

C American Business Women's Association, Show-Me State Chapter, Records, 1965-1996
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INTRODUCTION

The records of the Show-Me-State Chapter of the American Business Women's Association include meeting minutes, membership rosters, correspondence, memos and announcements, photographs, scrapbooks, and miscellaneous material.

DONOR INFORMATION

The American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri beginning on July 19, 1978 (Accession No. 2177) by Barbara Campbell, President of the Show-Me State Chapter of ABWA. Multiple donations were subsequently added to the collection by Mary K. Dains of the State Historical Society of Missouri, and Kathy Dains and Leona Morris of ABWA. Please consult the information folder for further details.

ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

The ABWA was created at the end of World War II, when a Kansas City businessman, Hilary A. Bufton, Jr., recognized the positive impact women had been having on the economy. He also realized that it would be a loss to let women fade quietly out of the workforce. On September 22, 1949, Bufton and three Kansas City businesswomen incorporated the ABWA. In August 1965, the National Headquarters of the ABWA wrote the Mizzou Chapter to see if they would sponsor a second chapter in Columbia. On September 22, 1965, the "Show-Me" State Chapter, Columbia, Missouri, was chartered and officers were installed. The chapter's colors were black and gold and their flower was the carnation. They disbanded in 1996.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Records of the ABWA, Show-Me State Chapter, include meeting minutes, correspondence, procedural manuals, membership information, brochures, flyers, and photographs, scrapbooks, and miscellaneous material. The material is arranged into eight series, arranged in chronological order by decades: **Minutes and Membership, Announcements and Bulletins, Convention Material, Correspondence, Guides and Manuals, Photographs, Miscellaneous Material, and Oversize.**

The **Minutes and Membership** series consist of reports given by ABWA officers and committees, executive board meetings, and discussion of old and new business.

The **Announcements and Bulletins** series consist of information on guest speakers, topics of discussion, and various upcoming events, such as chapter and national conventions, charitable and fund-raising activities, food recipes, and information on individual members, such as birthdates and recent personal travel activities.

The **Convention Material** series consists of booklets and other types of material which include hotel and transportation information, session speakers, schedules of events and their locations, photos of chapter officers and committee chairpersons, entertainers for the events, listings of sponsors. Also included are notes and memos regarding the conventions.

The **Correspondence** series consists of letters and memos between ABWA national headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, and chapter presidents, memos on position appointments, regional meetings and convention sites, information on rules governing nominations and campaigning for national office, congratulatory letters, along with various types of correspondence between district chapter presidents and officers. There are also thank you letters from various recipients of ABWA sponsored scholarships.

The **Guides and Manuals** series list the specific duties and functions of the President and Vice-President, the committees, procedures related to the business of the organization, and chapter programs, specifically the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund. In addition, there is information about chapter award requirements and qualifications, election of chapter officers, and the officer installation ceremony.

The **Photographs** series consist of photographs of both chapter and national convention meetings, focusing on chapter officers and members. Also included are photographs of smaller functions, such as "Hand of Friendship" meetings.

The **Miscellaneous Material** contain assorted blank application forms pertaining to the functions of the organization, a planning guide to an ABWA development drive, confirmation forms, newspaper clippings, flyers, and a metal printing stamp of the organization's logo. Scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings detailing American Business Women's Association functions, sponsorships, awards, photographs, and charters during the 1960s through 1990s.

The **Oversize** series consists of two scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings detailing American Business Women's Association functions, sponsorships, awards, photographs, and charters during the 1960s through 1990s.

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