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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

Ms.1963.002

Unit Date

1907-1972

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The Blacksburg Woman's Club Records include club correspondence, minutes, financial records, scrapbooks, and printed material.

Creator

Blacksburg Woman's Club (Blacksburg, Va.)

Extent

7 Cubic Feet 8 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The Blacksburg Woman's Club deposited many of its records in Newman Library in 1962; those materials were donated to the library the following year. Upon dissolution of the club in 1970, the club donated the remainder of its records. Additional materials were donated by the club's last president in 1972, and a 1941/1942 scrapbook was donated in 1990.

Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Blacksburg Woman's Club Records commenced in November 2003 and was completed December 2003.

Preferred Citation

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Administrative History

Arising from a desire to improve the cultural and environmental aspects of life in the Blacksburg area, the Woman's Civic Betterment Club was founded in 1907. Led by its first president, Mrs. R. H. Hudnall, the organization became affiliated with the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs in 1912 and was renamed the Blacksburg Woman's Club in 1914. Throughout the next several decades, the club was involved in a number of local civic improvement projects, involving community beautification, public health, civil defense, charity, and cultural programs. The Blacksburg Garden Club was originally a committee within the Blacksburg Woman's Club before voting to form an independent organization in 1930. Another offshoot organization, the Blacksburg Junior Woman's Club, was created in 1935 and continues to be active today (2003). The club disbanded in 1970.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the records of the Blacksburg Woman's Club. Materials include the club's correspondence; official minutes of both the general club and executive committee meetings; and financial records. The core of the collection is found in a large set of scrapbooks, ranging from the 1930s to 1970s, which document all facets of the club's activities. There are also printed materials of both the Blacksburg Woman's Club and the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs. Scattered throughout are materials relating to the Blacksburg Junior Woman's Club. A small set of photos and ephemera completes the collection.

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Women -- History

Blacksburg (Va.)

Montgomery County (Va.)

Blacksburg Woman's Club (Blacksburg, Va.)

Existence and Location of Copies

Some of this collection has been digitized and is available online.

Rights Statement for Archival Description

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in the following series:

I. Correspondence, 1953-1970. This series contains a small set of correspondence, most of which is from the club's final few years and was apparently overlooked during the compilation of scrapbooks. Arranged chronologically.

II. Minutes, 1907-1970. In addition to the minutes of the general club meetings, this series also contains minutes of the executive committee meetings. Arranged by type, then chronologically.

III. Financial Records, 1914-1970. The club's financial records include the treasurers' books and reports, as well as documentation such as check stubs, deposit slips and receipts, most of which are from the few years immediately preceding the club's dissolution. Arranged by type, then chronologically.

IV. Scrapbooks, 1936-1968. By far the most extensive of the series, the scrapbooks comprise the core of the collection. Covering 30 years of the club's history, the scrapbooks contain a large variety of materials, including correspondence, memorabilia, minutes, calendars, rosters, newspaper clippings and other printed materials relating to both the Blacksburg Woman's Club and the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs. Arranged chronologically.

V. Club Activities, 1937-1970. This small series contains various histories of the club, together with materials (mostly printed matter) relating to various activities, specifically the 1952 "Get Out the Vote" campaign. Arranged by type, then chronologically.

VI. Printed Materials, 1917-1970. Included in the printed materials are the club's newsletters and yearbooks, as well as a history and a cookbook published by the club. The series also contains a few publications of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs and a few newspaper clippings. Arranged by format, then chronologically, with local publications preceding those of the statewide organization.

VII. General Materials, 1964-1968. This small series contains a few photos of club members and some assorted ephemera. Arranged by type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I. Correspondence

Unit Date 1953-1970

Correspondence

Unit Date 1953-1970, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Series II. Minutes

Unit Date 1907-1970

General meeting minutes

Unit Date 1907-1921

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Unit Date 1921-1938

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Unit Date 1938-1948

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Unit Date 1949-1950

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Unit Date 1951-1953

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Unit Date 1954-1956

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Unit Date 1957-1965

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Unit Date 1966-1970

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Executive Committee minutes

Unit Date 1940-1944

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Unit Date 1946-1956

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Unit Date 1956-1964

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Unit Date 1964-1970

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Series III. Financial records

Unit Date 1914-1970

Treasurer's books

Unit Date 1917-1951

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

General Physical Description note [3 items]

Treasurer's reports

Unit Date 1936-1970

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Bank account books

Unit Date 1914-1969

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

General Physical Description note [3 items]

Check stubs

Unit Date 1921-1970

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Checks

Unit Date 1966-1970

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Deposit slips

Unit Date 1966-1970

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Bank statements

Unit Date 1966-1970

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Receipts and other financial records

Unit Date 1942-1968

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Unit Date 1969-1970, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Series IV. Scrapbooks

Unit Date 1936-1968

Unit Date 1936-1937

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Unit Date 1938-1939

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Unit Date 1940-1941

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Unit Date 1941-1942

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Unit Date 1942-1943

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Unit Date 1945-1946

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Unit Date 1946-1947

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

[2 folders]

Unit Date 1947-1948

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

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Unit Date 1948-1949

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

[3 folders]

Unit Date 1949-1950

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

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Unit Date 1950-1951

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

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Unit Date 1951-1952

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Unit Date 1953-1954

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Unit Date 1954-1955

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Unit Date 1955-1956

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Unit Date 1956-1957

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Golden anniversary

Unit Date 1957

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Unit Date 1957-1958

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Unit Date 1958-1959

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Unit Date 1959-1960

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Unit Date 1960-1961

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Unit Date 1961-1962

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 2 (folder)
Unit Date 1962-1963
box-folder 7 (box)
Container 3 (folder)
Unit Date 1963-1964
box-folder 7 (box)
Container 4 (folder)
Unit Date 1964-1965
box-folder 7 (box)
Container 5 (folder)
Unit Date 1965-1966
box-folder 7 (box)
Container 6 (folder)
Unit Date 1966-1967
box-folder 7 (box)
Container 7 (folder)
Unit Date 1967-1968
box-folder 7 (box)
Container 8 (folder)

Series V. Club activities

Unit Date 1937-1970

Club histories

Unit Date 1937-1969
box-folder 8 (box)
Container 1 (folder)

"Get Out the Vote" campaign

Unit Date 1952
box-folder 8 (box)
Container 2 (folder)

Committee and presidential reports

Unit Date 1952-1970
box-folder 8 (box)
Container 3 (folder)

Programs, brochures, and press releases

Unit Date 1957-1970
box-folder 8 (box)
Container 4 (folder)

Series VI. Printed materials

Unit Date 1917-1970

Newsletters

Unit Date 1960-1965
box-folder 8 (box)
Container 5 (folder)

Unit Date 1966-1970

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Yearbooks

Unit Date 1919-1970

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Blacksburg Woman's Club History

Unit Date 1938

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

My Stove and I [cookbook]

Unit Date [1952?]

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

"Discovering Blacksburg"

Unit Date 1965-1968

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs yearbooks

Unit Date 1917-1951

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

General Physical Description note [2 items]

The Virginia Club Woman

Unit Date 1963-1970

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

General Physical Description note [8 items]

Newspaper clippings

Unit Date 1938-1948

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Series VII. General materials

Unit Date 1917-1970

Photos and ephemera

Unit Date 1964-1968, n.d.

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 14 (folder)