

Haverhill Woman's Club Records, 1914-1916, 1927-1997

Collection Summary

Reference Code:	MRQ, US.
Repository:	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
Call Number:	MSS 60
Creator:	Haverhill Woman's Club
Title:	Haverhill Woman's Club Records
Dates:	1914-1916, 1927-1997
Size:	.417 linear feet (3 boxes)
Language(s):	Collection materials are in English.
Abstract:	The Haverhill Woman's Club records document the activities, financial transactions, and administration of the club from 1914 until 1997.

Organizational History

The Haverhill Woman's Club was founded in October 1904, as the result of the interest of Mrs. Herbert B. Bachelder and Mrs. Stanley H. Homes. They met often to discuss the desirability of forming a Haverhill Womans' Club. They invited a few women to their discussions. Meetings were held in the Public Library, where organizational plans were completed in 1905. Mrs. Bachelder was elected President, an office she held for five years. Mrs. Clara Hills was elected Secretary. Club membership was limited to 50.

The name of the new organization was "The Hannah Dustin Mother's Club," but the word "Mother" was soon dropped in order to make all Haverhill women eligible for membership, whether they were mothers or not. The club became a member of the State Federation of Womens' Clubs in 1905. In 1910, the club joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The first meeting in the YWCA lecture room was on March 11, 1909, and the club continued to meet there for many years. Current events were given at each meeting. On September 15, 1911, it was voted to change the name to "Haverhill Woman's Club." This was done because some people thought that the club was a society of the descendants of Hannah Dustin.

On February 9, 1915, the club was incorporated. It was organized to study literature, civic and moral questions, and subjects relating to the welfare of the home, city, state, and nation. Charity was one of the club's main missions. During its long existence, the club presented

scholarships to Haverhill's high school graduates, helped the needy with food collections, visited nursing homes, volunteered in the city schools, and planted trees in the city square. Members were eager to advance education. They led evening classes in the public schools for immigrant women.

During World War II, members represented the club in registering and assigning applicants to classes for Civilian Defense, doing Red Cross work, serving as Air Raid Wardens, and remaining on duty at the District Warning Center. The members sold defense stamps and purchased War Bonds. The club contributed to the Red Cross, Community Chest, U.S.O., and the War Relief Committee of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. At Christmas time the members made bags for servicemen and veterans at the Rutland Hospital, and gave gifts to Haverhill and Bradford men in the Bedford Hospital.

As of 1997, the club had 20 members and still met regularly.

Arrangement

Series 1. Administrative, 1914-1916, 1927-1978, 1989

Series 2. Financial, 1967-1977, 1982

Series 3. Scrapbooks/News Clippings, 1925-1944, 1960-1997, undated

Scope and Content Note

The Haverhill Woman's Club records document the activities, financial transactions, and administration of the club. It has been arranged into three series. Series one contains programs, the charter, the by-laws, record books containing meeting minutes, a written history of the club, a citation, and a list of officers. Series two contains a ledger and some receipts. Series three contains three scrapbooks and some news clippings.

Administrative Information

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Custodial History:	Unknown.
Acquisition Information:	The scrapbook dated 1927 to 1944 was a gift from Marjorie A. Brewer in 2000. Three record books dated 1944-1973 were a gift from Mrs. Charles E. Chesley in 2001. The rest of the material is from an unknown source.
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Related Collections:	None.
Separated Material:	<i>General Federation of Women's Clubs presents the songs America loves by Sherrill Milnes</i> [record album] HS5.5/H38.29/RECORD
Conservation Notes:	Photographs were sleeved to protect them. Newspaper clippings were photocopied onto archival quality paper. Paperclips and staples were removed.
Subjects:	Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.) Haverhill (Mass.) – History Haverhill Woman's Club, Inc. Programs Women – Massachusetts -- Haverhill Women -- Societies and clubs Women in charitable work

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Administrative, 1914-1916, 1927-1980, 1989

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<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Programs, 1914-1916, 1927-1940	1	1
Programs, 1940-1951, 1977-1980	1	2
Charter and by-laws, 1947	1	3
Meeting minutes record book, 1952-1960	1	4
Record book, 1963-1964	1	5
Citation, 1964-1966	1	6
History, 1967	1	7
Meeting minutes record book, 1967-1978	1	8
List of officers for 1989-1990	1	9

Series 2: Financial, 1967-1977, 1982

This series contains a ledger and some receipts.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Ledger, 1967-1977	1	10
Receipts, 1982	1	11

Series 3: Scrapbooks/ News Clippings, 1925-1944, 1960-1997, undated

This series contains three scrapbooks and some news clippings.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Scrapbook, 1927-1944	2	
Scrapbook, 1966-1967	1	12
Scrapbook, 1976-1990	3	
News clippings, 1925-1932, 1960-1968, 1979, 1981, 1990, 1997, undated	1	13