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Collection Summary

Title: American Association of University Women Records

Inclusive Dates: 1937-1946

Bulk Dates: 1937-1938

ID No.: MSS10652

Creator: American Association of University Women

Extent: 5,000 items

Extent: 18 containers

Extent: 6.3 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Women's service organization. Files of a research project by the organization concerning the history and state of the arts in various cities and towns of different sizes and geographical locations in the United States.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

Organizations

American Association of University Women.

Subjects

Arts--United States.

Humanities--United States.

Women--United States--Societies, etc.

Acquisition Information

The records of the American Association of University Women were given to the Library of Congress by the association in 1960.

Processing History

The records of the American Association of University Women were arranged and described in 1960. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include a microform edition of American Association of University Women records, American Association of University Women Headquarters (Washington, D.C.) (see <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81059766>).

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the American Association of University Women is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The records of the American Association of University Women are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, American Association of University Women Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Organizational History

The American Association of University Women is a nationwide network founded in 1881 as the Association of Collegiate Alumnae by Ellen H. Richards and Marion Talbot to promote gender equity for women through programs of advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. In 1921, the Southern Association of College Women merged with the Association of Collegiate Alumnae to form the American Association of University Women. Under its leadership the association has formed a wide range of committees throughout the years to promote its mission including the Educational Foundation, established in 1958, to provide a source of funding exclusively for graduate women, and in 1981 the Legal Advisory Fund, a legal defense fund focused on sex discrimination against women in higher education.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the American Association of University Women contain the files of an extensive research project undertaken by the organization's Arts Resource Center on the history and development of the arts in America. The surveys were conducted by the association's branches in various cities and towns and in various locations. While the collection spans the years 1937-1946, the project was carried out primarily from 1937 to 1938.

The survey form employed was devised to reflect the branches' local art situation as recorded by amateur observers. As a result, the basic and fragmentary nature of the approximately 150 surveys makes them more valuable for primary research into the history of the development of art in American communities than as a complete study in itself.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in a general file and state file and therein alphabetically by type of material or name of state.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	General file
BOX 1	City classification
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Follow-up letters
BOX 1	Cities by population size (6 folders)
BOX 1	South Bend, Ind.
BOX 1	Miscellaneous
BOX 1	Notes on cities
BOX 1	By population
BOX 1	2,500 to 100,000
BOX 2	Over 100,000
BOX 2	Notes on organization (4 folders)
BOX 3	State file
BOX 3	Alabama, Montevallo
BOX 3	Arkansas
BOX 3	Jonesboro
BOX 3	Little Rock
BOX 3	California
BOX 3	Glendale
BOX 3	Long Beach (2 folders)
BOX 3	Pasadena (2 folders)
BOX 3	San Diego (2 folders)
BOX 4	San Rafael, Marin County
BOX 4	Santa Monica
BOX 4	Santa Rosa
BOX 4	Stockton
BOX 4	Whittier
BOX 4	Colorado
BOX 4	Denver
BOX 4	Colorado Springs (2 folders)
BOX 4	Connecticut
BOX 4	Bridgeport (2 folders)
BOX 4	Greenwich
BOX 4	New Britain
BOX 4	Norwalk

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BOX 4	Delaware, Wilmington
BOX 4	Florida
BOX 4	Gainesville
BOX 5	Pensacola
BOX 5	Tallahassee
BOX 5	Georgia, Columbus
BOX 5	Hawaii, Honolulu
BOX 5	Illinois
BOX 5	Aurora
BOX 5	Bloomington
	(2 folders)
BOX 5	Danville
BOX 5	Joliet
BOX 5	Oblong, Crawford County
BOX 5	Waukegan
BOX 6	Indiana
BOX 6	Crawfordsville
BOX 6	Evansville
BOX 6	Lafayette
BOX 6	Logansport
BOX 6	Iowa
BOX 6	Ackley
BOX 6	Ames
BOX 6	Cedar Falls
	(2 folders)
BOX 6	Charles City
BOX 7	Davenport
BOX 7	Des Moines
	(4 folders)
BOX 7	Fairfield
BOX 7	Indianola
BOX 7	Iowa City
BOX 7	Mt. Ayr
BOX 7	Mt. Vernon
BOX 7	Muscatine
BOX 7	Red Oaks
BOX 7	Rockford
BOX 7	Tipton
BOX 8	Vinton
	(2 folders)
BOX 8	Waverly
BOX 8	Kansas
BOX 8	Baldwin
BOX 8	Chanute
BOX 8	Pittsburg
BOX 8	Kentucky
BOX 8	Richmond

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BOX 8	Wilmore
BOX 8	Louisiana
BOX 8	Alexandria
BOX 8	Natchitoches
BOX 9	Maine, Houelon
BOX 9	Massachusetts
BOX 9	Fitchburg
BOX 9	Taunton
BOX 9	Michigan
BOX 9	Detroit
	(3 folders)
BOX 9	Grand Rapids
BOX 9	Marquette
BOX 9	Monroe
BOX 9	Port Huron
BOX 10	Minnesota
BOX 10	Duluth
BOX 10	Mankato
BOX 10	Northfield
	(2 folders)
BOX 10	Red Wing
BOX 10	St. Paul
BOX 10	Missouri
BOX 10	Columbia
BOX 10	Fayette
BOX 10	Jefferson City
BOX 10	Marysville
BOX 10	Parkville
BOX 10	Rolla
BOX 10	Slater
BOX 10	Tarkio
BOX 10	Warrensburg
BOX 11	Montana
BOX 11	Anaconda
BOX 11	Billings
BOX 11	Butte
BOX 11	Dillon
BOX 11	Great Falls
BOX 11	Hamilton
BOX 11	Havre
BOX 11	Lewiston
BOX 11	Missoula
BOX 11	Nebraska
BOX 11	Hastings
BOX 11	Lincoln
BOX 11	Omaha

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BOX 11	New Hampshire, Berlin
BOX 11	New Mexico
BOX 11	Clovis
BOX 11	Portales
BOX 12	New York
BOX 12	Albany
BOX 12	Schenectady
BOX 12	Syracuse (3 folders)
BOX 12	North Dakota, Maryville
BOX 12	Ohio
BOX 12	Akron (2 folders)
BOX 12	Athens
BOX 12	Berea
BOX 13	Cincinnati (2 folders)
BOX 13	Dayton, 1939-1941 (1 vol.) (2 vols.)
BOX 14	
BOX 15	Mansfield
BOX 15	Plainesville
BOX 15	Springfield
BOX 15	Zanesville
BOX 15	Oklahoma
BOX 15	Blackwell
BOX 15	Guthrie
BOX 15	Hennessy
BOX 15	Hobart
BOX 16	Oregon, Portland (4 folders)
BOX 16	Pennsylvania
BOX 16	Carlisle
BOX 16	Reading
BOX 17	Puerto Rico
BOX 17	South Carolina, Rock Hill
BOX 17	South Dakota
BOX 17	Black Hills
BOX 17	Brookings
BOX 17	Lead
BOX 17	Madison
BOX 17	Tennessee, Nashville (2 folders)
BOX 17	Texas
BOX 17	Corpus Christi
BOX 17	Wichita Falls (3 folders)

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BOX 17	Virginia
BOX 17	Williamsburg
BOX 17	Wyethville
BOX 18	Washington
BOX 18	Arlington
BOX 18	Cle Elum
BOX 18	Forks (Olympic Peninsula Bridge)
BOX 18	Palouse
BOX 18	Spokane (3 folders)
BOX 18	Wenatchee
BOX 18	West Virginia
BOX 18	Charleston
BOX 18	Morgantown
BOX 18	Parkersburg
BOX 18	Wisconsin
BOX 18	Manitowoc
BOX 18	Ripon
BOX 18	Shepherdstown
BOX 18	Wankesha
BOX 18	Wyoming, Laramie