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In memory of
Mary K. Bonsteel Tachau, 1926–1990
Mentor, colleague, friend

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PREFACE

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

IIAV	International Information Centre and Archive for the Women's Movement, Amsterdam
BAK	Bundesarchiv Koblenz
BL	Bundesarchiv Lichterfelde
LAB	Landesarchiv Berlin
WL	Women's Library, London
BMD	Bibliothèque Marguerite Durand, Paris
BHVP	Bibliothèque Historique de la Ville de Paris
WLHM	Wellcome Library for the History and Understanding of Medicine, London
BDF	Bund Deutscher Frauenvereine
BfM	Bund für Mutterschutz
OV	Onderlinge Vrouwenbescherming
UFCS	Union féminine civique et sociale
NUSEC	National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship
CNFF	Conseil national des femmes françaises
GFEF	Groupe français d'études féministes
WCG	Women's Cooperative Guild
PCF	Parti communiste français
SPD	Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands
UDI	Unione donne italiane
UFF	Union des femmes françaises
EES	Eugenics Education Society
ES	Eugenics Society