

Haverhill College Club, Inc. Records, 1896-1984

Collection Summary

Reference Code:	MRQ, US.
Repository:	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
Call Number:	MSS 72
Creator:	Haverhill College Club, Inc. (Haverhill, Mass.)
Title:	Haverhill College Club, Inc. Records
Dates:	1896-1984
Size:	1.668 linear feet (4 boxes)
Language(s):	Collection materials are in English.
Abstract:	The Haverhill College Club records document the activities, financial transactions, and administration of this social and charitable organization from 1896 to 1984.

Organizational History

The Haverhill College Club was formed in the fall of 1895 when a group of young female college graduates in Haverhill, Massachusetts, decided to start a local college club for women. The membership consisted of women who were graduates of a women's college or who had been students at a women's college. They met once every two weeks, on Friday evenings, at the homes of members. For the first winter, they chose the reading of Dante's *Inferno* as their entertainment. There were no rules, restrictions, by-laws, officers, or governance in that first year. There were no records of the first meeting except clippings from the *Haverhill Gazette*.

As the Christmas holidays of 1895 approached, the members of this newly-formed club felt that they would like to entertain the undergraduate college girls who would be home for the Christmas vacation. Consequently, a Christmas Tea was successfully held at the home of Miss Gertrude Simonds on Fountain Street. This became an annual custom which was continued by the club for many years. On 25 January 1896, the members decided to meet on Thursday afternoons at 3:30 pm, instead of Friday evenings.

When the club resumed in the fall of 1896, it was organized and officers were elected. There were eleven members at the formal organization on 12 October 1896. The members decided in 1896 to take on an ambitious project as their winter's project: reading German literature in the original. After four months of this, it was voted one evening that instead, Mary McLean would read Browning to them. The next year, the subject selected was "National Epics."

The club reorganized in 1912, and incorporated in 1921. Membership was open to any woman resident of Haverhill who held a bachelor's degree from a college on the approved list of colleges accepted by the club. Similarly, qualified women from towns surrounding Haverhill (Plaistow, Atkinson, and Newton, New Hampshire, and Merrimac, West Newbury, Groveland, South Groveland, or North Andover, Massachusetts) were eligible for membership, which grew to 120. They met monthly from October to June. The entrance fee was \$1.00 and annual dues were \$2.00.

The club reorganized in 1956, and set forth as its objective promoting good fellowship and maintaining a fund for the assistance of greater Haverhill girls in need of assistance to pursue higher education. The records end in 1984. As of 2021, it is not known if or when the club disbanded.

Arrangement

Series 1. Administrative, 1896-1976, undated

Series 2. Membership, 1899-1981, undated

Series 3. Financial, 1912-1984, undated

Scope and Content Note

The Haverhill College Club records document the activities, financial transactions, and administration of the organization from 1896 to 1984. The collection has been organized into three series. Series one contains the constitution and by-laws, record books, correspondence, the incorporation application, news clippings, blank stationery, and a handwritten early history of the club. Series two contains calendars, membership cards, applications, scrapbooks, lists, a color photograph, and information about the Haverhill Circle of the Florence Crittenton League of Compassion. Series three contains account books, an auditor's report, bank passbooks and check registers, member receipts, Internal Revenue forms, paid bills, and two stamps.

Administrative Information

- Preferred Citation:** [Item Identification], Haverhill College Club, Inc. Records, MSS 72, Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
- Custodial History:** Material was acquired from creator.
- Acquisition Information:** The Haverhill College Club donated the early club records (1896-1901) (#265328). The scrapbook, publicity scrapbook, and several calendars were a gift of Alice Sherburne. Two boxes of records

	were deposited by Mrs. Charles Page on 7 March 1979. The rest of the material is from an unknown source.
Processing Information:	Processed by Tamara Gaydos, 2021.
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Related Collections:	None.
Separated Material:	None.
Conservation Notes:	Newspaper clippings were photocopied onto archival quality paper.
Subjects:	Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.) Clubs Haverhill (Mass.) – History Haverhill Circle of the Florence Crittenton League of Compassion Haverhill College Club, Inc. (Haverhill, Mass.) Programs Scholarships Scrapbooks Women – Massachusetts -- Haverhill Women -- Societies and clubs

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Administrative, 1896-1976, undated

This series contains the constitution and by-laws, record books, correspondence, the incorporation application, news clippings, blank stationery, and a handwritten early history of the club, arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Record book, 1896-1901	1	1
Record book, 1901-1912	1	2
Record book, 1912-1921	1	3
News clippings, 1914, 1926-1942, 1958-1965	1	4

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Record book, 1921-1935	1	5
Incorporation application, 1929	1	6
Record book, 1935-1947	1	7
Correspondence, 1938-1940, 1972-1976	1	8
Record book, 1947-1954	1	9
Record book, 1954-1957	2	1
Record book, 1958-1967	2	2
Constitution and by-laws, undated	2	3
Blank stationery, undated	2	4
Handwritten early history of the club, undated	2	5

Series 2: Membership, 1899-1981, undated

This series contains calendars, membership cards, applications, scrapbooks, lists, a color photograph, and information about the Haverhill Circle of the Florence Crittenton League of Compassion, arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Calendars, 1899-1900, 1920-1940	2	6
Membership cards, 1915-1981	2	7
Play programs, 1921-1935	2	8
Membership applications, 1922-1962	2	9
Calendars, 1940-1950	3	1
Publicity (scrapbook), 1944-1948	3	2
Scrapbook, 1949-1952	3	3
Calendars, 1950-1960	3	4
Haverhill Circle of the Florence Crittenton League of Compassion, history, by-laws, calendar, 1953-1954	3	5
Calendars, 1960-1971	3	6
Membership lists, 1973-1979, undated	3	7
Color photograph, undated	3	8

Series 3: Financial, 1912-1984, undated

This series contains account books, an auditor's report, bank passbooks and check registers, member receipts, Internal Revenue forms, paid bills, and two stamps, arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Account book, 1912-1932	3	9
Account book, 1932-1943	3	10
Auditor's report, 1940	4	1
Account book, 1943-1956	4	2
Haverhill Savings Bank, passbooks, 1943-1984; The Family Mutual Savings Bank, passbooks, 1974-1984	4	3
Annual reports to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1946-1978	4	4
Member receipts, 1962-1980	4	5
Check register from Haverhill National Bank, 1965-1975	4	6
Check register, 1957-1964	4	7
IRS Form 1099-INT (interest earnings), 1970-1980; Employer Identification Number for the club, undated	4	8
Bills paid, 1976, 1979	4	9
Check register from Family Mutual Savings Bank, 1979-1984	4	10
Two stamps, "Haverhill, Mass." and "College Club", undated	4	