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Pemigewasset Woman's Club Collection, 1898-1983

Collection Summary:

Repository: Pease Public Library, Plymouth, NH
Call Number: ARCHIVES 100 PEMI
Title: Pemigewasset Woman's Club Collection
Dates: 1898-1983
Extent: 5 document boxes and 16 scrapbook boxes
Creator: Pemigewasset Woman's Club
Languages: English

Organizational History

The public library in Plymouth, New Hampshire dates from 1873 when fourteen young ladies organized the Young Ladies Circulating Library. They conducted many fundraising events and in 1874 established their library on Main Street in a second floor room supplied by John Langdon over his express office. Within three years the collection and patronage had increased so rapidly that larger accommodations became necessary. In 1876 Colonel Henry W. Blair purchased the old courthouse, restored it, moved it to a new location on Court Street, and presented it to the Young Ladies Library Association.

In 1896 the Town of Plymouth elected its first library trustees. One year later the town voted to accept the Trustees' and Young Ladies Library Association's (YLLA) proposal that the library operates as a free public library. The town assumed most of the financial obligation; while overseeing the financial affairs of the Plymouth Free Library, the trustees turned these funds over to the YLLA who continued to assume the responsibility for operating the library. This arrangement continued until 1958 when, at the YLLA's request, the Library Trustees became responsible for everyday library operations. The YLLA became the owners and maintainers of the library building, while continuing their support for the library in numerous other ways.

By the 1960s it had outgrown its facility, and a small workroom and bathroom were added. In November of 1982, Charlotte Pease, a longtime member of the Young Ladies Library Association, left a bequest to the organization. It was prudently invested during the 1980s, and in 1987 a Library Development Committee was formed to oversee the building of a new facility.

In January of 1991, Pease Public Library opened its doors at the foot of the Common in downtown Plymouth. The library name honors the Pease Family, both Charlotte whose generosity enabled its construction, and her brother Capt. Harl Pease, Jr., an Air Force pilot who died in WWII, and for whom Pease Air Force Base was named. The library was constructed on the site of the Pease home. The upstairs houses the library collection, and the downstairs the Rachel P. Keniston Community Room, named in honor of one of Plymouth's outstanding citizens.

Administration Information:

Preferred Citation: [Item title], Pemigewasset Woman's Club Collection, Pease Public Library, Plymouth, NH.

Custodial History: The custodial history prior to coming into Pease Public Library is not entirely known.

Acquisition Information: Materials were collected by members of the Pemigewasset Woman's Club and given to the library on an unknown date.

Processing Information: Catalog record was created on June 28, 2011. Finding aid was written by Rebecca White, 2019.

Access Rights: Collection is open for research.

Physical Access Restrictions: Some items are torn and fragile

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Conservation notes: Most paperclips have been removed.

Subjects: Plymouth (N.H.: Town) Scrapbooks
Plymouth (N.H.: Town)—History Women—Societies and clubs
Programs Yearbooks

Scope and Content:

Biographical / Historical Note: The Pemigewasset Woman's Club was founded on June 26, 1897 and continued until the 1980s. The purpose of the club was to strengthen the moral, social, and intellectual life of its members, allow them to forces of good in their community. The club held multiple meetings and programs throughout the year including lectures, art shows, and other social events. The club officers included a president, 2 vice presidents, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, and a treasurer. They had about 7 committees: executive, social, lecture, education, civics, health, and music committees. The Pemigewasset Woman's Club was a member of the NH State Woman's Club Federation and the General Federation Woman's Clubs, as well as the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests, NH Conference of Charities and Corrections.

Collection Description: The collection contains material related to the Pemigewasset Woman’s Club. The materials range from scrapbooks and yearbooks to accounting books and secretarial materials. The majority of the collection is the program yearbooks that date from 1898 to 1982.

Processing Note: The original order was maintained to the best of abilities. Duplicate program yearbooks that were originally stored separately were combined into one folder.

Arrangement:

Arranged in 4 series: Account Books, Program Yearbooks, Scrapbooks, Secretarial Files. The series arrangement are as follows:

Series 1: Account and Minute Books, 1936-1958

Series 2: Program Yearbooks, 1898-1983

Series 3: Scrapbooks, 1933-1960

Series 4: Secretarial Files, 1966-1982, undated

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Account and Minute Books. 1936-1958

This series contains 3 account books with club transactions from 1929-1958 and 2 minute books detailing meeting activities from 1948-1952.

Description	Date(s)	Document Box	Folder
Account Book, 1929-1937	1929-1937	1	1
Account Book, 1936-1938	1936-1938	1	2
Account Book, 1951-1958	1951-1958	1	3
Minutes Book, 1948-1952	1948-1952	1	4
Minutes Book, 1952-1957	1952-1957	1	5

Series 2: Program Yearbooks, 1898-1983

This series contains program yearbooks that detail events from that year as well as current members. Some programs also have the club by-laws and constitution at the end.

Description	Date(s)	Document Box	Folder
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1898-1899	2	1
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1899-1900	2	2
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1900-1901	2	3
Program yearbook with event dates and list of	1901-1902	2	4

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Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1902-1903	2	5
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1903-1904	2	6
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1904-1905	2	7
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1905-1906	2	8
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1906-1907	2	9
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1907-1908	2	10
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1908-1909	2	11
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1909-1910	2	12
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1910-1911	2	13
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1911-1912	2	14
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1912-1913	2	15
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1913-1914	2	16
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1914-1915	2	17
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1915-1916	2	18
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1916-1917	2	19
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1917-1918	2	20
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1918-1919	2	21
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1919-1920	2	22
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1920-1921	3	23
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1921-1922	3	24
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1922-1923	3	25

Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1923-1924	3	26
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1924-1925	3	27
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1925-1926	3	28
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1926-1927	3	29
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1927-1928	3	30
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1928-1929	3	31
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1929-1930	3	32
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1930-1931	3	33
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1931-1932	3	34
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1932-1933	3	35
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1933-1934	3	36
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1934-1935	3	37
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1935-1936	3	38
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1936-1937	3	39
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1937-1938	3	40
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1938-1939	3	41
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1939-1940	3	42
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1940-1941	3	43
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1941-1942	3	44
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1942-1943	3	45
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1943-1944	3	46
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1944-1945	3	47

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Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1945-1946	4	48
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1946-1947	4	49
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1947-1948	4	50
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1948-1949	4	51
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1949-1950	4	52
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1950-1951	4	53
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1951-1952	4	54
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1952-1953	4	55
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1953-1954	4	56
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1954-1955	4	57
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1955-1956	4	58
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1956-1957	4	59
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1957-1958	4	60
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1958-1959	4	61
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1959-1960	4	62
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1960-1961	4	63
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1961-1962	4	64
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1962-1963	4	65
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1963-1964	4	66
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1964-1965	4	67
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1965-1966	4	68

Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1967-1968	4	69
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1968-1969	4	70
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1969-1970	4	71
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1970-1971	4	72
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1971-1972	4	73
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1972-1973	4	74
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1973-1974	4	75
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1974-1975	4	76
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1976-1977	4	77
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1897-1977 80 th Anniversary Edition	4	78
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1978-1979	4	79
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1979-1980	4	80
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1980-1981	4	81
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1981-1982	4	82
Program yearbook with event dates and list of members	1982-1983	4	83

Series 3: Scrapbooks, 1933-1961

This series contains 14 scrapbooks with Pemigewasset Woman's Club events, 1 scrapbook from the Pemigewasset Junior Woman's Club, and an unidentified scrapbook with newspaper clippings from World War II.

Description	Date(s)	Scrapbook Box
1933-1934 Scrapbook	1933-1934	1
1934-1935 Scrapbook	1934-1935	2
1935-1936 Scrapbook	1935-1936	3
1936-1937 Scrapbook	1936-1937	4

1937-1938 Scrapbook	1937-1938	5
1938-1939 Scrapbook	1938-1939	6
1941-1942 Scrapbook	1941-1942	7
1942-1943 Scrapbook	1942-1943	8
1946-1947 Scrapbook	1946-1947	9
1947-1948 50 th Anniversary Scrapbook	1947-1948	10
1949-1950 Scrapbook	1949-1950	11
1950-1951 Scrapbook	1950-1951	12
1958-1959 Scrapbook	1958-1959	13
1960-1961 Scrapbook	1960-1961	14
1952-1953 Pemigewasset Junior Woman's Club Scrapbook	1952-1953	15
Unidentified Scrapbook with newspaper clippings in regards to Plymouth soldiers and World War II	1940s	16

Series 4: Secretarial Files, 1966-1982, undated

This series contains various materials relating to the secretary of the Pemigewasset Woman's Club. The materials range from meeting minutes to annual reports to newspaper clippings relating to club members. Some program yearbooks were originally stored within this series but were moved to be group with the rest of the Program yearbooks.

Description	Date(s)	Document Box	Folder
Annual Reports	1971-1972, 1980-1981	5	1
Fifteenth Anniversary Account	Undated	5	2
Meeting Minutes October 1966 to May 1967	1966-1967	5	3
Meeting Minutes May 1967	1967	5	4
Meeting Minutes April to December 1968	1968	5	5
Meeting Minutes March to May 1969	1969	5	6
Meeting Minutes September 1969 to May 1970	1969-1970	5	7
Meeting Minutes July to December 1970	1970	5	8
Meeting Minutes January to May 1971	1971	5	9
Miscellaneous Meeting Notes	1974, 1978, undated	5	10
The New Hampshire Clubwoman Bulletin	1977-1978	5	11
Newspaper clippings	1972, 1982	5	12
Secretary Notebook	1979-1980	5	13
Pemigewasset Woman's Club Bylaws	undated	5	14
Plymouth, NH Recreation Programs	1978	5	15
Secretary's Book, September 1972 to July	1972-1979	5	16

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