

Guide to the Woman's Clubhouse Association of Mobile Records

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Woman's Clubhouse Association of Mobile

Title: Woman's Clubhouse Association of Mobile Records

Dates: 1929-2006

Quantity: 26.0 linear feet

Abstract: Scrapbooks, minutes, newsletters.

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Organizational History:

The Woman's Club was founded in 1929 by Narcissa T. Shawhan as a social group for women intending to "create and maintain an organized center of thought and activity among the women of Mobile; to aid in the promotion of their mutual interests in the advancement of science, education, civics, patriotism, literature, art, community service; and to provide a place of meeting for the comfort and convenience of its members." The club's had its heyday from the 1930s through the 1950s. It was dissolved in 2004 due to declining economic circumstances and a reduced membership.

Scope and Contents:

Correspondence, financial records (1952-1953, 1957-1971, 1977-1982), minutes (1929-1970, 1974-1996, 2005), newsletters (1937-1957), photographs, and scrapbooks (1931-1994, 1997, 2001-2006) that document the business of this upper-middle -class women's group. The collection gives insight into the changing roles of women, and their shifting styles and ideas. The collection also illuminates the experiences of and contributions of women in Mobile during World War II, both in military service and on the home front.

Arrangement:

Some of the correspondence is arranged alphabetically. The 20 audio tapes are arranged chronologically.

Access Restrictions:

This material is open to research.

Preferred Citation:

Woman's Clubhouse Association of Mobile Records, The Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL.

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