



Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs Record Books (C1172)

Collection Number: C1172

Collection Title: Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs Record Books

Dates: 1896-1933

Creator: Missouri Federation of Women's Club

Abstract: Membership lists, officers, constitution, and minutes of the directors' and annual meetings.

Collection Size: 5 volumes

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs Record Books can be found in the following collections:

[Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs. Sixth District, \(R1175\)](#)
[Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs, Records, \(CA6436\)](#)
[The Missouri Club Women, \(F506 W8421cw\)](#)

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Historical Note:

The Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs was organized as an umbrella organization for the different women's organizations throughout the state. Their constitution states "its object shall be to bring the women of the state into communication for the promotion of higher intellectual, social and moral conditions."

Its first convention was held in Kansas City on January 18-21, 1897. Federated Women's Clubs throughout the state were invited to send delegates, whether or not they were members of the State Federation. At the first convention, among other business, they proposed asking the Missouri legislature to create a state board of charities. They also proposed allowing women to serve on school boards. Mrs. J.A. Allen of St. Louis was elected president at the first convention.

In 1902 the group adopted a proposal to divide into districts, and nine districts were created throughout the state. This made it easier for small groups to meet, although there was still a state-wide convention every year or every other year.

Over the years, the organization tackled issues of women's suffrage, improvements in education for foreign born citizens, child labor, prison reform, obtaining help for children with disabilities, and illiteracy.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

Record Books

Scope and Content Note:

Record Books:

The series includes membership lists, officers, constitution, and minutes of the directors' and annual meetings and is arranged chronologically.

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