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## INTRODUCTION

Records of the Pittsburg, Kansas, branch of the American Association of University Women. The records consist of newsletters, scrapbooks, membership lists, programs, histories, correspondence, financial records, photographs, by-laws, and related materials.

## DONOR INFORMATION

The American Association of University Women, Pittsburg Branch, Records were deposited in the Leonard H. Axe Library by the Branch through Dr. Helen Kriegsman. The date of the deposit is unknown.

## ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The Pittsburg Branch of the A.A.U. W. dates its founding from March 1926. Officers were elected in April of that same year and the organization took shape by establishing membership fees, study groups, and plans to recruit eligible members. In keeping with the purposes of the national A.A.U.W. organization, the Branch was organized to encourage and promote national and international education among all women and to bring together women of higher education. During its existence, the Pittsburg Branch has emphasized the study of contemporary literature, international relations, and the creative arts. Organization projects have included the recognition of outstanding women students in higher education, children's theatre, citizenship and naturalization classes, and education courses for the home bound.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The A.A.U.W., Pittsburg Branch, Records consist primarily of historical and administrative records of the organization from its founding in 1926 up to 1973. The records are arranged into twelve series: **Anniversaries, Bulletins, Correspondence, By-Laws, Financial, Historian and Publicity, Membership, Officer and Committee Lists, Photographs, Programs and Yearbooks, Kansas Division, and Children's Theatre.** The **Bulletins** series and the **Historian and Publicity** series are the most comprehensive and provide the best overview of the Branch's activities.

For purposes of arrangement, and to accommodate future additions to the collection, each series is designated by a letter of the alphabet, A through L, and folders within each series are numbered consecutively from one to the end. Each series is arranged in chronological order unless otherwise noted. Many of the materials in this collection consist of acidic newspaper print and/or were affixed to acidic paper by glue, tape, or staples. Some materials, therefore, have been photocopied for preservation purposes.

The **Anniversaries** series (Series A) is comprised of materials used to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Pittsburg Branch in 1946 and the 25th anniversary in 1951. Included are brief organizational histories, program materials, reminiscences, and correspondence. The correspondence consists of replies from founding and early members of the Pittsburg Branch invited to attend the 25th anniversary celebration.

The **Bulletins** series (Series B) consists of Pittsburg Branch newsletters dating from 1943 to 1973. Typically, the Bulletins were issued on a monthly basis to the membership. They contain

information about general meetings, study groups and committee activities, membership, and announcements. There are occasional gaps in this series due to missing issues, and it is believed that Bulletins were not issued every month. The Bulletin series is especially useful for information about the Branch's history, projects, and leadership. Occasionally it includes attached financial information (see also Series E), membership lists (see also Series G and H), and program information (see also Series J).

The **By-Laws** series (Series C) consists of two copies of the by-laws for the Pittsburg Branch. Copy one is noted as revised 1 February 1965. Copy two is undated.

The **Correspondence** series (Series D) is incomplete. Included are a few letters from 1944 and 1945 addressed to Elizabeth Anderson, editor of the Bulletin, and four letters of a general nature from 1946, 1950, 1965 and 1966. Series A, F, and L also contain correspondence.

The **Financial** series (Series E) is comprised of treasurer's reports, financial statements, and budgets. The records in this series date from 1942 to 1971, but contain many gaps.

The **Historian and Publicity** series (Series F) documents the activities of the Pittsburg Branch from 1926 to 1973. Included in this series are scrapbooks and other materials compiled and collected by Branch historians and publicity chairwomen. The scrapbooks, retained in their original order, contain histories, membership records, newspaper clippings, programs, photographs, correspondence, and excerpts clipped from other A.A.U.W. records. The arrangement approximates chronological order; however, the dates of the scrapbooks and other compilations sometimes overlap. Some materials in this series have been photocopied for preservation reasons.

The **Membership** series (Series G) contains annual Branch membership rolls from 1937 to 1971. Only a few years are missing from this series. The rolls contain member's names, addresses, the name of the college or university from which the member graduated, and, sometimes, a notation identifying concurrent membership in the state or national A.A.U.W. organizations.

The **Officer and Committee List** series (Series H) contains annual listings of Pittsburg Branch officers and standing committee appointments. In some instances, only committee chairwomen are listed. The series dates from 1944 to 1972 with a few years missing. Some lists also include information for officers of the national organization and the Kansas state division. Related information can be found in Series B and J.

The **Photographs** series (Series I) contains only photographs of Branch members in attendance at a January 1973 meeting. Additional photographs are located in Series F.

The **Program and Yearbook** series (Series J) contains annual booklets and mailings from 1936 to 1964. Included are listings of Branch officers and committee chairs, meeting and program agendas, and information about meeting speakers and hosts. Related information is found in Series B and F.

The **Kansas Division** series (Series K) consists primarily of issues of the Kansas Division Bulletin from 1945 and 1962 through 1969. Also included are a program from the 1926 annual conference of the Kansas Division; a copy of the A.A.U.W. Kansas Division, Mental Health Bulletin (volume 1, no. 1, November 1947) published in Pittsburg; and a program for the September 1966 Kansas Division Fall Workshop hosted by the Pittsburg Branch.

The **Children's Theatre** series (Series L) consists of correspondence, publicity, and other materials relating to the Pittsburg Branch's sponsorship of the National Children's Theatre

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Association productions. Also included are newsletters and drafts of press releases from the National Children's Theatre Association. Records in the series date from 1963 to 1965.

FOLDER LIST

**Series A      Anniversaries**

- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1946
- f. 1 "A Historical Pageant", program and dialogue
- f. 2 Branch history and questionnaire
- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1951
- f. 3 Organizational history and speech
- f. 4 Correspondence
- f. 5 Program

**Series B      Bulletins**

- f. 1 1943-1944
- f. 2 1945
- f. 3 1946
- f. 4 1947
- f. 5 1948
- f. 6 1949
- f. 7 1950
- f. 8 1951
- f. 9 1952
- f. 10 1953
- f. 11 1954
- f. 12 1955
- f. 13 1956
- f. 14 1957
- f. 15 1958
- f. 16 1959
- f. 17 1960
- f. 18 1961
- f. 19 1962
- f. 20 1963
- f. 21 1964
- f. 22 1965
- f. 23 1966
- f. 24 1967
- f. 25 1968
- f. 26 1969
- f. 27 1970

- Series B      Bulletins continued**  
f. 28 1971  
f. 29 1972  
f. 30 1973
- Series C      By-Laws**  
f. 1 n.d., 1965
- Series D      Correspondence**  
f. 1 Newsletter and Bulletin, 1944-1945  
f. 2 General, 1946, 1950, 1965-1966
- Series E      Financial Series**  
f. 1 1942-1964  
f. 2 1964-1971
- Series F      Historian and Publicity**  
f. 1 1926-1937  
f. 2 1937-1947  
f. 3 1932-1944  
f. 4 1944-1946  
f. 5 1946-1947  
f. 6 1947-1954  
f. 7 1948-1949  
f. 8 1954-1962  
f. 9 1962-1964  
f. 10 1965-1968  
f. 11 1969-1973
- Series G      Membership**  
f. 1 1937-1944  
f. 2 1944-1949  
f. 3 1951-1955  
f. 4 1955-1959  
f. 5 1959-1965  
f. 6 1965-1971
- Series H      Officer and Committee List**  
f. 1 1944-1960  
f. 2 1960-1966  
f. 3 1966-1972
- Series I      Photographs**  
f. 1 1973

**Series J      Program and Yearbook Series**

- f. 1    1936-1941
- f. 2    1941-1944
- f. 3    1954-1964

**Series K      Kansas Division**

- f. 1    Bulletin, 1945, 1962,-1964
- f. 2    Bulletin, 1965-1967
- f. 3    Bulletin, 1968-1969
- f. 4    Miscellaneous

**Series L      Children's Theatre**

- f. 1    1963-1965

INDEX ENTRIES

Anderson, Elizabeth McKay  
Boone, Emajeane S.  
Bowman, Mary Nell  
Carney, Helen Kelso  
Cochran, Elizabeth  
Curfman, Winifred Sue  
Ellis, Elsie Heisten  
Farris, Marjorie F.  
Galligar, Gladys C.  
Gibson, E. Louise  
Graham, Elmina E.  
Hatton, Ferda  
Hashbarger, Frances  
Haughawout, Margaret  
Holroyd, Flora  
Howard, Guy  
Hughes, Isabel Savage  
J. J. Players  
Kriegsman, Helen  
Mahan, Maurine Mendenhall  
Massey, Josephine Burgard  
Mendenhall, Marcia Miller  
Nation, Odella  
Pittsburg State University, 1920s  
Roberts, Mary M.  
Shaw, Judith Griffin

INDEX ENTRIES continued

Shirk, Anna Gevene McCoy

Smith, Lena Martin

Smith, Shirley Z.

Street, Florence Richardson

Theater, Pittsburg

Viets, Lottie

Von Schriltz, Winona

World War II