

A Guide to the Audrey Hochberg Collection 1969-2001

Overview of the Collection

- Title:** Audrey Hochberg Collection
- Creator:** Audrey G. Hochberg
- Dates:** 1969-2001
- Abstract:** Democrat Audrey G. Hochberg served as a member of the Westchester County Board of Legislators from 1972 to 1992 and of the New York State Assembly from 1993 to 2000. At the time of her election to the Board of Legislators, Hochberg was the only female member of this body, and was actively involved in anti-war and pro-ERA efforts. While serving on the Board of Legislators in the 1980s, Hochberg was a leader in the effort to enforce earlier bar closing times in New Rochelle, reforming waste disposal in Westchester County, and investigating government corruption; during her time in the State Assembly, she was involved in legislation pertaining to airbag theft and recycling, gun control, and the removal of tolls on Westchester's parkways. The collection contains news clippings, campaign literature, correspondence, legislation, press releases, photographs, and a number of Hochberg's notebooks and day planners.

Administrative Information

- Acquisition:** Herbert Hochberg, husband of Audrey Hochberg, donated the collection to the Westchester County Historical Society in 2007.
- Processing:** Collection processed by Patrick Raftery, June-August 2007.

CHRONOLOGY.

- 1933 Born Audrey Golden in Stamford, Connecticut, on July 26.
- 1971 Elected to the County Legislature from the 8th District on the Democratic and Liberal lines, defeating incumbent Republican Allen Richman and Conservative Robert Morris.
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| Audrey G. Hochberg | DEM | 7,761 | 8,990 |
| | LIB | 1,229 | |
| Allen A. Richman | REP | 7,980 | 7,980 |
| Robert F. Morris | CON | 1,452 | 1,452 |

1972

Introduced a resolution which called for withdrawal of the American military from Southeast Asia; the resolution failed, as only Hochberg voted in favor of it.

Sponsored a consumer protection bill, and was active in the effort to create a county consumer agency.

1973

Continued to press for a county consumer agency, and opposed the use of the Donald Park landfill in southern Greenburgh.

Reelected to the County Legislature on the Democratic and Liberal lines, defeating Republican-Conservative Nancy Weinberg for her second term.

Audrey G. Hochberg	DEM	10,630	11,769
	LIB	1,139	
Nancy Weinberg	REP	6,090	7,300
	CON	1,210	

1975

Reelected to her third term on the Board of Legislators on the Democratic and Liberal lines, defeating Scarsdale attorney J. Radley Herold, Republican-Conservative.

Audrey G. Hochberg	DEM	10,793	11,897
	LIB	1,104	
J. Radley Herold	REP	4,765	5,988
	CON	1,223	

1977

Reelected to the County Legislature, defeating Republican-Conservative Theodore Malatesta for her fourth term.

Audrey G. Hochberg	DEM	9,813	9,813
Theodore L. Malatesta	REP	4,360	5,349
	CON	989	

1979

Reelected to the County Legislature, defeating Republican-Conservative-Right to Life candidate Benjamin Renton for her fifth term.

Audrey G. Hochberg	DEM	10,647	10,647
Benjamin E. Renton	REP	4,236	5,662
	CON	727	
	RTL	699	

1981

Reelected to the County Legislature for her sixth term, defeating Warren Grossman and Adelaide Donhue for her sixth term

Audrey G. Hochberg	DEM	10,150	
Warren J. Grossman	REP	3,888	4,597
	CON	709	
Donohue	RTL	581	

1982

Supported the passage of a referendum which created a county solid waste disposal district, which was approved in a countywide referendum in March.

Announced her candidacy for the State Assembly from the proposed 86th District, where there was no incumbent, and was slated to face activist Paul Feiner in a primary for the Democratic nomination; dropped out of the race in July when a new set of district lines kept Scarsdale in the same district as incumbent Republican Gordon Burrows.

Unsuccessfully opposed the appointment of Marion Oldi as the Democratic Commissioner on the Westchester County Board of Elections.

1983

Hochberg's opposition to the appointment of Robert Hefti as the administrator of general services for Westchester County caused the latter's resignation after she revealed that he had falsified his resume.

Redistricting placed Hochberg in the same district as fellow Democrat Ronald Tocci, who opted to move to another district to avoid a primary with her. Defeated Conservative Wayne Allyn Root, a Conservative who also ran with Republican support, and Right to Life candidate Lino Giannotti to win her seventh term on the Board of Legislators.

Audrey G. Hochberg	DEM	8,841	8,841
Wayne A. Root	REP	4,418	5,200
	CON	782	
Lino J. Giannotti	RTL	302	302

1984

Formed a coalition to demand earlier closing times for bars in the city of New Rochelle.

1985

Became a frequent critic of garbage disposal policies in Westchester County, calling for the county government to demand full collection for private use of the county's Peekskill waste disposal plant.

Continued to call for an end to the waste disposal contract with private carters, and exposed the so-called "Phantom Army," the 400 unfilled jobs in the Westchester County government.

Defeated Conservative candidate Michael Amodio, a New Rochelle bank attorney whose Republican nomination she successfully challenged in court, and Right to Life candidate Ralph Tamburrini for reelection to her eighth term on the Board of Legislators.

Audrey G. Hochberg	DEM	6,160
Michael P. Amodio, II	CON	1,042
Ralph B. Tamburrini	RTL	256

1986

Was one of two Westchester County Democrats endorsed for one position on the New York State Public Service Commission; Lawrence Lehman was eventually chosen for this spot over Hochberg.

1987

Defeated Republican-Conservative Andrew Moss and Right to Life candidate Anna Maria Shanahan for her ninth term on the Board of Legislators.

Audrey G. Hochberg	DEM	6,260	6,260
Andrew Moss	REP	2,761	3,263
	CON	502	
Anna Maria Shanahan	RTL	277	277

1988

Unsuccessfully opposed the appointment of Steven J. Friedman as the mental Westchester County Commissioner of Mental Health.

Removed from the Board of Legislators' Committee of Legislation after having given Assemblyman Richard Brodsky working drafts of legislation.

Opposed the granting of no-bid emergency contracts to companies working on construction at the Westchester County jail.

1989

Unsuccessfully continued her efforts to establish a mandatory 2 A.M. closing time for New Rochelle bars.

Called for the end of closed-door sessions of the county's Board of Acquisition and Contract, claiming that they violated New York's Open Meetings Law.

Defeated Doug M. Leone, a Right to Life candidate, for reelection to her tenth term on the Board of Legislators.

Audrey G. Hochberg	DEM	8,776
Doug M. Leone	RTL	648

1991

Redistricting placed Hochberg in a "minority-majority" district, including portions of Greenburgh, White Plains, Scarsdale, and New Rochelle. Ran unopposed for reelection to her eleventh term on the Board of Legislators after successfully challenging the petitions of Republican Stephen Q. Gray.

Audrey G. Hochberg	DEM	7,512
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1992

Redistricting created the new 88th Assembly District, consisting of all of Scarsdale and Eastchester, along with portions of White Plains, New Rochelle, and Mount Vernon. The incumbent assemblyman in this district, Gregory Young, opted not to seek reelection, leaving Hochberg unopposed for the Democratic nomination. Defeated former Tuckahoe village trustee, Rita Blanco, Republican-Conservative, and Marjorie Gotsch, Right to Life, for election to her first term in the State Assembly.

Audrey G. Hochberg	DEM	27,598	27,598
Rita M. Blanco	REP	19,145	21,876
	CON	2,731	
Marjorie Gotsch	RTL	1,399	1,399

1993

Began her duties in the state assembly on January 1st, and was appointed to the committees on Education, Social Services, Energy, Local Governments, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, and Consumer Affairs.

Refused to accept pay for the time in which the state budget was late, resulting in her returning five days worth of her paycheck.

1994

One of only four members of the New York State Legislature to be awarded the “1993 Legislator of the Year” honor by the New York State Association of Counties.

Supported the passage of an assault weapons ban and workers’ compensation reform.

Successfully lobbied against an extension in the tolls for the parkways in Westchester County, resulting in the removal of toll booths from the Hutchinson River and Saw Mill Parkways.

Defeated Robert Walsh, Republican-Conservative-Right to Life, for reelection to her second term in the State Assembly.

Audrey G. Hochberg	DEM	22,923	22,923
Robert J. Walsh	REP	13,018	16,053
	CON	1,759	
	RTL	1,276	

1995

Mrs. Hochberg’s gun amnesty bill was passed by both houses of the state legislature and signed into law.

Supported a property revaluation bill, which did not pass the State Assembly.

1996

Sponsored a measure to combat the theft of automobile airbags (including a ban on their recycling), which was signed into law.

Introduced a bill the prevent persons under the age of 18 from entering bars.

Defeated former Bronxville Mayor Sheila Stein, Republican-Conservative, and Dr. Daniel Schweitzer, Independence-Right to Life, for reelection to her third term in the State Assembly.

Audrey G. Hochberg	DEM	27,679	27,679
Sheila S. Stein	REP	16,990	18,987
	CON	1,997	
Daniel L. Schweitzer	IND	602	1,316
	RTL	714	

1997

Gained funding for the renovation of the Main Street bridge over the Metro-North tracks in Tuckahoe.

1998

Sponsored a bill increasing penalties for trucks on parkways, which passed the State Assembly.

Daughter Carol died of breast cancer on September 26 at the age of 40.

Defeated Dr. Daniel Schweitzer, a Bronx surgeon and Right to Life candidate, for reelection to her fourth term in the State Assembly.

Audrey G. Hochberg	DEM	24,415
Daniel L. Schweitzer	RTL	1,530

2000

Announced her decision not to seek reelection to the State Assembly, and was succeeded by the candidate she endorsed, Democrat Amy Paulin.

2005

Died in New York City on June 7.

Box 1 – Newspaper Clipping Files: 1971-1990

The news clippings in the Hochberg Collection include material from a variety of newspapers in Westchester, including *The Bronxville Review Press-Reporter*, *The Eastchester Record*, *The Greenburgh Inquirer*, *The Hastings Independent*, *The Herald Statesman (Yonkers)*, *The Journal News*, *The Patent Trader*, *The Pelham Sun*, *The Reporter Dispatch (White Plains)*, *The Scarsdale Inquirer*, *The Standard Star (New Rochelle)*. Many items are labeled “Gannett,” referring to *The Herald Statesman*, *The Reporter Dispatch*, and *The Standard Star*, all of which were published by the Gannett Suburban Newspapers syndicate.

- 01: 1971 News Clippings
- 02: 1972 News Clippings
- 03: 1973 News Clippings
- 04: 1975 News Clippings
- 05: 1978 News Clippings
- 06: 1979 News Clippings
- 07: 1981 News Clippings
- 08: 1982 News Clippings
- 09: 1983 News Clippings
- 10: 1984 News Clippings
- 11: 1985 News Clippings
- 12: 1986 News Clippings
- 13: 1987 News Clippings
- 14: 1988 News Clippings
- 15: 1989 News Clippings
- 16: 1990 News Clippings

- 17: 1991 News Clippings
- 18: Undated News Clippings

Box 2 – Newspaper Clipping Files: 1991-2005

- 01: 1992 News Clippings
- 02: 1993 News Clippings
- 03: 1994 News Clippings (Part I)
- 04: 1994 News Clippings (Part II)
- 05: 1995 News Clippings (Part I)
- 06: 1995 News Clippings (Part II)
- 07: 1996 News Clippings (Part I)
- 08: 1996 News Clippings (Part II)
- 09: 1997 News Clippings
- 10: 1998 News Clippings
- 11: 1999 News Clippings
- 12: 2000 News Clippings
- 13: 2001 News Clippings

Box 3 – Campaign Literature, Miscellaneous Ephemera, and Constituent News.

Consists of pamphlets, mailings, letters, and other assorted campaign literature from Audrey Hochberg’s campaigns, as well as some from her opponents. The folder entitled “Miscellaneous Ephemera” consists mostly of programs and invitations to events where Hochberg was an honoree or participant; see also Books and Pamphlets.

- 01: 1971 Campaign Literature
- 02: 1973 Campaign Literature
- 03: 1975 Campaign Literature
- 04: 1977 Campaign Literature
- 05: 1981 Campaign Literature
- 06: 1982 Campaign Literature
- 07: 1983 Campaign Literature
- 08: 1985 Campaign Literature
- 09: 1987 Campaign Literature
- 10: 1989 Campaign Literature
- 11: 1992 Campaign Literature
- 12: 1994 Campaign Literature
- 13: 1996 Campaign Literature
- 14: 1998 Campaign Literature
- 15: Undated Campaign Literature
- 16: Opponents’ Campaign Literature
- 17: Miscellaneous Ephemera
- 18: Constituent Newsletters

Box 4 – Elections

This box contains canvasses of votes, financial disclosures, campaign plans, and materials related to the elections in which Audrey Hochberg was a candidate. Sorted by year; see also Pamphlets and Books and Newspaper Clipping Files for coverage of her campaigns.

- 01: 1971 Election Material
- 02: 1973 Election Material
- 03: 1975 Election Material
- 04: 1977 Election Material
- 05: 1979 Election Material
- 06: 1981 Election Material
- 07: 1982 Election Material
- 08: 1983 Election Material
- 09: 1985 Election Material
- 10: 1987 Election Material
- 11: 1991 Election Material
- 12: 1992 Election Material
- 13: 1994 Election Material
- 14: 1996 Election Material (Part I)
- 15: 1996 Election Material (Part II)
- 16: 1998 Election Material

Box 5 – Legislation and Press Releases

Folders 1-12 of this box contain copies of legislation, sorted by subject, for which Audrey Hochberg was one of the primary sponsors during her service in the State Assembly; folders 13-28 contain press releases organized by year.

- 01: Airbags and Auto Theft
- 02: Gun Control
- 03: Local Issues
- 04: Environment
- 05: Health Care
- 06: Alcohol and Tobacco
- 07: Consumer Protection
- 08: Education
- 09: Domestic Violence
- 10: Judiciary
- 11: Traffic
- 12: Miscellaneous
- 13: 1973 Press Releases
- 14: 1984 Press Releases
- 15: 1985 Press Releases
- 16: 1986 Press Releases
- 17: 1987 Press Releases
- 18: 1988 Press Releases
- 19: 1989 Press Releases

- 20: 1990 Press Releases
- 21: 1991 Press Releases
- 22: 1992 Press Releases
- 23: 1994 Press Releases
- 24: 1995 Press Releases
- 25: 1996 Press Releases
- 26: 1998 Press Releases
- 27: 1999 Press Releases
- 28: 2000 Press Releases

Box 6 – Correspondence

- 01: 1969 Correspondence
- 02: 1972 Correspondence
- 03: 1973 Correspondence
- 04: 1974 Correspondence
- 05: 1975 Correspondence
- 06: 1976 Correspondence
- 07: 1977 Correspondence
- 08: 1981 Correspondence
- 09: 1982 Correspondence
- 10: 1983 Correspondence
- 11: 1984 Correspondence
- 12: 1985 Correspondence
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- 18: 1993 Correspondence
- 19: 1994 Correspondence
- 20: 1995 Correspondence
- 21: 1996 Correspondence
- 22: 1997 Correspondence
- 23: 1998 Correspondence
- 24: 1999 Correspondence
- 25: 2000 Correspondence
- 26: 2001 Correspondence
- 27: 2002 Correspondence
- 28: 2003 Correspondence

Box 7 - Photographs

The index to photographs is located in the back of this finding aid. The photographs are divided into three categories:

Individual Photos: headshots, photos from campaign literature and official publications, etc.)

People Photos: pictures of Mrs. Hochberg with other elected officials.

Group Photos: photos of Mrs. Hochberg with lobbying groups, guests and visitors to the State Assembly, and photos with the Board of Legislators and State Assembly.

Event Photos: Photos of Mrs. Hochberg at various events including groundbreakings, press conferences, etc.

Box 8 – Special Topics & Miscellaneous

Special Topics folders include a variety of material related to particular issues which Mrs. Hochberg dealt with while a member of the Board of Legislators and the State Assembly.

- 01: Scarsdale Appeal for Peace
- 02: Brady Investigation
- 03: Map of the 88th Assembly District
- 04: Garbage Disposal - 1982 Referendum
- 05: Garbage Disposal – Correspondence I
- 06: Garbage Disposal – Correspondence II
- 07: Garbage Disposal – Press Releases
- 08: Airbag Theft and Recycling
- 09: Collection Not Guaranteed (Ephemera piece related to Garbage Disposal)

Box 9 – Notebooks and Daily Planners

- 01: 1979 Notebook
- 02: July, 1980 Notebook
- 03: August, 1981 – October, 1981 Notebook
- 04: 1983 Notebook
- 05: 1984 Notebook
- 06: October, 1985 Notebook
- 07: 1987 Notebook
- 08: September, 1988 Notebook
- 09: 1990 Notebook
- 10: June, 1991 Notebook
- 11: 1992 Notebook
- 12: December, 1992 – May, 1993 Notebook
- 13: July, 1993 Notebook
- 14: March, 1994 Notebook
- 15: January, 1995 Notebook
- 16: August, 1995 Notebook
- 17: April, 1996 Notebook
- 18: January, 1997 Notebook
- 19: August, 1997 Notebook
- 20: April, 1998 Notebook
- 21: January, 1999 Notebook
- 22: August, 1999 Notebook
- 23: 1980 Daily Planner
- 24: 1981 Daily Planner

- 25: 1982 Daily Planner
- 26: 1983 Daily Planner
- 27: 1984 Daily Planner
- 28: 1985 Daily Planner
- 29: 1986 Daily Planner
- 30: 1987 Daily Planner
- 31: 1988 Daily Planner
- 32: 1989 Daily Planner
- 33: 1990 Daily Planner
- 34: 1992 (1) Daily Planner
- 35: 1992 (2) Daily Planner

Box Oversized – Oversized Ephemera and Photographs.

- Oversized 1: 1992 Campaign Poster
- Oversized 2: State Assembly Reelection Poster
- Oversized 3: Photograph Contact Sheet
- Oversized 4: 1999-2000 State Assembly Photo
- Oversized 5: *Women's News*. April 2000 (Volume 18: No.8). Mrs. Hochberg's retirement was the cover story of this issue.
- Oversized 6: 1983 Campaign Poster

Pamphlets.

A Survey of Voter Attitudes in New York's 88th Assembly District: Summary of Key Findings. Boston: Marttila & Kiley.

Call Number: Hochberg Collection – Pamphlet #1

A Survey of Attitudes Among Voters in the 88th Assembly District of New York.

Boston: Marttila & Kiley.

Summary of Key Findings June 1996

Call Number: Hochberg Collection – Pamphlet #2 – Volume I

Topline Results & Tabular Report June 1996

Call Number: Hochberg Collection – Pamphlet #2 – Volume II

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 29th Annual Drum Major Award Memorial Breakfast (2001)

Program from this event where Hochberg was granted the Community Service Award. Call Number: Hochberg Collection – Pamphlet #3

Environmental Advocates. *Voter's Guide*. 1997, 2000.

Call Number: Hochberg Collection – Pamphlet #4

Equal Rights Amendment. Contains various letters, mailings, and other items relating to the attempt to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States

Constitution. Call Number: Hochberg Collection – Pamphlet #5

The Legislative Women's Caucus of New York State. Lawmakers: Women of the New

York State Legislature. 2000. Autographed by the women members of the state legislature who were in office in 2000.

Call Number: Hochberg Collection – Pamphlet #6

The New York State Solid Waste Examiner. 1999 edition.

Call Number: Hochberg Collection – Pamphlet #7

The Westchester County Association, Inc. Annual Report. 1987.

Call Number: Hochberg Collection – Pamphlet #8

The Westchester Fund for Women and Girls. The Women's Notebook: 2000-2001.

Call Number: Hochberg Collection – Pamphlet #9