

**PRELIMINARY INVENTORY**  
**K0100 (KA0198)**  
**KANSAS CITY YOUNG MATRONS RECORDS**

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**Introduction**

The collection was loaned for microfilming and contains 13 rolls of microfilm.

The records contain minute books, materials associated with the Executive Board meetings, and meeting materials of the Carolyn Farwell Fuller Unit. Additional materials include financial reports and general financial material from the Charity and Welfare Committee.

The Kansas City Young Matrons was organized in the Kansas City Athenaeum Clubhouse in the fall of 1917, under the name of Athenaeum Young Matrons. Mrs. George W. Fuller, then president of the Kansas City Athenaeum, conceived of the idea of a club of young married women in order that their interests might be developed and directed toward larger club activities. Near the close of its third year, the Young Matrons severed its connections with the Athenaeum and changed its name to Kansas City Young Matrons.

A primary function of the Young Matrons is to service the community by volunteering with various community organizations such as the Rehabilitation Institute, Children's Cardiac Center of Children's Mercy Hospital, Truman Medical Center, Historic Kansas City Foundation, the Crittenton Center, and many others. Philanthropic work initially took the form of a layette program for war babies and that later expanded to a general clothing program for needy young women and later to providing clothing to needy high school and college students. The Young Matrons was the first club to provide a scholarship fund to the University of Kansas City, now the University of Missouri-Kansas City beginning in 1933, and continues to support that scholarship fund to the present.

In 1926, a subsidiary organization, "The Carolyn Farwell Fuller Unit," was established to serve the needs of Young Matrons' Associate Members. This group provided an opportunity for special study, especially study of various foreign countries, for its membership. It continued as a part of the organization until it was dissolved in 1953.

**Donor Information**

The records were donated to the University of Missouri by the Kansas City Young Matrons on February 2, 1983 (Accession No. KA0198).

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**Location Note**

The collection is stored onsite.

**Inventory**

Minutes, Regular and Executive Board meetings, 1917-1923 (23 folders)

Minutes, Regular meetings, 1924-1957 (79 folders)

Minutes, Executive Board, 1923-1964 (160 folders)

Minutes, Fuller Unit, 1926-1953 (14 folders)

Constitution and Bylaws, no date

Instructions to Officers, 1934-1944 (6 folders)

Charity and Welfare Committee Record Book, 1923-1947 (5 folders)

Welfare Committee, 1948-1949

Receipts and Correspondence, 1918-1919

General Fund Receipts, 1938-1939

General Fund Disbursements, 1938-1939

General Fund Account Book, 1947-1948 (3 folders)