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Title: Voluntary Associations of Fairfield

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Scope and content note:

This collection includes materials on 62 different voluntary associations in Fairfield, including publications, meeting minutes, financial records, photographs, and correspondence. The collection is arranged alphabetically by organization. See inventory on next page for complete list of organizations; additional inventories are available for some organizations in the library.

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Woman's Central Association of Relief, Southport (OS Item II – flat file)

Yale Alumni Association of Fairfield County (Box 17)

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BLACK ROCK YACHT CLUB

Box 10

Folder A-C: Scrapbook – member photographs (3 folders), 1935-1938

Oversize item 45: *Log of the Vagabond*, Bay Side – Block Island Race, August 3, 1928

Log book for the yachts “Nymph”, 1901 and the “Helys”, 1902-1904

BRIDGEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION
Invitations, 1901-1902

Box 40

Folder C Invitations to annual dinner, 1901, 1902

BRIDGEPORT WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS
Records, 1938-1939

Box 40

Folder D Junior League annual report, 1939; Ladies Charitable Society
125th anniversary souvenir, 1938

Subject headings:

Women--Societies and clubs
Women in charitable work
Junior League (Bridgeport, Conn.)
Ladies Charitable Society (Bridgeport, Conn.)

CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA
Records, 1899-1948

Box 40

Folder E Invitations, 1899-1902; exhibit catalogs, 1908-1910;
address, 1948; circular, n.d.

CONNECTICUT AUDUBON SOCIETY

Box 2

Folder M	First report, 1898
Folder N	Membership certificates, 1898, 1900
Folder O	Birdcraft Sanctuary history

Box 5

Folder A	Minutes, Birdcraft Sanctuary, 1914-1935
Folder B	Membership mailing, 1962, 1968
Folder C	Membership application, 1978
Folder D	newspaper clippings, 1930, 1949, 1966
Folder E	publications, 1923, 1973-74; dedication program, 1971

The records of the Connecticut Audubon Society contain minutes of the Board of Governors' meetings for the Birdcraft Sanctuary in Fairfield, 1914-1935. The remaining documents are few and include newspaper clippings and a membership mailing. The bulk of the Society's records are on deposit at the Bridgeport Public Library, Historical Collections.

[Daughters of the American Revolution] D.A.R.
EUNICE DENNIE BURR CHAPTER
Records, 1890-1970

Box 3

Folder E	Officers list, 1894-1962
Folder F-H	Minutes, 1894-1925
Folder I	Minutes, with attachments, 1925-1928
Folder J	Minutes, local board meetings, 1925-1928
Folder K	Minutes, Incorporators' meeting, 1925
Folder L	Articles of Association, 1925
Folder M	By-laws, local chapter, n.d.
Folder N	"Old Cemetery" restoration, 1895-96
Folder O	Reports and essays, 1923-1926

Box 4

Folder A	Historian's report, 1923-1925, n.d.
Folder B	Membership roster, 1925-1927
Folder C	Historical notes, 1894, 1896
Folder D	Photographs, newspaper clippings, programs, 1935-1944
Folder E-G	Registrar's correspondence, 1897-1957
Folder H	Registrar's correspondence and assorted material, 1921-1954
Folder I-K	Genealogical materials
Folder L	Sponsor recommendations for membership, 1948-1950
Folder M	Membership applications, 1952-1955
Folder N	Membership transfers, 1948-1955
Folder O	Membership resignations, 1948-1949
Folder P	Membership supporting documents, n.d.

Box 5

Folder A	Forms, 1931, n.d.
Folder B	Local publications, 1926-1935, 1954
Folder C	National publications, 1894, 1940-1954
Folder G	By-laws, n.d.; Tercentenary postcards, 1935; correspondence concerning publication of <i>Families of Old Fairfield</i> by Jacobus, 1932
Folder H	July 4th programs, 1926-1970 (scattered)

Previously, four boxes of minutes and administrative records were deposited with the Historical Society about 1960. In 1998 they were withdrawn by the Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter's regent, Barbara Papritz.

Box 37

Volume 1	Minutes, 1928-1938
Volume 2	Minutes, 1938-1945
Volume 3	Minutes, 1945-1950

Box 38

Volume 4	Minutes, 1950-1953
Volume 5	Minutes, 1953-1959
Folder A	Membership, application forms, membership lists, 1890-1910, 1936-1940
Folder B	Board minutes, 1920-1935
Folder C	Regent fund check book, programs, 1926-1940
Folder D	Children of the American Revolution member lists, 1926-1929

Box 39

Folder A	National DAR Congress reports and programs, 1934-1941; Connecticut DAR Yearbook, 1938
Folder B	Newspaper clippings, 1935-1940

Daughters of the American Revolution, Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter represents one of the most complete record groups in the collection. This chapter was incorporated in 1925 and the articles of association are among the records. Minutes of both local board and regular meetings from the organization's founding in 1894 to 1959, are included. Annual historical reports documenting the group's interests and activities are part of the minutes. Registrar's files encompass genealogical materials used to prove ancestry necessary to gain entry into the DAR, working papers and correspondence. Also included are members' letters of resignation resulting from the organization's refusal to let Marian Anderson sing at a DAR function at Constitution Hall in Washington DC.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Records, 1881-1897Box 42

Folder	Articles of Association, 1882; letter concerning dues, 1881
Folder	Annual reports, 1882-1889
Folder	Annual reports, 1891-92
Folder	Annual reports, 1893-95
Folder	Annual reports, 1896-97

The Fairfield County Historical Society was based in today's Barnum Museum in Bridgeport. It was active for only a few years, but focused on documenting and publishing Fairfield history. The society quietly faded away. The exact disposition of its collections is unknown.

Note: Additional copies of annual reports having the call number 974.69/FH673h were removed from the reading room shelves and placed in this collection in Box 42.

FAIRFIELD DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB
Scrapbook, 1972-1974

Box 40

Folder K news articles and photographs, primarily about fashion shows,
1972-1974

Gift of Eleanor Archambault

FAIRFIELD GARDEN CLUB
Records, 1915-Box 39

Volume 1 Minutes, 1915-1925

Box 20Folder A Minutes, 1921-1925
Folder B Minutes, 1926-1927
Folder C Minutes, 1927-1928
Folder D Minutes, 1928-1929
Folder E Minutes, 1929-1930
Folder F Minutes, 1930-31
Folder G Minutes, June-December 1931
Folder H Minutes, January-June 1932
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Folder E Minutes, January-June 1936
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Folder I Minutes, 1939-1940Box 22Folder A Minutes, 1940-1941
Folder B Minutes, June-December 1941
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Folder D Minutes, June-December 1942
Folder E Minutes, January-June 1943
Folder F Minutes, 1943-1944
Folder G Minutes, 1944-1946Box 22 (cont.)Folder H Minutes, 1946-1947
Folder I Minutes, 1947-1948

Folder J	Minutes 1948-1950
Folder K	Minutes, 1950-1952

Box 23

Folder A	Minutes, 1952-1954
Folder B	Minutes, 1954-1956
Folder C	Minutes, 1956-1957
Folder D	Minutes, 1957-1958

Box 23

Folder E	Excerpts of minutes; constitutions, by-laws; history of Garden Club, news clippings, 1916-1974
Folder F-H	Committee annual reports, 1949-1959
Folder I	Committee reports, 1945-1947, n.d.
Folder J	Meeting agendas, 1952-1956
Folder K	Address book, roll books, 1927-1937, n.d.
Folder L	Speeches, 1924, 1931
Folder M	Program, Southern New England Zone meeting, house tour, 1960, Art of Nativity, 1965

Box 24

Folder A	Account book, 1917-1929
Folder B	Account book, 1929-1932
Folder C	Account book, 1932-1936
Folder D	Account book, 1936-1939
Folder E	Wayside Watchers, 1920-1930

The records of the Fairfield Garden Club are relatively complete. Meeting minutes, 1915-), annual reports, 1949-1959, and account books, 1917-1935, comprise the bulk of the organization's files. Minutes are arranged chronologically. Files of minutes often include attachments that document the club's annual activities. The records of the Wayside Watchers, of which Mrs. Fred A. Burr was president, were given to the Historical Society in October 1994. The rest of the records, and those that will continue to be added to the collection, have been donated directly by the Club.

FAIRFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE

Box 31

- Folder E Score sheets, tickets, patches and miscellaneous papers [L92 Oct 8, L2010.5]
- Folder F Photographs [L2010.5]
Includes Wakeman Boys Club Little League (which became Sturm Roger)
Gould Mann Little League

Box 31A

Photographs, ca. 35, of a Little League team taken by Crown Photo Studio in Bridgeport, ca. 1970s-1980s

Little League baseball was organized in 1939. It is unclear when the Fairfield League was formed. These papers were a gift of Edward Walton [L L92 Oct 8] and Ruth Walton [L2010.5]

FAIRFIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
Records, n.d.

Box 40

Folder F Handwritten constitution, n.d.

GREENFIELD COUNTRY CLUB

Box 11

Folder D	By-Laws, 1903, 1930
Folder E	Minute book, 1901-1907
Folder F	Programs and postcards, 1903-1911
Folder G	“Club Topics” newsletter, 2 letters 1936, 1937
Folder G:2	Guest book, 1902-1915 [L2010.4]

Box 31

Folder D	Agricultural Fair Programs, 1902-1910
Oversize 36	Certificate, Universal Exposition for potatoes, 1904

The papers of the Greenfield Country Club are scanty with bulk dates from 1901-1907. A minute book (1901-1907) documents the association's organization and early years. Programs and postcards (1903-1911) pertain to various social activities initiated by the club.

The Greenfield Country Club, formed in 1901, was an agricultural and artistic endeavor. The property was bought in 1925 and turned into an eighteen hole golf course which failed in the early 40s.

GREENFIELD HILL VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY
Records, 1897-Box 6

Folder D-E	Meeting minutes, 1906-1973
Folder F	Executive Committee minutes, 1951, 1961, 1977
Folder G	Memoranda, Board of Directors, 1977-1978
Folder H	Annual reports, 1953, 1954
Folder I-J	Correspondence, 1932-1978
Folder K	Membership mailings, 1932-1978
Folder L	Treasurers' reports, 1933-1948
Folder M	Treasurers' accounts, 1897-1936

Box 7

Folder A-D	Dues books, 1897-1931, 1936-1970, 1971-1977
Folder E	Membership applications, n.d.
Folder F	Publicity and memorabilia, 1949, n.d.
Folder G	"A Book for the Cook," 1899
Folder H-I	Bills and receipts, 1920-1939, 1951-1973

Box 30

Folder A	Bank statements
Folder B	Check books
Folder C	Correspondence and bills
Folder D	"A Book for the Cook," 1899 (L93 Dec 3)

Box 39

Volume 2	Minutes, 1974-1993
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The records of the Greenfield Hill Village Improvement Society thoroughly document the interest and activities of a neighborhood organization throughout the 20th century. Included are general meeting minutes and minutes of the executive committee, general correspondence, membership mailings, treasurers' records, publicity clippings regarding the Dogwood Festival, and a cookbook published by the Society in 1899.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS
By-laws, 1847-1848

Box 41

Folder D Constitution and by-laws, Bridgeport Arcanum Lodge No. 41,
1847; Southport Lodge No. 58, 1848

The I.O.O.F.'s stated purpose is "to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan." These two small volumes were donated by David Huntington in 1998.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PARK CITY COUNCIL NO. 16
Program, 1947

BOX 36

Folder J: Old Time Minstrel Show program, 1947

Minstrel shows
Musical revue, comedy, etc.--Conn.--Bridgeport

PEQUOT YACHT CLUB
Memorabilia, 1960, 1995Box 40

Folder A	Videotape starring Jason Robards
Folder B	Programs and brochures

Box 41

Folder E	Membership handbook, 1960
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Pequot Yacht Club was organized in November 1920. It replaced the "Bachelor's Comfort and Married Men's Retreat," which had been inactive for 50 years. Members included many wealthy Brideport and New York men. Unlike its predecessor, the Pequot Yacht Club was open to women. In 1926 it established classes in sailing for children and hosted races, activities in which the club is still involved today.

Materials in the collection were developed as part of the club's 75th anniversary celebration. The historical vignette depicting the club's history stars Jason Robards, a local resident. The programs accompanied the initial showing of the videotape. The brochures are a "scrapbook" history of the yacht club using printed copies of photographs and newspaper clippings.

The membership handbook was donated by V. Louise Higgins in 1998.

Robards, Jason
Yacht clubs--Conn.--Southport

SONS OF THE REVOLUTION
IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BOX 36

Folder G: Circular and pamphlet, 1893, concerning proposed merger of Sons of the Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution

The materials were donated by Cyrus S. Bradley.

Subject headings:

Patriotic societies--Conn.

U.S.--History--Revolution, 1775-1783—Societies

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
CONNECTICUT SOCIETY
Papers, 1893-1914, 1976

BOX 36

- Folder H: Circular, 1893, concerning proposed merger of
Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons
of the Revolution; programs, 1909, 1914; menu, n.d.
- Folder I: Roster and supplement, 1976

The menu and programs were donated by Mrs. Charles Spencer. Other materials are of unknown origin.

Subject headings:

Patriotic societies--Conn.
U.S.--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--Societies

STATE TRADE EDUCATION SHOP OF BRIDGEPORT
Publications, 1913

Box 40

Folder G "The Artisan" magazine, February 1913

Subject headings:

Manual training--Conn.--Bridgeport
School shops

The Artisan [serial]