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**Manuscript Group 224  
Ida Tarbell Collection**

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**1 Box; 0.25 Linear Feet**

**Biographical Note**



Ida Minerva Tarbell (November 5, 1857-January 6, 1944) was born in Amity Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania. In 1880, graduated from Allegheny College and became a teacher in Poland, Ohio, before pursuing a career in writing. Ida Tarbell was an American teacher, author, and journalist known for investigative journalism in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Her 1904 book *The History of the Standard Oil Company*, was first serialized in *McClure's Magazine* in 1902-1904.

For more information about Ida Tarbell, visit Connecticut History: <https://connecticuthistory.org/ida-tarbell-the-woman-who-took-on-standard-oil/>

For more information about Nellie Bly, see Manuscript Group 204.

**Scope and Content Note**

This collection contains background information and correspondence related to a symposium documentary, and information about a preservation workshop hosted by the Oil Region Alliance in 2016-2017.

See also the archival collection for investigative journalist Nelly Bly in Manuscript Group 204 Nelly Bly (Elizabeth Jane Cochran/Cochrane) Collection.

**Provenance**

This collection was donated by Journalism Professor, Dr. David O. Loomis, in 2017.

**Restrictions**

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**Processor**

The collection was organized and the finding aid was updated by Harrison Wick on June 7, 2022.

**Content List**

**Box 1 (5 folders)**

1. Ida Tarbell: Background Information about her life and career as a journalist
2. The Ida M. Tarbell Collection in the Special Collections of the Pelletier Library at Allegheny College: <http://sites.allegheny.edu/tarbell/about-the-ida-tarbell-web-site/>
3. Oil Region Alliance: Symposium on Investigative Journalism, Past and Present; Ida Tarbell and Modern Muckrakers, 2016 (DVD)
  - a. Keynote Address by Steve Weinberg, “Investigative Reporting during the Progressive Era”
  - b. Program by Gene Policinski, “Muckraking in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century – Initial Methods and Results”
  - c. Keynote Address by Kathleen Brady, “Ida Tarbell’s Works and Influence on United States History”
4. Oil Region Alliance: Preservation Workshop in Titusville, Pennsylvania, May 20, 2017
5. “The Journalistic Genius of Ida Tarbell and Nellie Bly,” *Western Pennsylvania History* (Summer 2020)