

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG2333.AM: American Association of University Women. Nebraska Division

Papers: 1909-1992

Nebraska: Women's Organization of College Graduates

Cubic Ft.: 4.0

No. of Items: 300

HISTORICAL NOTE

In October 1899, Mrs. H.H. Wilson, Dean of Women at the University of Nebraska, attended the nineteenth annual convention of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. The University of Nebraska, though not yet a member, had become the twenty-second institution on the A.C.A. approved list. In June 1900, the University of Nebraska became "the Nebraska Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae." The association was "open to all women graduates of the Nebraska University and also graduates of other colleges recognized by the national organization." Meetings, at first held three times a year were, by 1903, held once each month from October to May. Discussions and lectures were typically part of the meeting program. Civic projects and a scholarship program were begun early in the organization's history.

In 1921, the Association of Collegiate Alumnae voted to unite its organization with the Southern Association of College Women and the Western Association of College Women into the American Association of University Women. A headquarters was established in Washington, D.C. in 1923. Nebraska's five local branches were organized into the Nebraska Division of the American Association of University Women in 1930. Twenty-five years later, the Nebraska Division was comprised of nineteen branches and by 1969 twenty-four branches existed.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of eight boxes of manuscript material arranged in six series: 1) Historical Materials, 1953-1957; 2) Branch Histories, ca. 1926-1969; 3) Minutes, 1917-1918; 1930-1975; 4) Membership Records, 1953-1977; 5) Publicity Clippings, 1917-1920; 1951-1962; and 6) Miscellany, 1909; 1928-1974. See Box 8 for additional materials from each series.

This material relates to the history and programs of the Nebraska Division of the American Association of University Women. Information on the branches or local units of the Nebraska Division is also provided in this collection, particularly in the branch histories provided in Series Two. The papers of two branches, Lincoln (MS2666) and Superior (MS2667) can also be found in the archives as separate and unique collections.

Series 1 consists of Historical Material of the Nebraska Division of the American Association of University Women. Included are two histories of the Division, one written in 1954 (typewritten) and one written in 1956 (Xerox copy). Both essays cover the organization of the national association, the Nebraska division, and local branches, as well as programs supported, elected officers, and annual themes. The 1956 history appears to be a slightly expanded version of the 1954 report. Also in this

series are copies of by-laws and resolutions, 1953-1957, which detail the purpose and organization of the Nebraska Division.

The Branch Histories, ca.1926-1969, of Series 2 provide information on the organization and development of twenty-four branches of the Nebraska Division of the American Association of University Women. Included are historian's reports, which list officers, committee chairmen, and members, dates of membership, speakers and lecture topics, and projects the branch supported.

Series 3 is comprised of Minutes, 1917-1918 and 1930-1975. Minute entries include reports of officers, lists of committee chairmen, and members activities supported, recommendations, financial status information, and legislative concerns of interest. A volume of president's reports, 1930-1948, is included with this series.

The Membership Records, 1953-1977, of Series 4 provides listings of officers, state chairmen, and committees. These are arranged alphabetically by town. The Publicity Clippings of Series 5 consists of volumes and a few loose clippings documenting annual meetings, conventions, and activities of the Nebraska Division. The Miscellany of Series 6 includes reports, minutes, bulletins, convention materials, guides, correspondence, legislature fact sheets, and loose items.

Bulk of the collection received around 1970 from the Nebraska Division of the American Association of American Women. Three volumes of minutes and eight volumes of membership directories donated in July 1980, by Jo Burchardt of Franklin, Nebraska.

DESCRIPTION

Series 1 – Historical Material, 1953-1957

Box 1

Folder

1. "History of the Nebraska Division of the American Association of University Women, 1899-1954" (typewritten); "History of the Nebraska Division of the American Association of University Women, 1899-1956" (xerox)
2. By-Laws, 1953-1957

Series 2 – Branch Histories, ca. 1926-1969

Volume

1. Alliance
2. Blair
3. Broken Bow
4. Chadron
5. Crete
6. Fremont
7. Grand Island
8. Hastings
9. Holdrege

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10. Kearney
11. Kimball
12. Lexington
13. Lincoln
14. McCook

Box 2
Volume

15. Minden
16. Norfolk
17. North Platte
18. Ogallala
19. Omaha
20. Peru
21. Scottsbluff
22. Sidney
23. Superior
24. Wayne

Series 3 – Minutes, 1917-1918, 1930-1975

Box 2
Folder/Volume

1. 1917-1918 (minutes transcribed from Lincoln, Nebraska, newspapers)
2. 1930-1937
- V1. President's Reports, 1930-1948
3. 1938-1945

Box 3
Volume

2. 1946-1957
3. 1958-1961
4. 1962-1964

Box 4
Volume

5. 1965-1969
6. 1970-1973
7. 1974-1975

Folder 3. 1977; 1980-1983; 1984-1986

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Series 4 – Membership Records, 1953-1977

Box 4

Folder

1. 1953-1959
2. 1960-1961

Box 5

Folder

3. 1961-1962
- V1. 1962-1963
4. 1963-1964
5. 1969-1977

Series 5 – Publicity Clippings, 1917-1920, 1951-1962

Folder

1. 1917-1920

Box 6

Volume

1. 1948-1952
2. 1951-1952 (See oversize)
3. 1952-1954
4. 1954-1955
5. 1955-1956
6. 1957-1958
7. 1958-1959
8. 1960

Series 6 – Miscellany, 1909, 1928-1980

Box 6

Folder/Volume

- V1. General Communications and Reports, 1968-1970
- V2. A.A.U.W. Current Literature Group Minutes, 1956-1963
 1. Bulletins, 1950-1970; 1976-1980; 1984-1986

Box 7

Folder/Volume

2. Convention Guidelines, Programs, Themes, and Reports, 1901; 1928-1980
- V3. Guide for Branches, 1959-1960 (2 copies)
3. Correspondence, 1949-1960

4. Educational Center Fund Material, 1958-1962
5. Rural Library Project, 1935-1937
A.A.U.W. Achievement Award, 1952-1953
“A Look into the Business of Education: A Report on the Scottsbluff Public Schools” by
the A.A.U.W., 1954
“Trails Across Time: The Ogallala Story” (dramatic play)
“Reminiscing,” 1967 Convention Presentation
- V4. Legislative Program Fact Sheets, 1969
6. Loose Items

Box 8

Addition to the collection (9/1992) includes reports, minutes, bulletins, directory, historian’s reports of meetings, correspondence, and miscellany, c.1975-1992.

Addition to the collection (2004.0332) includes newsletters and a state convention packet.

Additional programs, newsletters, minutes and histories transferred from RG2038.AM Sheldon Family. Margaret Sheldon was an active member of the A.A.U.W.

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Added Entries:

EDUCATION. NEBRASKA
EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION
WOMEN IN NEBRASKA
WOMEN-SOCIAL AND MORAL QUESTIONS
WOMEN’S CLUBS. NEBRASKA
CHRON. INDEX-9