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## LG MS 001 Referendum 6 Collection Finding Aid

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## Description of the Papers

This artificial collection was assembled over the Fall of 2000, ending at the beginning of December.

Starting with the Yes on 6 homepage, several relevant articles were printed. This site posts articles about their efforts to pass Referendum 6 and new items were continually added. In addition to the articles, a staff list was printed. Several mentions of the opposition prompted a search of other sites, such as the Christian Civic League. From this site, basic statements of opposition were added to the collection. Checking back at the site showed that they had not added additional information regarding Question 6.

Next, by searching the *Portland Press Herald* online several articles were found pertaining to the issue. The newspaper articles were then photocopied. Similar searches were made with the Lewiston and the Augusta papers. Despite many search terms, the Lewiston paper (the *Sun Journal*) only had one article relating to Question 6. There didn't seem to be any way to search the Augusta paper, whether past or current editions.

The *Casco Bay Weekly* was another disappointment. The searching system was not well designed. Searches couldn't be limited by year, and only one simple keyword could be used. There were several sets of results of 200 to 300 item "matches," many of them outdated, and barely related to any of the key words. Despite the time and effort, there were only a few useful articles, and these were mainly letters to the editor, or opinion columns. Since the time and effort had not earned substantial results, further articles were not searched for. What was found had the full text available, so rather than photocopying the actual paper, the articles were printed directly from the site.

Complete with a better search system, the *Bangor Daily News* offered several pertinent articles. Once again, these were offered in full text, so rather than photocopying from newspapers, the articles were printed from the site.

The remaining folders are pieces of information that were brought by others to the collection. The Special Collections Librarian made appeals to the campus and library through listservs for material related to Referendum 6. These include pamphlets and stickers. The collection also includes a Yes on 6 poster.

Box	Folder	Description	Date
1	1	Bangor Daily News Articles	2000 Sep-Oct
	2	Bangor Daily News Articles	2000 Nov
	3	Casco Bay Weekly Articles	2000 Feb-Oct
	4	Christian Civic League Homepage	2000 Jan-Feb
	5	Christian Coalition of Maine	2000 Nov
	6	Facts on Question 6	[2000]
	7	Maine Coalition for Equal Rights	2000
	8	Maine Council of Churches	2000 Fall
	9	Maine Lesbian Gay Political Alliance	2000
	10	Maine Rural Networks	2000 Nov
	11	Maine, State of	2000 April
	12	Mid Coast for Human Rights	[2000]
	13	Portland Press Herald Articles	2000 Aug-Nov
	14	Sun Journal Articles	2000 Nov
	15	Yes on 6	2000 Sep-Nov

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