



SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Civic Club records, 1907-1955
SCHS 1125.00
Containers 11/488-491

Creator: Civic Club (Charleston, S.C.)

Description: 1.75 linear ft.

Biographical/historical note: Charleston, S.C. civic, social, and political women's organization established in 1900. The club disbanded in 1955.

Scope and content: Records consist of correspondence, minutes of meetings (1913-1955), yearbooks (1910-1941), constitutions, financial records, scrapbooks, membership records, and other items.

Correspondence (1907-1955) of club members and officers concerns such topics as finances, committee work, city sanitation and beautification, school improvements, and the disbanding of the club (1955). Correspondents include city and school officials and other organizations such as the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

Records of various club committees concern issues such as public health (1912-1916); a campaign to encourage the early closing of Charleston (S.C.) stores (1914); the planting of shade trees and other plants for city beautification (1916-1926); and juvenile delinquency (1915-1938). Included are statistics and the report of a club survey (1937-1938) conducted to ascertain the recreational and cultural activities available to city youth.

Financial records include accounts, receipts, and check stubs. Scrapbooks chiefly contain newspaper clippings about the club's work toward the establishment of a free library (1929-1931) and its other numerous projects and activities. Scrapbooks include a "President's Book" documenting the club's activities in 1931-1932 under the presidency of Louisa B. Poppenheim. Other items include reports; programs and other printed material; photographs of club members; clippings (some are photocopies); and essays (1941) on state, county, and municipal taxation.

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Search terms:

Poppenheim, Louisa Bouknight, 1868-1957.

Civic Club (Charleston, S.C.) -- Records and correspondence.

Children -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- Recreation.

Juvenile delinquency -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- Prevention.
 Public health -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
 Public libraries -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
 Schools -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
 Social service -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
 Stores, Retail -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
 Taxation -- South Carolina.
 Urban beautification -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
 Women -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- Societies and clubs.
 Charleston (S.C.) -- History.
 Charleston (S.C.) -- Social life and customs.
 South Carolina -- History.
 Clippings.
 Financial records.
 Constitutions.
 Letters (correspondence)
 Membership lists.
 Minutes.
 Photographs.
 Programs.
 Reports.
 Scrapbooks.

Container list:

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| 11/488 | Yearbooks, 1910-1942, constitutions, and meeting (minute) books, 1913-1946 |
| 11/489 | Meeting (minute) book, 1946-1955; correspondence, 1907-1950s; and treasurers reports, 1935-1940s |
| 11/490 | Presidents book, 1931-1932; Health Committee records, 1912-1916; Six O'Clock Business Closing Campaign records, 1914; City Betterment Committee records, 1916-1926; records re schools and delinquency, 1915-1938; membership records; financial records |
| 11/491 | Financial records; clippings; and a scrapbook |