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Abstract

This collection contains correspondence and reports of the Virginia Home Economics Association: Committee for the Standardization of Consumer Goods Records.

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Creator

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Administrative History

The discipline of home economics was first conceptualized in the 1890s by Ellen Swallow Richard, who subsequently founded the American Home Economics Association (AHEA) in January 1909. Seven women, including Mary Ledger Moffett, Mary E. Dillard, and Frances Sale began organizing the Virginia Home Economics Association (VHEA) later that year, with Mary E. Dillard becoming the first president in 1910.

The VHEA functioned as an affiliate of the national branch in its mission, promoting individual, family and community well-being in Virginia. This organization's Committee for the Standardization of Consumer Goods, chaired during the 1930s by Ilena M. Bailey, focused on the creation of quality standards for products such as blankets, sheets, pillowcases, stockings, canned food, and refrigerators.

The AHEA changed its name to the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) in 1994 in order to more accurately define the scope of the profession in general. The VHEA followed suit, becoming the Virginia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (VAFCS).

With its predecessor, the VAFCS has served Virginia as a source of practical knowledge about human growth and development, personal behavior, housing and environment, food and nutrition, apparel and textiles, and resource management. It has also influenced Virginia legislation pertaining to the family unit by disseminating information and lobbying. The VAFCS is currently (2008) headquartered in Amelia, Virginia.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of correspondence and reports from 1930 to 1936 of Ilena M. Bailey, home economics researcher at Virginia Tech and chairperson of the Virginia Home Economics Association: Committee for the Standardization of Consumer Goods Records. Materials include correspondence with department store managers, government agencies and women's organizations.

Related Archival Materials

See the Virginia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Records, Ms2008-032, also at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives.

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Description of Subordinate Components

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Harry F. Byrd

Unit Date May 21, 1934

Marry Brown Allgood

Unit Date April 11, 1935

G. L. Webster Canning Company

Unit Date April 9, 1935

National Better Business Bureau

Unit Date March 4, 1936

Virginia Home Economics Association

Unit Date April 2, 1934; April 11, 1935

Report of the Committee on the Standardization of Consumer Goods

Unit Date 1932-1933

Chatham Manufacturing Company

Unit Date April 6 and 9, 1936

Jean J. Stewart, College of William and Mary

Unit Date October 3 and 15, 1934

Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs

Unit Date March 16 and 19, 1932; April 2, 4, and 30, 1934

American Association of University Women in Virginia

Unit Date April 2, 1934

Consumers National Conference Newsletter

Unit Date January 15, 1934

American Standards Association

Unit Date February 23 and April 27, 1932

Virginia State Board of Education

Unit Date April 11; March 15 and 19, 1932, March 19 and 20, 1934

General Federation of Women's Clubs

Unit Date February 23, 1932

National Association of Ice Industries

Unit Date March 3, 1930

Sears, Roebuck, and Company

Unit Date October 19, 1933

S. H. Heironimus Company

Unit Date March 16 and 19, 1932

Miller and Rhoads Inc.

Unit Date March 16 and 19, 1932

Smith and Welton Inc.

Unit Date March 21, 1932

Thalhimer Brothers

Unit Date March 22, 1932

United States Bureau of Home Economics

Unit Date May 8 and 31, 1935; June 12 and 20, 1935

American Home Economics Association

Unit Date February 23; March 8 and 17; April 1; June 21; August 2 and 8, 1932

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