

# Women's City Club Records, 1922-1973

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Women's City Club (Seattle, Wash.)
<b>Title</b>	Women's City Club Records
<b>Dates</b>	1922-1973 (inclusive) 1922 1973
<b>Quantity</b>	4.76 cubic feet, (5 boxes)
<b>Collection Number</b>	1973.5572
<b>Summary</b>	The Women's City Club Records comprise minutes, financial records, photographs, programs, reports, correspondence, six scrapbooks and other documents relating to the Women's City Club of Seattle, Washington.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Museum of History &amp; Industry, Sophie Frye Bass Library</a> Sophie Frye Bass Library Museum of History & Industry P.O. Box 80816 Seattle, WA 98108 Telephone: 206-324-1126 Fax: 206-780-1533 <a href="mailto:library@mohai.org">library@mohai.org</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	The collection is open to the public by appointment.
<b>Languages</b>	English.

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## Historical Note

The Women's City Club of Seattle was organized in 1922 by former Seattle Mayor Bertha K. Landes. The club was originally known as "The Women's Civic League," but the name changed to the Women's City Club in December 1923. The purpose of the club was to educate women about local, state, national and world politics, and in cooperation with other organizations, to work towards securing the welfare of the city and improving civic conditions. The club was non-partisan and did not endorse particular candidates for office, however during election years it did invite all candidates for public office to address the club. Club meetings were held every Tuesday and individual meetings would focus on particular aspects of government.

The club grew quickly in popularity. In December 1923, the club reported 640 women on its membership rolls. Not long after establishing the club, Bertha Landes resigned as president. In November 1923, Mrs. Frederic J. Beull was elected president in her place. The club worked very actively with other community organizations, at one point having delegate representatives in thirteen other organizations such as the Anti-Tuberculosis League, the Red Cross, King County Home and others. The club was dissolved in 1973.

## Content Description

The Women's City Club Records is mostly made up of financial records and meeting minutes. Both the financial records and meeting minutes span the entire life of the club, from 1923 – 1973, but include some gaps in the chronology.

Other records for the collection include a small number of photographs and programs, as well as a collection of correspondence spanning from 1924-1942, some reports written by club members, six scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings about the club ranging from 1923-1971, and other records relating to the club and its involvement in the community.

## Use of the Collection

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

The Women's City Club Records is comprised of eight series, three of which have been further arranged into subseries. All series and subseries are arranged chronologically. The arrangement of the collection is as follows:

Series 1: Financial Records

Subseries A: Financial Reports, 1923-1972

Subseries B: Lists of Members and Record of Dues Paid, 1924-1972

Series 2: Minutes and Other Records of Meetings

Subseries A: Meeting Minutes, 1922-1972

Subseries B: Member register and Sign-in Sheets

Series 3: Correspondence, 1924-1942, undated

Series 4: Community Involvement and Involvement with other Organizations, 1927-1949

Series 5: Reports and Publications of the Women's City Club, 1923-1934

Series 6: Photographs of club members, 1932, circa 1958

Series 7: Programs

Subseries A: Women's City Club Annual Luncheons, 1948-1955

Subseries B: Regular Meetings, 1927, 1945

Series 8: Scrapbooks, 1923-1971

### Location of Collection

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## Acquisition Information

Source: Women's City Club, January 4, 1973

## Processing Note

Processed by Esther Benson 2008

## Separated Materials

These materials are part of a donation by Women's City Club that also includes a number of artifacts such as flags, sound equipment, a gavel and other miscellaneous equipment. The artifacts are cataloged and stored separately by MOHAI's Collections Department.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

### Series 1: Financial Records, 1923-1972

17 bound volumes

Arranged chronologically

Container(s)	Description	Dates
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Box		
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1	<b>Subseries A: Financial Reports</b> 6 bound volumes	<b>1923-1972</b>
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Box		
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1	Financial Reports 1 bound volume	1923 February – 1930 June
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1	Financial Reports 1 bound volume	1930 June - 1932 August
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1	Financial Reports 1 bound volume	1937 circa November –1939 circa July
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1	Financial Reports 1 bound volume	1940 May - 1950 May
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1	Financial Reports 1 bound volume	1950 May – 1963 May

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1	Financial Reports 1 bound volume	1972 May – 1972 September
1	<b>Subseries B: Lists of Members and Record of Dues Paid</b> 11 bound volumes	<b>1924-1972</b>
<b>Box</b>		
1	List of members and record of dues paid 1 bound volume	1924 June – 1928 June
1	List of members and record of dues paid 1 bound volume	1924 November –1932 May
1	List of members and record of dues paid 1 bound volume	1928 September –1933 May
1	List of members and record of dues paid 1 bound volume	1937 May –1940 May
1	List of members and record of dues paid 1 bound volume	1941 May – 1944 May
1	List of members and record of dues paid 1 bound volume	1944 May – 1945 May
1	List of members and record of dues paid 1 bound volume	1945 June – 1948 February
1	List of members and record of dues paid 1 bound volume	1948 February – 1950 September
1	List of members and record of dues paid 1 bound volume	1950 September –1955 May
1	List of members and record of dues paid 1 bound volume	1955 May – 1963 October
1	List of members and record of dues paid 1 bound volume	1963 October – 1972 April

## Series 2: Minutes and Other Records of Meetings, 1922-1973

Box2

11 bound volumes, 1 folder

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Box</b>		
2	<b>Subseries A: Meeting Minutes</b> 9 bound volumes	<b>1922-1972</b>
<b>Box</b>		
2	Meeting minutes 1 bound volume	1922 November– 1928 May
2	Meeting minutes 1 bound volume	1948 May – 1950 June
2	Meeting minutes 1 bound volume	1950 August – 1952 August
2	Meeting minutes 1 bound volume	1952 September – 1955 February
2	Meeting minutes 1 bound volume	1955 March – 1957 September
2	Meeting minutes 1 bound volume	1957 October – 1961 May
2	Meeting minutes 1 bound volume	1961 May – 1963 November
2	Meeting minutes 1 bound volume	1964 January – 1966 June
2	Meeting minutes 1 bound volume	1966 August – 1972 September
2	<b>Subseries B: Member register and Sign-in Sheets</b> 2 bound volumes, 1 folder	<b>various, 1971-1973</b>
<b>Box</b>		
2	Alphabetical Membership Register 1 bound volume	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2	Sign-in sheet 1 notebook	1971 March – 1972 September
Box/Folder		
2/1	Membership list 1 folder	1972-1973

### Series 3: Correspondence, circa 1924-1942, undated

Box-folder2/2

1 folder

### Series 4: Community Involvement and Involvement with other Organizations, circa 1927-1949

Box-folder2/3

1 folder

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/3	Bulletin of the Recreation Members of the Parent-Teacher Association and the Women's City Club	1927 April 1
2/3	Report and Membership Card to The Washington State Council for Protection of Roadside Beauty, made out to the Women's City Club	circa 1932
2/3	Program for the 21st Annual Institute of Government, held at University of Washington, Seattle	1936 July
2/3	Address of Mrs. H.E. Maltby, 16th President of the Washington State Federation of Women's Clubs, at the formal dedication of the Federation Forest	1949 July 16
2/3	Certificate of Appreciation from the American National Red Cross to the Women's City Club	undated
2/3	Certificate of Recognition from the Anti-Tuberculosis League of King County to the Women's City Club	undated

## Series 5: Reports and Publications of the Women's City Club, 1923-1934

Box-folder2/4

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/4	Roster of Seattle area clubs compiled by the Research Department of the Women's City Club	circa 1923
2/4	Report on the progress of the Citizenship Class 1920-1930, prepared by the Chairman of the Women's City Club Citizenship Class	1930
2/4	Articles of Incorporation for the Women's City Club	1931
2/4	Historical sketch of the Women's City Club, written by the Women's City Club Publicity Committee for the <i>Seattle Times</i>	1934

## Series 6: Photographs of club members, 1934- circa1958

Box2

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/5	.40: J.D. Ross and Mrs. Adeline Cole at dedication (tree planting), of Diablo Dam along the Skagit River.	1934
2/6	.41: Members of Women's City Club and others at dedication (tree planting) Diablo Dam	1934
2/7	.42-.43: Members of Women's City Club on a trip to Diablo Dam 2 photographs	1934
2/8	.44: Women's City Club on a trip to Olympia	circa 1958

## Series 7: Programs, 1927-1945

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/9	Subseries A: Women's City Club Annual May Luncheons Missing programs for years 1950, 1953 and 1954.	1948-1955
2/9	Subseries B: Regular Meetings 3 programs	1927, 1945

## Series 8: Scrapbooks, 1923-1971

One stand-alone scrapbook and a set of five chronologically arranged scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings relating to the Women's City Club.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
2	Scrapbook 1 bound volume	1941-1945
	Scrapbook set 5 bound volumes	1923-1971

Box		
3	Volume 1	1923-1934
3	Volume 2	1934-1940
4	Volume 3	1940-1945
4	Volume 4	1945-1953
5	Volume 5	1953-1971

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Clubs--Washington (State)--Seattle

Women in community organization--Washington (State)--Seattle

Women--Societies and clubs

### Personal Names :

Landes, Bertha Knight, 1868-1943

### Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)

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