Christian Family Y Records, 1908-2003
SCHS #0593.00

Creator: Christian Family Y of Charleston, South Carolina

Description: 15 linear ft. (25 boxes + 29 scrapbooks)

Biographical/Historical Note: The Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) of Charleston, S.C. was formed in 1903, and chartered in 1906 when the YWCA of America was officially formed. In 1967, after several years of discussion, the board of the YWCA voted to disaffiliate itself from the national organization. In 1971, the national YWCA sued the Charleston YWCA over the use of the name “YWCA” and in 1972 the Charleston YWCA changed its name to the Christian Family Y of Charleston.” In 2003 the CFY changed its name to Charleston Family and Youth, and the following year, it closed due to financial problems.

Scope and Content Note: Collection consists of minutes, scrapbooks, financial records, property records, records reflecting various events and programs such as the annual Tea Room and Festival of Tables, records (1990s) relating to the construction and maintenance of a swimming pool, and miscellaneous items. Minutes include records of the meetings of the YWCA and CFY Board of Directors and the Auxiliary Council. The minutes of the meetings from the late 1960s focus on the Charleston YWCA’s concern over the movement of the national YWCA from its Christian roots and efforts to secularize activities. Miscellaneous papers include an essay about the history of the Charleston Y.W.C.A. written for its 50th anniversary, a chronological history (1962-1966) mainly pertaining to the building program and pool, correspondence, constitutions and by-laws, a cookbook, a report (1913) of a subsidiary organization or committee, Travelers Aid, at Union Station, and a “Transcript of Trial, The National Board of the Young Women’s Christian Association of the U.S.A., Plaintiff, vs. Young Women’s Christian Association of Charleston, South Carolina, Defendant,” 1971. A series of alphabetically arranged administrative files also contains records of events and programs, pool records, financial records, and Auxiliary Council records, as well as newsletters and membership records. Other than a state registration form (2003), there are no records in this collection pertaining to the organization’s operations under its last official name.

Photographs have been removed to the SCHS Visual Material Collection.

Search terms:

Young Women's Christian Association (Charleston, S.C.)
Sumter Guards Armory (Charleston, S.C.)
African American women -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- Societies and clubs.
Swimming for children.
Swimming pools -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Women -- South Carolina -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- Societies and clubs.
George Street (Charleston, S.C.)
78 Society Street (Charleston, S.C.)
Christian Family Y (Charleston, S.C.)

BOX 1

BOUND MINUTES


2 Loose items removed from minute book: minutes of Board of Directors meetings, 1912.


5 Loose items removed from 1921-1923 minute book.

BOX 2


BOX 3

1 Minute book, 1933-1945. Board of Directors minutes.

BOX 4


BOX 5

BOX 6

BOX 7
MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS
1 Reports of the Travelers Aid, Union Station, 1913.
2 Reports, correspondence, etc., 1918-1926.
3 Essay about the history of the Charleston Y.W.C.A. written for its 50th anniversary; and a chronological history (1962-1966) mainly pertaining to the building program and pool.
4 Correspondence, clippings, and other material, 1965-1969.
5 Correspondence, clippings, legal records, and other material, 1970-1971.
6 Bylaws, constitutions, etc., 1967-1993.
7 Clippings relating to preceding miscellaneous material, 1960s-1970s.
9 Clippings, 1920s.

BOX 8
1 Clippings, 1930s.
2 Clippings, 1950s.
3 Clippings, 1962.
4 Miscellaneous material, including clippings, 1940s-1970s.
5 Material, 1960s, including clippings and correspondence, relating to the CFY’s disaffiliation from the national YWCA.

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS RECORDS
9 Guest book, 1955, for a “Spring Party for the Classes.”

BOX 9
1 Tea Room records, 1990.
3 Tea Room calendar, 1994.
5 Tea Room financial records, 1994.
7 Swimming in Schools program records, 1994.
8 Swimming in Schools program records, 1994.
11 Materials, mostly flyers, for miscellaneous programs and classes.

BOX 10
AUXILIARY COUNCIL RECORDS
1 Auxiliary Council records, 1991-1993, including bylaws, correspondence, mission statement, event information, etc.
2 Auxiliary Council records, 1991-1993, including correspondence and minutes.
Auxiliary Council records, 1991: annual meeting and luncheon records.


BOX 11


[Board of Directors records:]


Board of Directors records: lists of members and officers, clippings, etc., 1981-1997.

Board of Directors records: programming board reports, 1990.

Board of Directors records: minutes, constitution, etc., 1993-1998.

Board of Directors records: presidential committee records, 1994-1996.

Board of Directors records: minutes of meetings and reports, 1995.

Board of Directors records: disbound binder containing minutes, reports, etc., 1994-1998.
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**FINANCIAL RECORDS**

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Financial records: balance sheets, reports, etc., 1994.

**BOX 14**


3 Financial records: reports, statements, 1996.


**PROPERTY RECORDS**


14 Property records: records relating to 78 Society Street, 1972-1980. Label on original folder states: “78 Society St. operated as apts by Y, then sold. Gained property – the yard area next to Armory.”


16 Property records: records, including correspondence and a plat, relating to the Sumter Guards Armory, 1974-1982.
17 Property records: floor plans of buildings, no date.

**BOX 15**


**RECORDS RELATING TO SWIMMING POOLS**

6 Pool records: pool feasibility study, [1990?]. A study “to determine the potential for a development campaign to replace the swimming pool destroyed as a result of Hurricane Hugo.”
7 Pool records: records relating to a new pool addition and remodeling, including correspondence with Mitchell, Small & Donahue, architects, 1990-1993.

**BOX 16**

1 Pool records: pool committee records, 1994-1995, including correspondence with Mitchell, Small & Donahue.
5 Pool records: records relating to the pool gala, 1994.
ADMINISTRATIVE FILE SERIES (arranged alphabetically)

12 Annual meeting records, 1995.
13 Annual meeting records, 1996.
14 Annual meeting records, 1997.
15 Annual meeting records, 1998.
20 Antiques show records, 1994.

BOX 17

2 Audit information, 1999.
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<td>Board of Directors records: correspondence, 1997.</td>
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<td>Board of Directors records: minutes, reports, financial records, etc., 2002.</td>
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**BOX 18**

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Budget records, 2002.
Cain estate records, 1996.
Card party records, 1995-1996.
Records, including correspondence, relating to the City of Charleston, 1995-1997.
Records relating to Charleston Place, 1998.
CFY board retreat records, 1990.
Records relating to the College of Charleston, 2001-2002.
Corporate mailing list and related information, 2001.
Correspondence, 1995-2002.

**BOX 19**

Correspondence relating to the board of directors, 1989-1997.
Coughlin Saunders Foundation grant records, 1990-1995.
Demographic information, 1997.
Employee handbook, 1996.
Employee handbook 1999.
Employee job descriptions and related papers, 1960s.
Employee job descriptions and related papers, 1990s.
Family Y program survey, 1990.
Festival of Tables records, 1993.
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**BOX 20**

Finance committee report, 1996.

**BOX 21**
5. Papers relating to the Kidz World event, 1993.
7. Papers relating to a grant from the Kresge Foundation, 1992.
10 Papers relating to Elizabeth Long, 1990.
11 Long range planning papers, 1996.
13 Papers relating to membership: policy and rate information, 2001 and undated.
16 Papers relating to memorials, 1995-1996.
17 Papers relating to a mentor program, 1997.
18 Papers relating to MUSC volunteer program, 1998.
22 Newsletters and annual reports, 1997-2002.

**BOX 22**

1 Nonprofit status records, 1988-2003, mainly relating to state registration.
2 Organizational chart.
3 Papers relating to oyster roast events, 2000-2002.
7 Records relating to swimming pool: DAC (Downtown Athletic Club) records, 1993-1996.
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<td>“Public Affairs” folder, containing historical data about the Charleston YWCA.</td>
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SAFE KIDS Coalition records, 1996.
Self Foundation grant proposal, 1993.
Soil Consultants test result reports, 1981-1996.
Staff meetings minutes, 1993-1997
Summer camp records, 1995-1996.

BOX 24
Tea Room records, 1993.
Tea Room records, 1994
Tea Room records, 1996.
Tea Room records, 1997
Records relating to a video production about the CFY, 1995.
Writers in Residence program records, 2001.
BOX 25

1 “Y” trademark infringement records, 2002.
3 Youth Service grant information, 1998.
4 *YWCA Magazine*, January 1953.
5 YWCA and CFY miscellaneous items, 1926-1994.

SCRAPBOOKS

6 Scrapbook of clippings, 1916-1917.
7 Scrapbook, 1962.

SCRAPBOOKS, OVERSIZE, WRAPPED INDIVIDUALLY:

Scrapbook, 1929-1936.
“Y-Teen” scrapbook, 1957.
Scrapbook, 1962.
Scrapbook, 1966.
Scrapbook, 1967.
Scrapbook, 1968.
Scrapbook, 1969.
Scrapbook, 1970.
Scrapbook, 1974.
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