

Savannah Women's Federation (Ga.) records

Descriptive Summary

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Biographical/Historical Note

The Savannah Women's Federation (SWF) was founded as the Savannah Federation of Women's Clubs and chartered in 1913. It was originally a federation of existing women's groups and consisted of about seventy women's organizations. The Federation was sometimes known as a "Public Service Council." These groups dealt with a variety of interests, such as education, child welfare, jails and prisons, public health, and housing. This arrangement lasted through World War II. After the war, many of the federated organizations went on their own and some disbanded completely.

The Savannah Women's Federation became an independent group in April 1955. It is the oldest Savannah club affiliate of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs (GaFWC) and is the second oldest GaFWC club in the First District. On a national level, the Savannah Women's Federation is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. SWF focuses on six different departments of work. These are the Education, Arts, Home Life, Conservation, Public Affairs, and International Affairs departments. The club met monthly and each month's program focused on a different department. The club won many awards for its work in the community. Some of the areas in which SWF were involved include: tree planting at Jacob G. Smith Elementary, working with Chatham Nursing Home, anti-litter campaigns, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, establishment of a memorial for the victims of the Challenger space shuttle, and the Arthritis Foundation.

Tallulah Falls School, owned and operated by the GaFWC, was another interest of the Savannah Women's Federation. The school was founded in 1909 in the northeast Georgia mountains as a boarding school for boys and girls in Grades 6-12.

Scope and Content Note

Within the six boxes and three volumes of this collection are the organizational files of the Savannah Women's Federation and its predecessor, the Savannah Federation of Women's Clubs. The material can be divided into two separate time brackets and there is a significant gap between the two time periods. The first group of papers deals with material from the founding of the Savannah Federation of Women's Clubs in 1913 up to 1940. There are minutes of the club for 1913-1917, a scrapbook of newspaper articles from 1917-1940, and some other miscellaneous papers from 1916-1926 and 1936.

The second group of materials in this collection dates from 1972 until the club disbanded in January of 1994. It deals with the papers of the Savannah Women's Federation. There are minutes of the club, financial records, president's papers and reports, departmental reports and information, information on the club's monthly meetings, a club history, membership records, correspondence, awards/certificates, newspaper articles about club activities, a scrapbook for 1992-1994, and some material on the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

This collection contains a box of photographs of the Savannah Women's Federation club meetings and activities from 1968 to 1989. The photographs are arranged chronologically. They contain images of monthly club meetings, GaFWC district meetings, and GaFWC annual meetings. Except for some images in Folder 1 that appear to be from the 1970s, all of the images are identified by date, location, and/or event. However, the women in the photographs are not usually identified.

The box containing photographs is noted as "VM" (visual materials) in the collection inventory.

Index Terms

Certificates.
Clippings (information artifacts)
Financial records.
General Federation of Women's Clubs.
Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs.
Jacob G. Smith Elementary (Savannah, Ga.)
Letters (correspondence)
Minutes (administrative records)
Photographs.
Savannah Women's Federation (Ga.)
Scrapbooks.
Tallulah Falls School (Tallulah Falls, Ga.)
Women--Societies and clubs.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Some material acquired from creating organization

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Acquisition Information

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Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Separated Material

Artifacts were separated and cataloged with the Georgia Historical Society Artifacts Collection. View digital images of artifacts at the end of this collection inventory or search the Digital Image Catalog for further information.

Sponsorship

Encoding funded by a 2012 Documenting Democracy grant from the National Historical Publications and Records

Container List

Box Fldr

- 1 1 Club history

- 2 Club Constitution, By-laws, and Collect

- 3 Savannah Federation of Women's Club - Misc. papers, 1916-1926, 1936

- 4-6 Programs and notices from monthly meetings, 1979-1986

- 7- Club minutes, 1977-1994
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Box Fldr

- 2 1 President's Annual Reports, 1976-1993 (missing 1979-1980)

- President's files

Box Fldr

- 2 2 1986

- 3 1988-1990

- 4 1990-1992

- 5 GaFWC District awards - rules and regulations

- 6 Awards and certificates received, 1979-1988

- 7-9 Correspondence, 1980-1993, undated

- 10 Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs Achievement Goal Sheets, 1976-1993

- 11 Annual Statistical Reports to the General Federation of Women's Clubs, 1982-1989

Membership

Box Fldr

- 3 1 Lists, 1977-1993
- 2 Records, 1972-1984
- 3 Treasurer's files, 1980-1990
- 4 Bank statements, May 1984-May 1990

Monthly financial reports

Box Fldr

- 3 5 1978-1984
- 6 1985-1988, 1990-1993
- 7 Receipts and accounts payable, 1972-1984
- 8 Proposed budgets (1980-1993) and yearly treasurer's reports

News clippings

Box Fldr

- 3 9 From scrapbook #1, 1910-1940
- 10 Re club's activities, 1976-1991
- 11 Obituaries of club members

Box Fldr

- 4 1 Program committee, 1980-1982
- 2-4 Community Improvement Program, 1980-1986
- 5-7 Home Life Department, 1978-1984, 1986-1993

8- Education Department, 1976-1993
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11 Public Affairs Department, 1981-1984, 1988-1990, 1992-1993

Box Fldr

5 1 International Affairs Department, 1981-1993

2 Arts Department, 1978-1981, 1983-1990

3-8 Conservation Department, 1978-1993

Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs

Box Fldr

5 9 General information

10 District 1, 1980-1993

11 GaFWC policy manuals, 1984-1986; Reports of GaFWC state officers and district presidents, 1980-1982, 1989-1990, 1992-1993

Box Fldr

6 1 Programs from GaFWC Annual Meetings, (incomplete set), 1981-1993

2 Programs from GaFWC District 1 meetings, (incomplete), 1978-1992

3 Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs-District 1, Yearbooks for 1986-1988, 1988-1990, 1992-1994

4-6 Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs - 1984-1986, 1990-1994 Yearbooks

7 Newsletters from Tallulah Falls School, (incomplete), 1982, 1989-1993

8 General Federation of Women's Clubs

Volume

1 Savannah Federation of Women's Clubs Scrapbook - newspaper articles, March 1917-
November 1930

Volume

2 Savannah Women's Federation Scrapbook, May 1992-January 1994

Volume

3 Savannah Federation of Women's Clubs Minute Book, January 9, 1913-May 13, 1917

Photographs. Club activities

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1 1 1968-circa 1970s

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1 2 1979-1980

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1 3 1981

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1 4 January - Summer 1982

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1 5 September - December 1982

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1 6 January - May 1983

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1 7 October 1983 - May 1984

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1 8 August 1984 - March 1985

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1 9 April - December 1985

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1 10 January - May 1986

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1 11 1989

Artifacts

A-2137-001 Plaque from the Salvation Army, with an attached nameplate "Savannah Women's Federation, 1976" **View online.**

A-2137-002 Plaque from the Salvation Army, with an attached nameplate "Savannah Women's Federation" **View online.**

A-2137-003 Plaque from the Salvation Army, with an attached nameplate "Women's Federation, 1985" **View online.**

A-2137-004 Plaque from the 85th anniversary of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs **View online.**

A-2137-005 Seal from Tallulah Falls School, 75th Anniversary **View online.**

A-2137-006 Pin from the Tallulah Falls School, 75th Anniversary **View online.**

A-2137-007 Laminated ribbon with seal from the Tallulah Falls School 75th Anniversary **View online.**

A-2137-008 Lalia Perkins' pin from the Savannah Women's Federation **View online.**

A-2137-009 Gavel from the Savannah Women's Federation **View online.**

A-2137-010 Invitation stamp for the Savannah Women's Federation **View online.**