

1890-1969

#### Extent

6.0 Linear feet (15 boxes, 2,000 items, 3 oversize items)

#### Language

English

### Preferred Citation note

Item, Collection Title, Collection number (Box #, Folder #). Fairfield Museum and History Center, Fairfield, Connecticut.

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### Biographical/Historical note

Abraham Benson married Finette Edwards. They had one child, Finette Edwards Benson, who married John Nichols. Their children were: Anna Trowbridge Nichols (d. 14 Feb 1933), Emma Starr Nichols (1874-18 Feb 1947), and Finette Benson Nichols (1864-1948). Finette Benson Nichols was a Republican member of the Connecticut House of Representatives from 1931-1947. Gertrude Johnson of Cornwall Bridge, CT was married to Charles Peden, a newsreel soundman for Hearst Metrotone News. They moved to the "Benson House", 131 South Benson

Rd., which Gertrude inherited in 1949 from her cousin Finette Benson Nichols. Their daughter Marcia (Peden) Miner inherited the house in 1988.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

There are 15 boxes and 3 oversize items in this collection. The bulk of the material concerns Finette B. Nichols' legislative papers.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Publication Information**

Fairfield Museum and History Center  
370 Beach Rd.  
Fairfield, CT  
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### **Conditions Governing Access note**

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

### **Conditions Governing Use note**

Use of the material requires compliance with the Fairfield Museum and History Center regulations.

### **Processing Information note**

This collection was processed by Martha Rockwell in May 1991 then by Marcia Miner in 1989 and 1997.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution.
- Connecticut State Hospital.
- Connecticut. General Assembly.
- Fairfield County Republican Women's Association (Fairfield County, Conn.) .

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Jennings, Annie Burr, 1855-1939

### **Subject(s)**

- Child welfare--Connecticut--Fairfield.

- Connecticut Tercentenary Celebration (1935)
- Correspondence.
- Education--Connecticut--Fairfield.
- Psychiatric hospitals--Connecticut.
- Public welfare--Connecticut
- Real property--Connecticut--Fairfield County.
- Scrapbooks.
- Women in politics--Connecticut.
- Women--Connecticut--Fairfield--Societies and clubs.
- World War, 1939-1945--Connecticut.

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## Collection Inventory

**Box I Papers of Emma Starr Nichols and Finette Nichols 1920's and 1940's 130 items**

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**Box II Letters and a Scrapbook of Finette Nichols 1920's and 1940's 50 items**

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**Box III Real Estate Papers of Emma and Finette Nichols 1920's and 1930's 175 items**

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**Box IV Finette Nichols Papers 1920's and 1940's 150 items**

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**Box V Finette Nichols Papers and Photographs 1890's-1940's 50 items**

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**Box VI Finette Nichols Political Papers, Fairfield County Republican Women's Association, Child Welfare and Education Papers 1930's and 1940's 125 items**

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**Box VII Fairfield County Republican Women's Association Bulletins 1920's and 1930's 100 items**

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**Box VIII Finette Nichols Political Papers 1920's-1940's 150 items**

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**Box IX Finette Nichols Legislative Material 1930's-1940's 250 items**

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**Box X Connecticut Hospital for the Insane Papers 1910's-1940's 200 items**

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**Box XI Scrapbook and Miscellaneous Legislative Bills 1939 300 items**

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**Box XII Pamphlets and Broadsides 1920's-1940's 30 items**

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**Box XIII Tercentenary Papers 1935 30 items**

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**Box XIV Charles Peden's manuscripts, Johnson (Kent, CT) Papers and Miscellaneous 1950's and 1960's 200 items**

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**Box XV Political, Fairfield Welfare, World War II and Miscellaneous Papers 200 items**

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**Oversize Item A**

State Legislature seating plan n.d. 2 items

Scrapbook n.d.

Oversize  
Manuscript Box  
2

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**Oversize Item B**

Photographs of A. B. Jennings and political groups

Oversize  
Manuscript Box  
2

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**Oversize Item C**

Voting instructions 1935, voting list 1939, broadside DAR Garden Party, news clippings re: A. B. Jennings' interest in Anastasia

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Manuscript Box 2 Manuscript Drawer

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