

Haverhill [Mass.] Mother's Club/ Jr. Mother's Club Records, 1897-1981

Collection Summary

Reference Code:	MRQ, US.
Repository:	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
Call Number:	MSS 64
Creator:	Haverhill [Mass.] Mother's Club
Title:	Haverhill [Mass.] Mother's Club Records
Dates:	1897-1981
Size:	1.25 linear feet (3 boxes)
Language(s):	Collection materials are in English.
Abstract:	The collection contains record books, programs, letters, photographs, and other records from the Mother's Club of Haverhill, Massachusetts, a women's club that held regularly scheduled meetings to learn about childhood development and to help other mothers with child rearing. It includes similar records from the Jr. Mother's Club, an offshoot of the original club.

Organizational History

The Haverhill Mother's Club was founded on October 5, 1897 by Evelyn M. Hunt. It began with five members and later grew to 20. The object of the club was "to stimulate active interest in all that pertains to the best development of children in their physical, mental and spiritual nature, by study and practice." The club also aimed to "promote mutual helpfulness among the members, to affiliate with other kindred organizations, and utilize all other helps that tend toward a more enlightened motherhood and a more complete childhood." The members issued pamphlets on the care and feeding of infants, and supplied equipment to mothers. They also brought lecturers on child culture to the city of Haverhill and assisted in forming other mother's clubs in Haverhill and other communities.

The Haverhill Junior Mother's Club was organized in January 1927. On Monday, January 17, 1927, a meeting was held at the home of Doris Rice for the purpose of forming a young mother's club. All original members were daughters or daughters-in-law of the Haverhill Mother's Club. Their purpose was to "stimulate active interest in all that pertains to the best development of children in their physical, mental, and spiritual nature, by study and practice." Membership was limited to 20. The first officers were: President, Doris Rice; Vice-President,

Katherine MacGregor; Treasurer, Gertrude Hunt; and Secretary, Doris Davis. With the approval of the original Mother's Club, the Junior Mother's Club changed their name to the Haverhill Mother's Club in 1950. Records end in 1981 and the club disbanded in 1987.

Arrangement

- Series 1. Mother's Club Records, 1897-1957, undated
 - Subseries 1.1. Administrative, 1897-1957, undated
 - Subseries 1.2. Programs and Other Records, 1902-1942, undated
- Series 2. Junior Mother's Club Records, 1927-1981, undated
 - Subseries 2.1. Administrative, 1927-1981
 - Subseries 2.2. Programs and Other Records, 1935-1981, undated

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains records from the Mother's Club of Haverhill, Massachusetts, a women's club that held regularly scheduled meetings to learn about childhood development and to help other mothers with child rearing. It has been organized into two series. Series one contains records of the original Mother's Club, including record books kept by the club secretary of the meetings held, the constitution and by-laws, programs, an account book, photographs, and news clippings. Series two contains records of the Junior Mother's Club, including records kept by the club secretary of the club's meetings and activities, programs, an account book, correspondence, a poem, and lists of the club's officers from the inception of the club. It also includes a news clipping about the 1937 Mother's Club, a completely separate organization.

Administrative Information

- Preferred Citation:** [Item Identification], Haverhill Mother's Club Records, MSS 64, Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
- Custodial History:** Material was acquired from creator.
- Acquisition Information:** Five record books were a gift from the Mother's Club. Five photographs of Mother's Club outings and ten programs from the 1920s and 1930s were donated by Eleanor Davis in 1993. The rest of the material is from an unknown source.
- Processing Information:** Processed by Tamara Gaydos, 2021.
- Access Rights:** Collection is open for research.
- Phys. Access Restrictions:** None.
- Tech. Access Restrictions:** None.
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Related Collections:

None.

Separated Material:

None.

Conservation Notes:

Photographs were sleeved to protect them. Newspaper clippings were photocopied onto archival quality paper. Paperclips and staples were removed.

Subjects:

1937 Mother's Club (Haverhill, Mass.)
Clubs
Haverhill (Mass.) – History
Junior Mother's Club (Haverhill, Mass.)
Mother's Club (Haverhill, Mass.)
Programs
Women – Massachusetts -- Haverhill
Women -- Societies and clubs
Women in charitable work

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Mother's Club Records, 1897-1957, undated

This series consists of two subseries: 1.1, Administrative; and 1.2, Programs and Other Records.

Subseries 1.1: Administrative, 1897-1957, undated

This subseries contains record books kept by the club secretary of the meetings held and two copies of the constitution and by-laws.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Record book, 1897-1907	1	1
Record book, 1907-1919	1	2
Record book, 1919-1928	1	3
Record book, 1928-1939	1	4
Record book, 1939-1957	1	5
Constitution and by-laws [2 copies], undated	1	6

Subseries 1.2: Programs and Other Records, 1902-1942, undated

This subseries contains programs, an account book, photographs, and news clippings.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Programs, 1902-1910	1	7
Account book, 1908-1946	2	1
Programs, 1910-1920	2	2
Photographs, 1912, undated	2	3
Programs, 1920-1930	2	4
Programs, 1930-1940	2	5
40 th anniversary minutes and history, 1936	2	6
Programs, 1942, undated	2	7
News clippings, undated	2	8

Series 2: Junior Mother's Club Records, 1927-1981, undated

This series consists of two subseries: 2.1, Administrative; and 2.2, Programs and Other Records.

Subseries 2.1: Administrative, 1927-1981

This subseries contains records kept by the club secretary of the club's meetings and activities.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Secretary's records, 1927-1930	2	9
Secretary's records, 1930-1933	2	10
Secretary's records, 1933-1937	2	11
Secretary's records, 1937-1941	2	12
Secretary's records, 1941-1953	3	1
Secretary's records, 1953-1957	3	2
Secretary's records, 1957-1962	3	3
Secretary's records, 1962-1972	3	4
Secretary's records, 1972-1977	3	5
Secretary's records, 1977-1981	3	6

Subseries 2.2: Programs and Other Records, 1935-1981, undated

This subseries contains programs, an account book, correspondence, a poem, and lists of the club's officers from the inception of the club. It also includes a news clipping about the 1937 Mother's Club, a completely separate organization.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Programs, 1935-1978	3	7
News clipping about the 1937 Mother's Club, 1959	3	8
Account book, 1962-1980	3	9
Correspondence, 1967-1981, undated	3	10
Poem on 35 th anniversary, undated [1962]	3	11
List of officers from 1927-1981, undated	3	12