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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 113    MOTHERS Club – Bowling Green, Kentucky**

2 ½ boxes. 25 folders. 647 items. 1925-1998. Originals.

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***ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY***

The Mothers Club was organized in January 1925 at the home of Mrs. Zula G. Yarbrough, with three other women in attendance. On 12 February 1925 ten women met and formalized the organization, which would eventually include 15 members (later increased to 20 members in 1935). The purpose of the organization was “to assist each other in the mental, spiritual, and physical development of our children” and membership was limited to “young mothers of intelligence and character.”

The organization’s meetings were held on the second Thursday of each month from October through June. The June meeting was generally a picnic. The meetings consisted of a short business session, a speaker, a short program by some of the members’ children, and refreshments. As club members aged, the children’s portion of the program was eliminated. The club did participate on a limited scale in civic activities, such as furnishing one of the rooms at the City/County Hospital’s Nurses’ Home, writing letters about questionable movies being shown, and making contributions to fund drives such as the Red Cross. Program topics varied from “Care of Children’s Teeth” to “Conditions in Nicaragua.” Gradually the program became more of a literary club format rather than one of parental concern. Annual highlights included the June picnic and Christmas programs in which the children performed.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection consists of three boxes of organizational materials, chiefly minutes, financial records, attendance sheets, and yearbooks. The yearbooks include program topics and membership rosters. The minutes are not detailed, but they provide insight into the club’s activities and briefly describe the programs.

***SHELF LIST***

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|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>BOX 1</b> | <b>Mothers Club – Minutes</b> | <b>1925-1998</b> | <b>426 items</b> |
| Folder 1     | Inventory                     | n.d.             | 1 item           |

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|--------------|--|---------------------|------------------|
| Folder 2     | Minutes                                  | 1925-1934           | 15 items         |
| Folder 3     | Minutes                                  | 1934-1938           | 34 item          |
| Folder 4     | Minutes                                  | 1938-1944           | 54 items         |
| Folder 5     | Minute book                              | 1944-1948           | 1 item           |
| Folder 6     | Minute book                              | 1948-1951           | 1 item           |
| Folder 7     | Minute book                              | 1951-1963           | 1 item           |
| Folder 8     | Minutes                                  | 1963-1972           | 76 items         |
| Folder 9     | Minutes                                  | 1973-1978           | 57 items         |
| Folder 10    | Minutes                                  | 1979-1990           | 94 items         |
| Folder 11    | Minutes                                  | 1991-1998           | 67 items         |
| Folder 12    | Newspaper clippings                      | 1925-1979           | 25 items         |
| <b>BOX 2</b> | <b>Mothers Club – Data and yearbooks</b> | <b>1925-1998</b>    | <b>191 items</b> |
| Folder 1     | Attendance sheets                        | 1929-1998           | 50 items         |
| Folder 2     | Constitution and by-laws                 | 1925; 1935;<br>1983 | 4 items          |
| Folder 3     | Financial records                        | 1925-1998           | 45 items         |
| Folder 4     | History                                  | 1940                | 2 items          |
| Folder 5     | Memories written by past members         | 1998                | 9 items          |
| Folder 6     | Stray materials                          | 1925-1995           | 38 items         |
| Folder 7     | Yearbooks                                | 1925-1938           | 14 items         |
| Folder 8     | Yearbooks                                | 1938-1945           | 7 items          |
| Folder 9     | Yearbooks                                | 1945-1955           | 10 items         |
| Folder 10    | Yearbooks                                | 1955-1967           | 2 items          |

