



Flat River Woman's Club Records (R0206)

Collection Number: R0206

Collection Title: Flat River Woman's Club Records

Dates: 1913-1953

Creator: Flat River Woman's Club (Flat River, Mo.)

Abstract: The Flat River Woman's Club Records include microfilm copies of record books, minutes of meetings, a scrapbook, and miscellaneous papers of a woman's club in St. Francois County, Missouri. The charitable and civic group was begun in 1907 as the Mothers and Patrons Club of Flat River. The club disbanded in 1953.

Collection Size: (1 roll of microfilm)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Flat River Woman's Club Records can be found in the following collections:

Mothers and Patrons Club of Flat River, Missouri Records (R0070)
Flat River Woman's Club Booklet (R1098)

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Historical Note:

The Mothers and Patrons Club of Flat River was formally organized in March 1907, by women from Flat River, Missouri and the mining towns surrounding it in St. Francois County. The name of the club was changed several times during its existence, reflecting the membership of the group. It became the Flat River Woman's Club in 1910, the Lead Belt Woman's Club in 1914, and the Flat River Woman's Club, again, in 1923. There were around thirty active members, although the rolls indicate a larger inactive membership. The group met monthly to hear programs on social topics presented by educators, physicians, and faculty members of the Flat River Junior College. The club was affiliated with the St. Francois County Federation of Women's Clubs and the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs.

The club was formed to sponsor social and civic improvements in the Flat River mining district. Its first efforts were toward upgrading classrooms and playgrounds. Library books and playground equipment were purchased for the schools, and a full-time playground director was hired in 1908. The group also provided free milk and hot lunches for undernourished children. The group became more and more involved in charitable cases, concentrating on caring for tuberculosis patients in the Lead Belt. Work by members was augmented by employing a professional nurse for the community in 1912-1914. The club was active in Red Cross work, particularly in clothing drives during World Wars I and II.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Records
Ledgers

Scope and Content Note:

Records

This series contains membership list of the Mothers and Patrons Club of Flat River, 1913-1914, and the Lead Belt Woman's Club, 1920-1921, and the constitution and bylaws of the St. Francois County Federation of Women's Clubs. The records of the Flat River Woman's Club complement the earliest records of the Mothers and Patrons Club. The final document in the records is a letter to the president of the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs explaining the Flat River Woman's Club's amicable disbanding in the face of declining membership.

Ledgers

This series consists of record books, minutes of meetings, a scrapbook, and miscellaneous papers of a woman's club in St. Francois County, Missouri. The charitable and civic group was begun in 1907 as the Mothers and Patrons Club of Flat River. This series is arranged chronologically by accession, volumes 1-4 and volumes 5-7.

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