



Fern Leaf Study Club History

Collection Number: S0104

Collection Title: Fern Leaf Study Club History

Dates: 1976

Creator: Robinson, Lilly

Abstract: The collection includes a one-page history of the Fern Leaf Study Club, a St. Louis-area African American women's club, written by Lillie Robinson, the club's secretary.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

The Fern Leaf Club was first organized on February 18, 1914, at the Union Memorial Methodist Church. Mary G. Young served as the club's first president. By 1917, Fern Leaf Club joined the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. Jessie M. Ward assumed the presidency in 1923 and spearheaded several of the club's charitable endeavors, which included fundraising for

local social service organizations, such as the Young Women's Christian Association of Metro St. Louis. The Fern Leaf Study Club was active as late as 1975, with 11 members who met monthly on the second Thursday of every month.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains a one-page history of The Fern Leaf Study Club, written by Lillie Robinson, the club's secretary, chronicling the club's history from 1914 to 1976. In the history, Robinson recounts the Fern Leaf Study Club's charitable endeavors, including fundraising for Peoples Hospital, the Young Women's Christian Association Metro of St. Louis, and the Ferrier Harris Nursing Home. Also included in the collection is a photocopied history of the Missouri Federation of Colored Women's Club. This collection has been arranged into one folder.

Container List:

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