

The Filson Historical Society
Louisville Women's City Club
Records, 1917-1985

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Scope and Content Note

The records of the Louisville Women's City Club consist of meeting and committee minutes from 1917 through the mid 1970s. In addition, the collection contains correspondence, club pamphlets, financial records, and bound volumes of the club bulletin.

The Louisville Women's City Club was founded to increase civic engagement within the city and to work toward the common good of Louisville. The chronological scope of the City Club minutes show how the activities of women within Louisville politics and society shifted over time. Minutes also indicate the role the women believed they should play in war efforts, politics, and as housewives.

During the 1920s, the women were extremely active in political matters related to education and social policy. In order to remain informed regarding current events, an appointed Legislative Committee Chair was responsible for reporting legislative issues to club members during meetings. In addition the club hosted a variety of guest speakers to discuss upcoming election issues and published informative articles in their monthly bulletin. However, during the 1940s most political work was abandoned and the club developed a more social and charitable basis. Members in this period focused more on financial donations than public activism.

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Biographical Note

The Louisville Women's City Club was founded in 1917 through the dissolution of the Louisville Women's Civic Association. The principle aim of the club was to awaken civic consciousness within the city of Louisville and to work together for the common benefit of others. The club engaged in various civic activities within Louisville, but was most active from its founding through the early 1930s. Members organized campaign rallies, worked for proper sanitation within the city, sought to improve public education standards, and participated in the wartime preservation movement. At its peak in 1921, club membership totaled over nine hundred; however, a gradual decline in numbers resulted in the club's termination in the late 1980s with only nine members remaining.

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