

**Records of the Deerfield Woman's Club  
1925-1991**

**PVMA Library**

**Scope and Content Note:**

Organized in January 1925, the Deerfield Woman's Club functioned as a social and community service organization. Meetings consisted of the exchange of practical information on menus, floral arrangements, gardening, and fashion, and the Club's activities included lectures, plays, field trips, and fund-raising events such as an annual community bazaar. In 1951, a "Garden Section" of the Woman's Club was formed. Their papers are included here. The Club made financial donations to numerous local and national organizations such as the Dickinson Library (the village's public library), the Veterans Hospital in Leeds, MA, Deerfield Academy memorial fund, Boy's Town, and CARE, an international humanitarian organization. A scholarship fund was also begun in the 1970s. Club meetings were held in the "ball room" of the Frary House (i.e., Barnard Tavern assembly hall), Deerfield's Village Room, the Deerfield Community Center (the former Orthodox Congregational Church), and various locations at Deerfield Academy.

The Deerfield Woman's Club records consist of meeting minutes, yearbooks, newsletters, scrapbooks, invitations, correspondence, treasurer's reports, and related documents - many of which have been mounted on pages of the record books. An earlier, short-lived Woman's Club, organized in March 1870, is represented in the collection by a small record book outlining the Club's Constitution, a list of members, and minutes of the first four meetings, the last occurring in April 1871. At the end of the record book appears the Deerfield Society for Rural Improvement, recording their constitution, original list of members, and minutes of their first two meetings (April 1855; April 1857) .

**Container List:**

**Box 1:**

Minutes, 1925-1931; 1941-1949 (bound volumes)  
"Recording Secretary's Book," 1949-1960 (binder)  
Members list (undated bound vol.)  
Record book, 1870-1871 (bound volume)

**Box 2:**

Folder 1: Constitution and Bylaws  
Folder 2: Correspondence, 1968-1991  
Folder 3: Newsletters, 1950-1966 (incomplete)  
Folder 4: Newsletters, 1969-1990 (incomplete)  
Folder 5: "Recording Secretary's Book," 1961-1968 (removed from binder)  
Folder 6: Materials on the documenting of Albany Rd. Burying Ground markers

Folder 7: Miscellaneous (invitations, annual reports, telephone lists, clippings, etc.)

Folder 8: Correspondence and Marguerite Childs' will - 1955

Folder 9: Plans for plantings at Memorial Hall - 1954-1955 & Red House - 1976

Folder 10: Flower Shows, 1954-1956

Folder 11: Garden Club miscellaneous

Folder 12: Clippings, 1954

**Box 3:**

Record book, 1971-1990 (binder)

Record book of the Garden Club, 1951-1960 (binder)

Record book of the Garden Club, 1962-1965 (binder)

Information book of the Garden Club, 1960s. Includes a map of plantings around Memorial Hall (spiral bound)

Yearbooks, 1926-1988 (incomplete)

**Box 4:**

Scrapbooks, 1946-50; 1960s-1970s (2 volumes)

Disbound scrapbook, 1950s