

Northeast Harbor Library Archives Finding Aid

Woman's Literary Club Collection

Summary Information

Creator: Woman's Literary Club Collection

Extent: 17 boxes (11 legal-size document boxes, 3 record carton boxes, 4 flat storage boxes)

Abstract: The records in the Woman's Literary Club Collection includes manuscripts, typescripts, letters, annual meeting notes, scrapbooks, news clippings, photographs, meeting programs, photographs, and some objects.

Call Number: 2014.33

Language: English

Access and Use

Acquisition Information: unknown

Access Restrictions: This collection is open to research.

Background Information

History: Belle Smallidge Knowles and Stella P. Hill, two college-educated women living in Northeast Harbor in the early 20th century, thought the community could benefit from a woman's club. The Woman's Literary Club of Northeast Harbor held its first meeting in 1908 and quickly gained membership. Club members actively wrote papers (many award-winning) ranging from poetry to local family histories and biographies of famous artists. Members also participated in community improvement projects, and attended state and national women's club meetings. The club disbanded in 2000 due to dwindling membership.

Scope and Content and Arrangement

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Subjects:

Woman's Literary Club (Northeast Harbor, Maine)

Women – Societies and clubs.

Northeast Harbor, (Me.)

Arrangement: The typescripts and manuscripts are arranged alphabetically by author's last name. The WLC Histories, meeting notes, scrapbook, and programs are arranged chronologically by date. All other materials are foldered and boxes appropriately.

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BOX 1 (legal-size document box) WLC Typescripts and Manuscripts

Title (topic), date	Author
Untitled (Appreciation of Fine Arts)	unknown
Untitled (History of Mount Desert Island)	unknown
Untitled (History of Mount Desert Island) w/ notes and drafts	unknown
Manchester Ancestry	unknown
Untitled (Mythology)	unknown
Untitled (Thanksgiving)	unknown
B	
Local Organizations	Edith H. Burr
Northeast Harbor Water Company	Edith H. Burr
C	
Popper	Joan Coulmbe
F	
Poltergeist?, 1986	Billie Favour
The Easter of My Life	Edith Favour
The First American and the Men from Outer Space, 1974	Edith Favour
The Herring Gull (published in GFWC Clubwoman), 1990 with merit award	Edith Favour
Mount Desert Families in 1775-76, 1975	Edith Favour
The Record-maker, 1985	Edith Favour
Robins Are Singing in the Rain	Edith Favour
September Song, 1990 with merit award	Edith Favour
Wabanaki Artisans, 1980	Edith Favour
Untitled (Biography of Jane Addams)	Mildred Fennelly
Untitled (Biography of Sir Wilfred Grenfell)	Mildred Fennelly
Untitled (Biography of Diego Velasquez)	Mildred Fennelly
Untitled (Book Review of Captain Ellsburg and His Books)	Mildred Fennelly
Untitled (Book Review of 'A House Without a Roof')	Mildred Fennelly
Untitled (Book Review of 'The Pilgrim Prince)	Mildred Fennelly
Untitled (Book Review of 'Take Heed of Loving Me')	Mildred Fennelly
Untitled (Children's Literature)	Mildred Fennelly
Untitled (Education)	Mildred Fennelly
Untitled (Madagascar)	Mildred Fennelly
Untitled (Passamoquoddy)	Mildred Fennelly
Untitled (Recount WLC Year 1932-33)	Mildred Fennelly
Untitled (Recount Trip to New York)	Mildred Fennelly
Untitled (Sandwich Islands)	Mildred Fennelly
Untitled (Travel)	Mildred Fennelly
Untitled (Williamsburgh, VA)	Mildred Fennelly

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Come to Maine! , 1941	Edith S. Gilley
Crab Apple Jelly Made in a Floor Pail , 1953	Edith S. Gilley
Easter , 1953	Edith S. Gilley
God Bless the Wilkies , 1941	Edith S. Gilley
The Hinkley Tombstone , 1940	Edith S. Gilley
Re*Papers on Local History , 1940	Edith S. Gilley
Written for Stella L. Hill , 1941	Edith S. Gilley
Red Cross History	Winifred Graves

BOX 2 (legal-size document box) WLC Typescripts and Manuscripts**Title (topic), date****Author****H**

A Review of New York Poetry Week , 1940	Stella L. Hill
Address at Southwest Harbor Neighborhood House to the Mount Desert Island Federation of Women's Clubs	Stella L. Hill
Address [to Club by first President] , 1908	Stella L. Hill
Bartletts Island w/ notes	Stella L. Hill
Bartletts Island and Pretty Marsh , 1933	Stella L. Hill
Building a Home Library	Stella L. Hill
Echoes of Long Ago	Stella L. Hill
Hall Quarry w/ notes and photographs	Stella L. Hill
History of the Northeast Harbor Post Office	Stella L. Hill
Library w/ notes	Stella L. Hill
The Yesterday and Today of Sutton Island	Stella L. Hill
The Mount Desert Island Historical Society at Somesville , 1932	Mrs. L. Elrie Holmes (Mary Holmes)
The Neighborhood House	Mrs. L. Elrie Holmes (Mary Holmes)
Untitled (Fine Arts)	Mary Holmes

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Books in Review	Beatrice Carroll Kelley
Swimming Pool—Tennis Club & Golf Club , 1933	Beatrice Carroll Kelley
Untitled (Biography of Daniel Coit Gilman)	Beatrice Carroll Kelley
Untitled (History of Northeast Harbor)	Beatrice Carroll Kelley
A Challenge to the Woman's Literary Club	Belle Smallidge Knowles
Doctor Florence Rena Sabin	Belle Smallidge Knowles
Early History	Belle Smallidge Knowles
Prima Donna—Albani	Belle Smallidge Knowles

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World War Radio Stations at Otter Cliffs and Sea Wall , 1933	Dorothy Maddocks
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Greening's Island, 1933
The Sunday Evening Club, 1932
The Manchester Family

Charlotte Manchester
Charlotte Manchester
A. L. Manchester
(Ida I. Manchester)

BOX 3 (legal-size document box) WLC Typescripts and Manuscripts

Title (topic), date

Author

M

Untitled (Address to WLC)
Appointment of Pioneer Club Women, 1940
The Azores
Banking
Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Company
Churches—Old and New
History of Mount Desert Island, 1949
Norman Rockwell
Maine Summer Resorts
The Northeast Harbor Library, 1933
Wills
Milling and Shipping Industries of Mount Desert
Islesford Museum, 1932
The White Plague, 1969

Julia Manchester
Julia Manchester
Julia Manchester
Julia Manchester
Julia Manchester
Julia Manchester
Julia Manchester
Julia Manchester
Julia Manchester
Julia Manchester
Julia Manchester
Mimmie Manchester
Francis McBride
Lora McVety

P

Flowers for Maxine
Report of Fall Conference of Maine Federation of Women's Clubs
Early History and Person Recollections of Northeast Harbor, 1919

Virginia Phelps
Virginia Phelps
Cora Savage Phillips

R

The Duck Islands

Emily Reynolds

S

Untitled
Titian
Willa Cather
Lighthouses Off Mount Desert, 1933

E. Savage
Mabelle S. Savage
Mabelle S. Savage
Emma F. Spurling

W

Early Yachting Days at Northeast Harbor
Dr. Henry van Dyke
Rev. S. S. Drury and St. Paul's School
Admiral Byrd's Summer House at West Tremont, 1932

Mary Cabot Wheelwright
Mabel Whittaker
Mabel Whittaker
Lina MacLean Wilson

Artists, Poets and Authors Who Have Summered at Mount Desert Lina MacLean Wilson

BOX 4 (legal-size document box) WLC Histories

Title, date

WLC History, 1939-1940

WLC History, 1943-1944

WLC History, 1944-1945

WLC History, 1940-1950

WLC History, 1958-1959

WLC History, 1964-1965

WLC History, 1966-1967

WLC History, 1967-1968

WLC History, 1944-1945

WLC History, 1970-1971

WLC History, 1971-1972

WLC History, 1972-1973

WLC History, 1974-1975

WLC History, 1976-1977

WLC History, 1977-1978

WLC History, 1978-1979

WLC History, 1979-1980

WLC History, 1983-1984

WLC History, 1984-1985

WLC History, 1985-1986

WLC History, 1986-1987

WLC History, 1987-1988

WLC History, 1990-1991

WLC History, 1991-1992

WLC History, 1992-1993

WLC History, 1993-1994

WLC History, 1995-1996

WLC History, 1996-1997

WLC History, 1997-1998

WLC History, 1998-1999

Untitled (alternative WLC History)

WLC History, 1903-1933 (3 copies)

WLC History, 1933-1958

WLC History, 1908-1990

WLC History, 1908-1998

WLC History Notes

BOX 5 (legal-size document box) WLC Documents

WLC Bank Records/Statements

WLC Annual Meeting Notes

Author

Lina MacLean Wilson

Beatrice C. Kelley

Stella L. Hill

Stella Hill

Lillis Joy

unknown

Ernestine Savage

Louise S. Sibby

Stella L. Hill

Ernestine Savage

Virginia S. Phelps

Katherine L. Savage

Lillis P. Joy

Wilma C. Eaton

Ethel J. Morrill

Prudence Pervear

Marguerite B. Coombs

Helena Eaton

Ernestine D. Savage

Ruth H. Coombs

Katherine Savage

Dodie Pierce

Marguerite B. Coombs

Peggy T. Simpson

Lucy Smith

Joan Coulombe

Peggy T. Simpson

Peggy T. Simpson

Hope

Gigi Phelps

unknown

Belle Smallidge Knowles

Madalyn Brown & Z. Bunker

unknown

unknown

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WLC Meeting Notebook, 1996-1999
WLC Trust Funds Summaries
WLC Governance Documents –Constitutions, Amendments, Bylaws, Recommendations
WLC Treasurer’s Reports
WLC Income Tax Records

BOX 6 (legal-size document box) Misc. Papers

Edith Falt Favour Materials
Julia Manchester Materials
Edith S. Gilley Materials
Agreement btwn WLC & Bar Harbor Banking and Trust re: scholarship, 1951
Maine Federation of Women’s Clubs Newsletters, 1980-1982
General Federation of Women’s Clubs –Letter of Inclusion and Awards
General Federation of Women’s Clubs papers
General Federation of Women’s Clubs Community Improvement Program
Correspondence btwn Stella L. Hill and Clarice re: paper
Correspondence btwn Stella L. Hill and Edith re: Soldier Pond
Correspondence btwn Belle Smallidge Knowles and the Washington Highway and The Lincoln Highway, 1915
Correspondence btwn Jackson Reynolds and Wilma Eaton, 1987 re: scholarship
Correspondence from Ina S. Ober to Mrs. Hill, 1957
Meeting Notes re: Bishop Doane, Susan Coolidge, et all
List of Subjects of Papers on Local History Written by WLC Members
Stella L. Hill Ephemera of Trip to Pennsylvania
Memoirs of a Lifetime by A. C. Savage
Today is Mine: poems from the Heart of Maine by Mabel Demers Hinckley
In Memory of Jennie L. Burr by Belle Smallidge Knowles
Science Challenges the Educator (Honoring Daniel Coit Gilman), 1959 by Asa S. Knowles
Remarks on the Occasion (Honoring Belle Smallidge Knowles) by Asa Knowles
Memory of Belle Smallidge Knowles
30th Anniversary of Woman’s Literary Club, 1938 by L. A. Wilson
Newspaper Clippings and Telegrams re: 50th Anniversary
WLC 75th Anniversary Booklet, 1916-1991
From Versus Composed and Read by Prof. C. H. Foy at 100th Anniversary of Seal Harbor
Outstanding Lecture and Exhibit at the Northeast Harbor Library, 1953
A Challenge to the Woman’s Literary Club by Belle Smallidge Knowles (book)
Facsimile of Scrapbook by Belle Smallidge Knowles

BOX 7 (legal-size document box) Misc. Papers, Clippings, Photographs

WLC Notes for Publication in Bar Harbor Times, 1997
Misc. Notes, Clippings, Writings, Postcards
Scrapbook—Memoranda by Antoinette de Coursey Patterson
Patterson Room at the Northeast Harbor Library—dedication, furnishings, photographs

Patterson Room at the Northeast Harbor Library—furnishing list book, case for photographs
Patterson Fund materials
Newspaper Clippings
Photographs

BOX 8 (record carton box) WLC Ledgerbooks & Books

WLC Meeting Notes, 1908-1912
WLC Meeting Notes, 1912-1919
WLC Meeting Notes, 1919-1928
WLC Meeting Notes, 1928-1938
WLC Meeting Notes, 1938-1950
WLC Meeting Notes, 1950-1956
WLC Meeting Notes, 1956-1968
WLC Meeting Notes, 1968-1979
WLC Meeting Notes, 1984-1989
WLC Meeting Notes, 1990-1995
WLC Meeting Notes, 1999-2000
Patterson Committee Notes, 1928-1999
The Trail of the Maine Pioneer by Maine Club Women (book)
Maine in History and Romance by Maine Club Women (book)

BOX 9 (record carton box) Programs and Booklets

WLC Programs 1908-2000
Mount Desert Island Federation of Women's Clubs Programs 1925-1979
Maine Federation of Women's Clubs Yearbooks 1910-1917, Programs 1911, 1918, 1987
Maine Federation of Women's Clubs Prominent Personalities 1962, 1988,
Resolutions through 1978

BOX 10 (record carton box) Directories, Folders, Misc. Papers

Maine Federation of Women's Clubs Directories 1916-1993
Maine Federation of Women's Clubs Program
WLC Program Masters
General Federation of Women's Clubs and Maine Federation of Women's Clubs misc
Materials about holding office and running a club
Folders that all papers were stored in

BOX 11 (legal-size document box) Scrapbooks

WLC Scrapbook, 1980s, brown photo album

BOX 12 (legal-size document box) Scrapbooks

WLC Scrapbook, 1990s, coral photo album

BOX 13 (legal-size document box) Scrapbooks

WLC Scrapbook, 1980-1983, red photo album

BOX 14 (legal-size document box) Scrapbooks

WLC Scrapbook, 1984-1986, red photo album

BOX 15 (flat storage box) Community Improvement Plan Album

Community Improvement Plan Album, 1974

BOX 16 (flat storage box) WLC Scrapbook

WLC Scrapbook, green with flowers in a vase, 1930s-1950s

WLC Scrapbook, red with crowns, 1950s-1960s

BOX 17 (flat storage box) WLC Scrapbook

WLC Scrapbook, green, 1960s-1970s

WLC Scrapbook, marbled white, 1970s-1980s

BOX 18 (flat storage box) Objects

Tote Bag

Safe Deposit Box Key

The Pioneer Woman metal

Token Gift, sewn heart

NO BOX

Ceramic Bust, unknown