

Guide to the Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs
Title:	Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs Records
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Physical Description:	5.1 Linear Feet (9 boxes and 1 oversize box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs (NFWC) Records date from 1907 until 1999 and document the administration, activities, and publications of the NFWC. During the twentieth century, the NFWC included member clubs from throughout the state of Nevada including the Mesquite Club in Las Vegas, the Reno Women's Civic Club, and the Lamoille Women's Club. The collection includes meeting minutes and agendas, correspondence, publications, reports, and newspaper clippings.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

In October 1908, Nellie Verrill Davis of the Reno, Nevada Leisure Hour Club proposed the formation of the Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs (NFWC). The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) admitted the NFWC in 1910 and Nellie Verrill Davis served as the first president. The GFWC, founded in 1890, promoted women's organizations and organized volunteer efforts. Delphine Squires of the Las Vegas, Nevada Mesquite Club served as NFWC president during 1914-1916. The NFWC expanded throughout the state of Nevada quickly, and in the 1920s there were member clubs in Caliente, Carson City, Deeth, Elko, Ely (2 clubs), Fallon (5 clubs), Fernley (2 clubs), Gardnerville, Goldfield, Hazen, Lamoille, Las Vegas, Lovelock, Mason (2 clubs), Manhattan, Minden, Panaca, Reno (8 clubs), Sparks (2 clubs), Smith Valley, Virginia City, Wadsworth, Winnemucca, and Yerington (2 clubs). The NFWC organized statewide conventions that brought together members for education, official business, and guest speakers. The NFWC

promoted volunteerism and community service. Some of their projects included funding emergency loans for students at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, collecting books for local libraries, and fundraising for local causes.

Women's clubs entered a period of decline in the years following World War II. The NFWC remained active in the 1950s in Nevada with four women's clubs in Las Vegas, eight in Reno, three in Elko and clubs in Boulder City, Ely, Empire, Fallon, Fernley, Gabbs, Henderson, Lamoille, Manhattan, Smith Valley, Pittman, Winnemucca, and Yerington.

Membership in the NFWC continued to decline and in 1996 the only remaining clubs were the Boulder City Women's Club, the Junior Mesquite Club, the Lamoille Women's Club, the Mesquite Club, and the Reno Civic Women's Club.

As of 2016, the GFWC lists three clubs in Nevada: the Green Valley Federated Woman's Club, Lamoille Woman's Club, and the Mesquite Club of Las Vegas.

Source: General Federation of Women's Clubs. State Federation and Club Websites. <http://www.gfwc.org/who-we-are/club-websites/> (accessed March 18, 2016).

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Scope and Contents Note

The Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs (NFWC) Records date from 1907 until 1999 and document the administration, activities, and publications of the NFWC. In October 1908, the NFWC formed in Reno, Nevada and the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) admitted the group in 1910. During the twentieth century, the NFWC included member clubs from throughout the state of Nevada, with local clubs in Reno, Elko, and Las Vegas as well as many other communities. By the last decades of the twentieth century, many of the member clubs had disbanded or left the Federation. The collection includes meeting minutes and agendas, correspondence, publications, reports, and newspaper clippings. It also includes material collected by members related to Nevada women's history and contains a 1907 handwritten document by Helen J. Stewart entitled "Journey to Southern Nevada Mines."

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Arrangement

These records are organized into two series: Series I. Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs records, 1907-1999; Series II. General Federation of Women's Clubs records, 1914-1918, 1968-1999.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1986 and 1999; accession numbers 86-62 and 99-11.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff. In 2016, Angela Moor wrote the collection description in compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:
Mesquite Club Records, 1911-2014. MS-00429. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs Collection. Nevada Historical Society. Reno, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Women -- Nevada -- History
- Women -- Societies and clubs -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Service organizations--Nevada--Las Vegas
- Clubs -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History

- General Federation of Women's Clubs

Collection Inventory

Series I: Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs records, 1907-1999

Physical Description: 3.9 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents: The Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs records contain meeting materials and programs, correspondence, manuals, reports, publications, and materials from member clubs dating from 1907-1999, with the majority of the materials from the 1980s and 1990s.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged by subject.

Title/Description	Containers
Meeting materials	
Convention Materials, 1913, 1916, 1921, 1927, 1941, 1949, 1950	box 01
Biennial Convention, 1958 April 10-12	box 01
Biennial Convention, 1966 April 23-24	box 01
Meeting minutes, 1966-1968	box 01
Biennial Convention, 1968 April 27-28	box 01
Board of Directors meeting minutes, 1972	box 01
Board of Directors and Executive Committee meeting minutes, 1974-1975	box 01
Biennial Convention, 1976 April 23-24	box 01
Biennial Convention, 1978 April 21-23	box 01
Board of Directors meeting minutes, 1978-1979	box 01
Biennial Convention, 1980 May 3-4	box 01
Board of Directors meeting minutes, 1981 September 26	box 01
Biennial Convention, 1982 May 1-2	box 01
Biennial Convention, 1984	box 01
Board of Directors and Executive Committee meeting minutes, 1984-1985	box 01
Biennial Convention, 1986 May 3-4	box 01
Biennial Convention, 1988 May 13-14	box 01
Board of Directors and Executive Committee meeting minutes, 1988-1990	box 01
Biennial Convention, 1990 April 23-24	box 01
Board of Directors and Executive Committee meeting minutes, 1991-1993	box 01
Biennial Convention, 1992 April 25-26	box 01

Biennial Convention, 1994 April 23-24	box 01
Biennial Convention, 1996 April 20-21	box 01
Board of Directors and Executive Board meeting minutes, 1995-1996	box 01
Annual Convention, 1997 April 26	box 01
Annual Convention, 1998 April 18-19	box 02
State Night Dinner, 1998 October 9	box 02
Board of Directors and Executive Committee meeting minutes, 1997-1998	box 02
Leadership Seminar, 1999 January 23	box 02
Fundraising Luncheons, 1998-1999	box 02
Correspondence	
Correspondence, 1951-1956, 1973-1979, 1980-1986, 1997-1999 Physical Description: 06 Files	box 02
Correspondence about Las Vegas hosting GFWC Annual Convention, 1979-1981	box 02
Reports	
Reports, 1933-1934	box 02
Report of club activities, 1972-1974	box 02
Club reports to NFWC president, 1974-1976	box 02
Reports, 1979-1981	box 02
Club reports, 1981-1983 Physical Description: 03 Files	box 02
Reports, 1984	box 02
Club Project/Program Summary, 1985	box 02
Club reports, 1986	box 02
Statistical reports, 1986	box 02
Reports, 1987	box 02
Materials	
Constitution and by-laws, undated	box 03
President's message, 1950	box 03
Tax exempt form, 1962	box 03
List of past state presidents, 1980	box 03
Newsletters	
Nevada Federation News, 1920-1921	box 03

Nevada Federation Bulletin, 1922-1923	box 03
News, 1954 March	box 03
Newsletter, 1978-1981	box 03
Nevada Clubwoman magazine, 1955, 1958, 1986-1999 Physical Description: 03 Files	box 03
Duplicates, Nevada Clubwoman, 1998-1999	box 03
Manuals	
Manuals, 1964--1968, 1972-1974, 1976-1984, 1988-1996 Physical Description: 10 Files	box 03
Projects	
Nevada's Finest Western Cooking cookbook scrapbook, 1981-1984	box 08
Today's Women Entry, Rose Irwin, 1986	box 04
Club Histories and Archives Project, 1987	box 04
Student Loan Fund ledger, 1950-1979	box 08
Student Loan Fund, 1929, 1974-1991	box 04
Emergency Loan Fund, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1963, 1967-1979, 1984-1988	box 04
Sponsorship of US Savings Bond Student Poster Contest, 1992	box 04
Canine Companions Program, 1997	box 04
Nevada Women's History Project, 1995-1999	box 04
Nevada Women's History Project News, 1996-1999	box 04
Nevada Women's History Roll of Honor, 1997	box 04
"Las Vegas-The Meadows," Los Angeles Times, 1907 May 5	box 04
"Journey to Southern Nevada Mines" handwritten by Helen J. Stewart, 1907 February 14	box 04
Publicity	
Nevada News Letter and Advertiser, Women's Edition, Reno, Nevada, 1916	box 10
Newspaper clippings, 1939-1983	box 04
Certificates and citations, 1956-1964	box 04
Scrapbook: NFWC activities, 1994-1996	box 10
Member Organizations	
Assistance League of Las Vegas, Operation School Bell, 1985	box 05
Boulder City Women's Club, 1979-1980	box 05

Bowers Mansion Restoration Group, 1983	box 05
Ecology 21st Century Club, 1989-1990	box 05
Green Valley Women's Club, 1999	box 05
Junior League, Project LEAD, 1986	box 05
Junior Mesquite Club, 1996-1998	box 05
Junior Mesquite Club newsletter, 1997-1998	box 05
Junior Mesquite Club, Operation Smile, 1998	box 05
Lamoille Women's Club, Save a Life with a Number, 1999	box 05
Las Vegas Juniorette Crickets, undated	box 05
Las Vegas Women's Club, 1979-1980	box 05
Mesquite Club, Annual Program Calendars, 1948-1957	box 05
Mesquite Club newsclippings, 1966-1984	box 05
Mesquite Club, statistical report, 1986	box 05
Mesquite Club, Mesquiter Newsletter, 1991-1996	box 05
Mesquite Club, 1996-1999	box 05
Mesquite Club, Libraries 2000, undated	box 05
North Las Vegas Women's Club, 1979-1980	box 05
Reno Women's Civic Club, 1978-1980	box 05
Smith Valley Civic Women's Club, 1987	box 05
Vegas Valley Hobby Club, undated	box 05

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Series II: General Federation of Women's Clubs records, 1914-1918, 1969-1999

Physical Description: 1.3 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents: The General Federation of Women's Clubs records contain materials from the GFWC including meeting programs, publications, and newsletters dating from 1914-1918 and 1968-1999.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged by subject.

Title/Description	Containers
Meetings	
Western States Conference, 1968 March 21-23	box 06
Board of Directors Meeting, 1973 March 22	box 06
Western States Conference, 1974 March 27-29	box 06

Western States Conference, 1975 March 18-20	box 06
Western States Conference, 1984	box 06
Administration Orientation Meeting, 1997 December 4-7	box 06
International Convention, 1998 June 12-15	box 06
Board of Directors Meeting, 1998 August 15-17	box 06
Western States Region Conference, 1998 October 9-10	box 06
International Convention, 1999 June 19-22	box 06
Western States Region Conference, 1999 October 1-3	box 06
Materials	
Why Belong to a Federated Woman's Club, undated	box 06
Legislative Manual, undated	box 06
Awards Program, 1980-1982	box 06
Centennial Celebration, 1984	box 06
Membership report, 1984 February 15	box 06
The Organization Volunteer, 1985	box 06
Women Advancing Through Unity in Diversity: A Centennial Celebration Handbook, 1987	box 06
Centennial President's Potpurri booklet, 1988-1990	box 06
Videotape CFWC Rose Bowl Float, 1990 Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 08
Biography, president Ann Holland, 1992	box 06
Program materials, 1998-1999	box 07
Publications, 1998-1999	box 07
Administration Handbook, 1998-2000	box 07
Community Improvement Program guidebook, 1998-2000	box 07
Centennial Celebration Goebel figurine, 1890 series, 1982	box 09
Centennial Celebration Goebel figurine, 1915 series, 1984	box 09
Centennial Celebration Goebel figurine order forms, 1982	box 09
Newsletters	
Bulletin, 1914-1918	box 07
Clubwoman, 1990, 1996-1999	box 07
Duplicates, Clubwoman, 1998-1990	box 07

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