



## **Potosi Civic League Records (R0187)**

**Collection Number:** R0187

**Collection Title:** Potosi Civic League Records

**Dates:** 1921-1961

**Creator:** Potosi Civic League (Potosi, Mo.)

**Abstract:** The Potosi Civic League Records contain a microfilm copy of meeting minutes, financial and membership records, miscellaneous papers, and yearbooks of a woman's club in Potosi, Washington County, Missouri. The records include a set of yearbooks from a similar organization, the Potosi Woman's Study Club dating from 1927 to 1943.

**Collection Size:** (1 roll of microfilm)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**Historical Note:**

Organized in 1921, the Potosi Civic League was chartered to promote education, law enforcement, child welfare, and the general well-being of the community. Membership was limited to residents of the Potosi school district, which included the area around Old Mines and Cadet. Rebecca White was elected president of the club at its first meeting, serving continuously in that capacity for the entire period for which records are available. About thirty members were carried on the rolls.

The League began its work with a crusade for the installation of electric lights in Potosi. This campaign met with success in 1924. The members also mounted drives to clean up the city generally, with particular effort given to renewing the Catholic and Presbyterian cemeteries. The League financed a Lyceum course during the summer months and cooperated with the Washington County Teachers' Association in a high school scholarship program for students with the highest grades in the rural schools. The League was also active in many charitable works, particularly during the typhoid epidemics of the 1920s. Food, clothes, bedding, and medicines were purchased and distributed to several needy families. Blind children were aided by the League, which paid transportation and other expenses involved in sending them to the Missouri School for the Blind in St. Louis.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Record Books  
Organization Records  
Yearbooks

**Scope and Content Note:****Record Books**

This series contains record books for the Potosi Civic League. The books include meeting minutes, membership data, and treasurer's reports. The earliest records of the League are missing. The collection begins with minutes of the meeting of October 8, 1921, when the League affiliated with the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs. The records date from 1921 to 1960 and are arranged chronologically.

**Organization Records**

This series consists of materials pertaining to the Potosi Civic League. The records include membership rolls, a notebook, financial records, and miscellaneous materials removed from previous volumes. The miscellaneous materials include bylaws, reports to district meetings, correspondence, receipts, newspaper articles, and notes. Materials in this series date from 1923 to 1956 and are arranged by material type and then chronologically.

**Yearbooks**

This series contains annual yearbooks for the Potosi Civic League and Potosi Woman's Study Club. The yearbooks are small, printed booklets containing statistics and committee assignments

for the year. The League yearbooks are dated from 1933, 1937 to 1949, and 1952 to 1961. They are arranged chronologically. The Club yearbooks are dated from 1927 to 1931 and 1934 to 1943 and are arranged chronologically. The two organizations shared many of the same members.

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