

Haverhill Day Care Center Collection, 1895-1989

Collection Summary

Reference Code:	MRQ, US.
Repository:	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
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Title:	Haverhill Day Care Center Collection, 1895-1989
Dates:	1895-1989
Size:	1.417 linear feet (1 box, 7 volumes)
Language(s):	Collection materials are in English.
Abstract:	The Haverhill Day Nursery Association was founded in 1895 and evolved to help the children of Haverhill, Massachusetts, by looking after them and offering different services over the years. In 1974, the Association changed its name to Haverhill Day Care Center and Kindergarten.

Organizational Sketch

The Haverhill Day Nursery Association, Inc. was first known as the Young Women's Building Association and was incorporated under that name on 23 April 1895. Its goal was to raise funds "to establish a building to serve all branches of women's work and need." On 15 June 1895, the members voted to establish a day nursery, and a committee was appointed to secure a room and make arrangements. In August 1895, the Association began renting rooms at 95 Emerson Street, Haverhill, for a day nursery. The other rooms in the house were rented out to women looking for jobs or without relatives. Late in 1898, the Association decided to buy the Johnson estate at 64 Pecker Street and after raising the money, the house was purchased in February 1899.

Many improvements were made between 1895 and 1920. In 1905, the Association initiated a district nursing service where the nurse made house calls. The Association also did a lot of sewing to provide layettes for babies whose mothers were unable to provide for them. In 1918, during the great influenza epidemic, the nursery boarded well children of sick parents. In January 1920, the name was legally changed to the Haverhill Day Nursery Association, Inc. During the years of the Great Depression, the nursery served meals to children.

In 1942, the Haverhill Day Nursery became a member of the Haverhill Community Chest, which meant that it received regular, public financial support. In 1950, the Nursery hired its first

official case worker on a part time basis. The period of 1961-1975 was marked by rapid changes in terms of modernization and relocation. In 1963, the Association reported that it served not only Haverhill, but the surrounding towns of Groveland, Merrimack, West Newbury, and Georgetown, as well as three towns in New Hampshire, Atkinson, Plaistow, and Newton.

In 1974, the Association changed its name to Haverhill Day Care Center and Kindergarten to be more descriptive and contemporary. Lead paint was found on the walls of the building, so on 15 April 1974, the Day Care Center began renting space at the Temple Emmanuel on Main Street in Haverhill, and then in July, moved to the First Church of Christ in Bradford.

As of 2020, the Haverhill Day Care Center operates at 367 South Main Street, Bradford, Massachusetts, providing child care for children ages 2 years, 9 months to 12 years.

Scope and Content Note

This collection provides history and information about the Haverhill Day Care Center. The collection is made up of six series. Series one contains an essay about the early history of the nursery and a seminar paper from Marie Chapman about the history of the organization from 1895-1975. Series two contains material about how the nursery was governed, founded and inventory. Series three contains two programs. Series four has papers that do not fit into any other place within this collection. Series five contains account books, meeting minutes, letters, and notes. Series six contains newspaper clippings, which were located in a different part of the society section in the Haverhill Room. It was decided to bring those newspaper clippings together with the other materials to make it a collection. The majority of the materials were together.

Arrangement

Series 1: History of the Organization, 1976, undated

Series 2: By-Laws and Related Documents, 1922, 1925, 1946-1952, undated

Series 3: Programs, 1899, 1916, 1938

Series 4: Other, 1895-1955, 1989, undated

Series 5: Financial Records and Meeting Minutes, 1895-1952, undated

Series 6: Newspaper Clippings, 1909-1978, undated

Administrative Information

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Custodial History: Much of the material was found in various collections. Anne Durst donated a copy of her dissertation in 1989.

Acquisition Information:	“Day Nurseries and Wage Earning Mothers” was Anne Durst’s dissertation at the University of Wisconsin-Madison; it was donated to the library in 1989. The other materials were found in various collections.
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Related Material:	None
Separated Material:	None.
Conservation Notes:	Newspaper clippings were photocopied onto archival quality paper.
Subjects:	Chapman, Marie Charities Day care Day care centers Durst, Anne Haverhill (Mass.) Haverhill (Mass.)—History Haverhill Day Care Association (Haverhill, Mass.) Haverhill Day Care Center (Haverhill, Mass.) Poor relief Social welfare

Collection Inventory

Series 1: History of the Organization, 1976, undated

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
History of the Day Nursery, undated [1950]	1	1
“The Haverhill Day Care Center 1895-1975”, 1976	1	2

[This paper by Marie Chapman was written for a research seminar class at the University of Lowell in 1976.]

Series 2: By-Laws and Related Documents, 1922, 1925, 1946-1952, undated

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
By-Laws, 1922, 1946, 1952	1	3
Inventory of the Day Care, 1925	1	4
List of Founders, undated	1	5

Series 3: Programs, 1899, 1916, 1938

May Breakfast Program [2 copies], 1899	1	6
Valentine's Day concert, 1916; Thanksgiving Ball Program, 1938	1	7

Series 4: Other, 1895-1955, 1989, undated

"The Associated Charities of Haverhill" brochure, undated	1	8
"Day Nurseries and Wage Earning Mothers 1890-1930", 1989	1	Vol. 1
Scrapbook, 1895-1955, undated	1	Vol. 2

Series 5: Financial Records and Meeting Minutes, 1895-1952, undated

Accounts, 1905-1915	Volume 1	
Accounts, 1916-1927	Volume 2	
Accounts, 1927-1938	Volume 3	
Accounts, 1938-1948	Volume 4	
Meeting minutes, 1895-1919	Volume 5	
Meeting minutes, 1918-1941	Volume 6	
Meeting minutes, 1942-1952	Volume 7	
History Notes, undated [1959]	1	9
Board Notes and Meetings, 1934-1941, undated	1	10

Letters and Notes, 1937-1941, undated

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Financial Statement, 1937

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Series 6: Newspaper Clippings, 1909-1978, undated

Newspaper clippings from 1909-1978 [photocopies], undated

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