

The Filson Club Historical Society

The Records of the Home for Friendless Women

The Home for Friendless Women was a social service organization run by women in Louisville, KY. The organization served and cared for women in need, especially those who were unwed and pregnant. The home offered these women basic education, including reading, writing and basic arithmetic. In addition, the home provided health care and Christian religious guidance.

For information regarding literary and copyright interests for these papers, see the Curator of Manuscripts, James J. Holmberg.

Size of Collection

1 cubic ft.

Locator Number Mss.\BJ\H765

Scope and Content Note

Includes the records of the Home for Friendless Women. The records span the years 1876 to 1919, and consists of minute books (1876-1911), treasurer's logbook (1912-1918), admission and discharge record book (1876-1892), endowment logbook (1878-1898), donation logbook (1882-1889), miscellaneous logbook (1890-1917), and miscellaneous materials such as letters and receipts collected by the Home for Friendless Women.

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BJ Home for Friendless Women
H765 Records. 1876-1919

Box 1

- v. 1 Minute Book from the Home for Friendless Women meetings, 1876-1883 and Record of visitors, 1877-1887.
- v. 2 Minute Book from the Home for Friendless Women meetings, 1887-1889.
- v. 3 Minute Book from the Home for Friendless Women meetings, 1889-1890.
- v. 4 Minute Book from the Home for Friendless Women meetings, 1891-1892.
- v. 5 Minute Book from the Home for Friendless Women meetings, 1893-1894.
- v. 6 Minute Book from the Home for Friendless Women meetings, 1895-1896.
- v. 7 Minute Book from the Home for Friendless Women meetings, 1897-1898.
- v. 8 Minute Book from the Home for Friendless Women meetings, 1899-1900.
- v. 9 Minute Book from the Home for Friendless Women meetings, 1901-1902.
- v. 10 Minute Book from the Home for Friendless Women meetings, 1903-1906.
- v. 11 Minute Book from the Home for Friendless Women meetings, 1907-1911.
- v. 12 Record Book of Admissions and Discharges from the Home for Friendless Women, 1876-1892.
- v. 13 Endowment Log book for the Home for Friendless Women, 1878-1898.
- v. 14 Donation Log book for the Home for Friendless Women, 1882-1889.
- v. 15 Treasurer's Log book from the Home for Friendless Women, 1912-1918.
- v. 16 Miscellaneous Log book from the Home for Friendless Women, 1890-1917.
- Fl. 17 Miscellaneous Materials.

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Title/Ownership:

- **Excellent?** No restrictions as to access or use.

Category 1: Subject Content Interest (research value)

- **Rating 3**
 - The Home for Friendless Women collection contains original materials that relate to organizations and various subjects that are of **apparent value** for researchers. Of primary interest are women's clubs/organizations, especially in Louisville, KY, pregnancy, infant death, and women's shelters.

Category 2: Subject Quality of Documentation

- **Rating 4**
 - The Home for Friendless Women collection provides a **perceptible level of detail and an appreciable amount of information** concerning needy women (primarily unwed and pregnant) and women's shelters in the late 1800s and early 1900s. This information is significant and a good source for scholars in that area of study.

- All the record books include dates of when records were documented and many have headings to divide the information into categories.

Category 3: Physical arrangement

- **Rating 4**

- The collection showed evidence of some original or imposed order that will help archivists make sense of the entire holding that can serve as a basic structure for sorting and arrangement.

Category 4: Physical condition

- **Rating 3**

- Overall the collection is in good condition and the many of the record books are intact and legible. However all the books are dirty and some of the many of the covers seem to be disintegrating. Two of the books are not bound.

Category 5: Related materials

- **Rating 3**

- Materials in this collection offer new resources in areas well-represented in the Filson's collection relating to women's organizations.