

Inventory of the

DeKalb Woman's Club
DeKalb, Illinois

Records

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RC 211

INTRODUCTION

Nancy Norris donated the DeKalb Woman's Club Records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on July 20, 1992. Addenda to the records were added at later dates.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The DeKalb Woman's Club records contain meeting minutes dating from May 29, 1896 to May 3, 1996 with the minutes for 1907 to 1910 and 1922 to 1933 missing. Minutes for the Club's earlier organization, The Young People's Literary Circle, are included in the records and date December 23, 1889 to May 20, 1891. The annual calendars (yearbooks) included in the collection contain the constitution and by-laws, a membership list, and a schedule of the club's programs and projects. There is a complete run of calendars from 1896 to 2000 except for 1934, 1936, 1937, 1939, 1942. The scrapbooks, committee reports, programs, and other related material highlight the club's business and community affairs and fund raising activities. Addenda consist of minutes from July 23, 1990 to May 1, 1998, annual calendars (yearbooks) from 1993 to 2000, Centennial Celebration materials, information on the activities of the DeKalb Woman's Club, and a list of members with years of membership and addresses from 1896 to 1995.

For further information concerning other women's clubs the researcher should consult the Genoa Women's Club Records, RC 192. For further information on women's organizations the researcher should consult the Regional Collections Guide.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Woman's Club of DeKalb was organized on May 29, 1896, at the home of Mrs. John Taylor. At the first meeting Mrs. J.T. Bowles was elected president; Mrs. J.H. Davis, vice president; Mrs. Samuel Bradt, secretary; and Mrs. Bailey Rosette, treasurer. There were twenty-seven charter members. At the close of the club year the membership grew to sixty-seven.

The Club was an outgrowth of an earlier organization called "The Young People's Literary Circle." Founded in 1889 this organization included both men and women. The early interests of the club were entirely cultural. The programs were composed of topics assigned to

members who were obligated to write and read papers prepared by themselves. English authors and their works, English cathedrals, and colleges and historical places progressing to similar topics in American history were the themes which held the member's interest. Before the close of the first year, however, an active interest in practical community affairs was evident. This interest resulted in support of a compulsory education law, street sprinkling, city health, school playgrounds, and in 1899, a sewage law was supported.

In 1912, the name of the organization was changed to the DeKalb Woman's Club, a new constitution was adopted, and the Club incorporated. Over the years the Club has continued their community support. For example, the purchasing and later donation to the City of DeKalb of Annie's Woods for use as a public park, the restoration and furnishing of the Little House on the Ellwood House grounds, and presenting scholarships to outstanding students are just a few of the Club's accomplishments.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

DeKalb (Ill.)
DeKalb Woman's Club
Societies--DeKalb
Women--Societies and clubs
Young People's Literary Circle

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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	13	Programs, 1922-1990	
	14	Chautauqua, 1920-1926	
	15	Prayer Breakfast, 1972-1975	
	16	Scholarships, 1971-1980	
	17	Woman's Club Cookbooks, 1920, 1967	
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3		History of Twelfth District, Illinois Federation of Women's Club, 1908-1968	

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	5	History of the DeKalb Junior Woman's Club, 1934-1968	
Oversize	4 volumes	DeKalb Woman's Club, Scrapbooks, 1973-1990	
Oversize	1 volume	I.F.W.C., 12th District, 1961-1962	
Oversize	2 volumes	DeKalb Junior Woman's Club, 1947-1948	
Oversize	8 volumes	DeKalb Woman's Club, Scrapbooks, 1948-1969	

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	6-8	Minutes, July 23, 1990-May 7, 1993	
Oversize	1 volume	DeKalb Woman's Club, Centennial Scrapbook, 1996	

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	9-10	Minutes, July 25, 1994-May 3, 1996	
	11	Treasurer's Reports, 1988-1996	
7	1	Annual Calendars (Yearbooks), 1993-2001	
	2	President's File/Correspondence, 1979-1988	
	3	Membership List, 1896-1991	
	4	Building Fund Resolution, April 30, 1976	
	5	Community Improvement Program, Growing Place and Children's Learning Center, 1992-1994	
	6	Charter, 1980; Certificates of Award, 1974-1975; 50 th Anniversary Scroll, 1954	
	7	Centennial Celebration, DeKalb Woman's Club, May 3, 1996	
	8	Guest Book, IFWC Centennial Celebration, 1990	
	9	Centennial Celebration, GFWC, 1989-1994	
	10	Cassette, Centennial Celebration, GFWC, The First 100 Years, 1994	
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Drawer 20, Folder 18		Photograph, IFWC, 66th Annual Convention, May 9-11, 1961	

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8		Hat worn by Mrs. Jessie Carter Leishman (Jessie Glidden's material aunt), DeKalb Woman's Club President, 1908-1910
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9	1	President's File, 1999-2000
	2	Past President's File, 2000-2001
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19	GFWC Membership Certificate, April 12, 1918
20	Prospectus, 1921-1922
21	Bonds, 1930-1973
22	Hart Trust and Property, 1932-1973
23	IRS Exemption Letter, 1946
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	7	Attendance, October 2003-May 2006
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	5	Newspaper Clippings, 1990-2001
	6	Photographs, 1989-2001
	7	GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs 12 th District Directory, 1999-2000
	8	General Federation of Women's Clubs Pamphlet, n.d.
Oversize	1 volume	DeKalb Woman's Club, Scrapbook, 1971-1973
	1 volume	DeKalb Woman's Club, Scrapbook, 1977-1978
	1 volume	DeKalb Woman's Club, Scrapbook, Fall 1985
	2 volumes	DeKalb Woman's Club, Scrapbooks, 1989-1993
12	4 volumes	DeKalb Woman's Club, Scrapbooks, 1993-2001

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13	1	DeKalb Township Homemaker's Club, 1931-1932
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	5	Awards, newspaper clippings, and a thank you letter regarding Grace Hoy (member of DeKalb Women's Club), 1998-2008
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