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This history of professional women in positions of administrative responsibility illuminates women's changing relationship to the public sphere in France since the Revolution of 1789. Linda L. Clark traces several generations of French women in public administration, examining public policy and politics, attitudes towards gender, and women's work and education. Women's own perceptions and assessments of their positions illustrate changes in gender roles and women's relationship to the state. With seniority-based promotion, maternity leaves, and the absence of the marriage bar, the situation of French women administrators invites comparison with their counterparts in other countries. Why has the profile of women's employment in France differed from that in the USA and the UK? This study gives unique insights into French social, political, and cultural history, and the history of women during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. It will interest scholars of European history and also specialists in women's studies.

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AD	Archives Départementales
ADLF	Action Démocratique et Laïque des Femmes
AGU	<i>Annuaire général de l'université</i>
AIFP	<i>Annuaire international de la fonction publique</i>
AN	Archives Nationales
APSR	<i>American Political Science Review</i>
BAGAC	<i>Bulletin de l'Association générale des administrateurs civils</i>
BAIPDEN	<i>Bulletin de l'Association des inspecteurs primaires et des directeurs d'écoles normales</i>
BHVP	Bibliothèque Historique de la Ville de Paris
BL	<i>Bulletin des lois</i>
BMD	Bibliothèque Marguerite Durand
BN NAF	Bibliothèque Nationale, Nouvelles Acquisitions Françaises
BOMG	<i>Bulletin officiel du ministère de la Guerre</i>
CGS	Conseil Général du Département de la Seine
CNFF	Conseil National des Femmes Françaises
CNR	Conseil National de la Résistance
CSAP	Conseil Supérieur de l'Assistance Publique
CSIP	Conseil Supérieur de l'Instruction Publique
CST	Conseil Supérieur du Travail
DBF	<i>Dictionnaire de biographie française</i>
EM	<i>Etat moderne</i>
ENA	Ecole Nationale d'Administration
FFU	Fédération Féministe Universitaire
FH	<i>French History</i>
FHS	<i>French Historical Studies</i>
FVS	<i>La Femme dans la vie sociale</i>
GGFF	Groupement Général des Femmes Fonctionnaires
ILO	International Labor Office
INSEE	Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques

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IT	Inspection du Travail
JO	<i>Journal officiel de la République française</i> (retitled the <i>Journal officiel de l'état français</i> from 1941 to 1944)
LF	<i>La Fronde</i>
LFran	<i>La Française</i>
MAgr	Ministère de l'Agriculture
MCom	Ministère du Commerce (also Commerce et Industrie)
MEN	Ministère de l'Education Nationale (Ministère de l'Instruction Publique before 1932)
MGP	<i>Manuel général de l'instruction primaire</i>
MInt	Ministère de l'Intérieur
MMar	Marine Marchande (Sous-secrétariat or Ministère)
MRP	Mouvement Républicain Populaire
MTrv	Ministère du Travail
MTP	Ministère des Travaux publics
OCM	Organisation Civile et Militaire
PTT	Postes, Télégraphes et Téléphones
PWSFH	<i>Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Western Society for French History</i>
RA	<i>Revue administrative</i>
RDM	<i>Revue des deux mondes</i>
REOB	<i>Revue des établissements et des œuvres de bienfaisance</i>
RFA	Rockefeller Foundation Archives
RFT	<i>Revue française du travail</i>
RPed	<i>Revue pédagogique</i>
RPen	<i>Revue pénitentiaire</i>
RPhil	<i>Revue philanthropique</i>
Sciences Po	Ecole des Sciences Politiques
SHAT	Service Historique de l'Armée de Terre (Vincennes)
TF	<i>Tribune des fonctionnaires</i>
UFCS	Union Féminine Civique et Sociale
UFSF	Union Française pour le Suffrage des Femmes
UNFC	Union Nationale des Fonctionnaires Catholiques
VS	<i>Vie sociale</i>