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Wellesley Hills Woman's Club Collection, 1889 – 2017

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1889 – 2017

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22 linear feet, 38 boxes

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Wellesley Hills Woman's Club

**Historical Note**

The Wellesley Hills Woman's Club was organized in 1890, nine years after the incorporation of Wellesley as a town independent of Needham. The club was officially disbanded by the board of directors effective December 31, 2017.

Throughout its history the club focused on education, offering and supporting many scholarships and aid through a student loan fund. The club had been the source for many projects and programs which sought to improve life in the town. In addition to scholarships and a focus on education, the club was also the "parent" to numerous other clubs, including the Friendly Aid Society (1899) and the Wellesley Hills Junior Women's Club (1944).

The initial impetus for the club came from a discussion between Helen Ford Bradford (Mrs. Gamaliel Bradford) and Albert W. Vorse, a social worker from Boston and son of the pastor at Wellesley Hills Unitarian Church. They discussed the "unhappiness and discontent of the many working girls living and working as servants in Wellesley Hills" (Whitman, 3).

Bradford and Vorse met with other members of the community, sought to establish a club which would benefit women working in the town. After several meetings, by-laws and a constitution were settled upon, and the club was officially founded on January 11, 1890. The first president of

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the club was Mrs. Joseph Fiske; there were 21 charter members. The mission of the club was "to promote ethical, social and educational culture in the community" (Bradford, 9).

While the club met twice a month, the members soon realized that the women they sought to assist would not, or could not, attend the meetings. The club began to promote events and programs which would be of benefit to the working women of the town. In 1893 the Vacation School began teaching programs, and in 1896 the club started the town's first kindergarten program. In 1899 the club established a Friendly Aid Committee, and this committee grew quickly in influence and work; it was established as an independent organization in 1903.

Initially, the club met in churches and member's homes, but by 1896 started meeting at Maugus Hall, where it met for 81 years (excepting a few years due to fire). At a centennial celebration, it was noted that the club had "presented a variety of programs at its monthly meetings, and has sponsored diverse entertainments, fashion shows, teas, guest nights, pageants, operettas, plays, dancing, card parties, wine tasting, art exhibits, and musical presentations of all kinds" (Whitman, 13). Notable speakers included Booker T. Washington and Katherine Lee Bates.

By 1897 the club was fulfilling its mission, offering numerous classes (Current Events, Physical Culture, History of Architecture, Parliamentary Law, Drama, Art, Home, and Travel, as examples). Programs were designed not only to educate, but "stimulate the mind and entertain" (Whitman, 14).

The club was instrumental in founding and developing Elm Park in Wellesley Hills Square. In 1908 the club held a cooking fundraiser at the Elm Park Hotel, which after nearly a hundred years had become dilapidated. The plan was to raise enough money that the hotel could be demolished, and a park planted in its place; the club and the town, with the support of residents, cooperated in seeing this goal achieved.

In 1910 the club took another notable step in starting a school lunch program at the Intermediate School. The program was so successful that the school board requested that the club take over the High School lunch program as well. The club ran the program until 1929, when the schools took it over.

The club was also instrumental in establishing the Wellesley Hills Branch Library in 1910, with Isaac Sprague giving free use of the building and land. After running operations for several years, the club had convinced the town that there was a need for the library, and the town took it over in 1913; the club continued to organize the children's story-telling program through 1920. In 1927 the building was razed, and the current stone building was erected in its place; Sprague donated the land to the town, and helped fund the current building. Though the town was running the library, the club continued to furnish the building, and run its programs.

Beginning in the 1960s the club focused on conservation efforts, with an emphasis on cleaning up the Charles River in the Wellesley area. They also began to advocate for veteran's rights during this era.

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Upon disbanding in December 2017, the club disbursed their treasury, dividing it between the Tolles Parsons Center, the Wellesley Historical Society, and the Wellesley Center. The Wellesley Historical Society is now the repository for the club's documents and photographs. The club's scholarship trust will be closed and the remaining funds will be given to the Wellesley Scholarship Trust to be given out in memory of the club.

While the parent club no longer exists, the Wellesley Friendly Aid and Wellesley Hills Junior Women's Club, two independent organizations once affiliated with the club, are still extant and continue to work in the community.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection contains materials documenting the activities and membership of the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club. Materials include yearbook, minutes, reports, scrapbooks, press releases, programs, invitations, guest books, photographs, correspondence, ephemera, & awards. The collection contains a comprehensive look at the club's activities from its creation in 1889 through to its disbandment in 2017.

### **Index Terms**

Clubs—Wellesley Hills (Mass.)  
Wellesley (Mass.)  
Wellesley Friendly Aid Society  
Wellesley Hills (Mass.)  
Wellesley Hills Woman's Club  
Women's clubs  
Women—Societies and clubs  
Working class women—Societies and clubs

### **System of Arrangement**

This collection is organized into twelve series organized by subject:

- I. Yearbooks; 1890 – 2017
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- III. Scholarship Trust; 1928 – 2004
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- V. Scrapbooks, Histories, & Press Releases; 1890 – 2017
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The Historical Society may add materials to the collection in the future; however, no further accruals are currently expected.

**Related Materials**

2017.39.1 – Wellesley Hills Woman's Club Silver-plate Platter

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**Container List**

**I. Yearbooks; 1890 – 2017**

This series contains Yearbooks created by the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club each year from 1890 through 2017. Each yearbook contains the names of the club members, a listing of the members of the executive board and other leadership positions, as well as other annual club information.

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**II. Minutes & Reports; 1889 – 2012**

This series contains the minutes of both the regular club meetings as well as the minutes from the executive committee meetings. Also included in this series are the reports from the various club committee, financial reports, and annual reports.

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Folder 13: Executive Meeting; 1890 – 1896  
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Folder 15: Executive Meeting; 1901 – 1910

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**III. Scholarship Trust; 1928 – 2004**

This series contains minutes, reports, and communications of the Scholarship Trust of the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club. The series also contains copies of the Deed of Trust as well as copies of revisions made to the Trust.

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Folder 12: Committee Log; 1972 – 1987  
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**IV. Committees & Departments; 1898 – 1975**

This series contains materials created by various committees and departments of the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club.

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- Folder 8: Environmental Conservation Committee; 1972
- Folder 9: Evening Committee; 1898 – 1900
- Folder 10: Friendly Aid Committee; 1899 – 1900
- Folder 11: Mary Taylor Odell Memorial; 1970 – 1971
- Folder 12: Preservation of Antiques Department; bulk 1950 – 1960

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- Folder 1: Reading Room Committee; 1913  
Folder 2: Volunteer Aid Department; 1898

**V. Scrapbooks, Histories, & Press Releases; 1890 – 2017**

This series contains scrapbooks which were created primarily as a means of documenting club history. The series also contains published and unpublished written histories of the club. Press releases and press clipping are also included in this series.

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- Folder 3: "91 Years With... The Wellesley Hills Woman's Club, 1890 – 1981", By Dorothy C. Whitman; 1890 – 1981  
Folder 4: Clippings & Press Releases, Directions; undated  
Folder 5: Clippings & Press Releases; 1950 – 1959  
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Folder 11: Clippings & Press Releases; undated  
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Folder 13: "History of the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club", By Helen Ford Bradford, Manuscript with Edits; 1928  
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- Folder 2: History Scrapbook; 1990 – 1991
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- Folder 7: History Scrapbook, President Trudy Dobday; 2001 – 2003
- Folder 8: History Scrapbook, 56<sup>th</sup> President Mrs. Jane H. Kettendorf; 2003 – 2005
- Folder 9: History Scrapbook, President Mrs. John (Donna) Buckley; 2007 – 2009

**Box 30**

- Folder 1: Manuscripts Regarding Club History; bulk undated
- Folder 2: Printed Historical Facts; bulk undated
- Folder 3: Publicity Scrapbook; 1925 – 1929
- Folder 4: Publicity Scrapbook; 1961 – 1962
- Folder 5: "The Wellesley Hills Woman's Club 1890 – 1990" By Dorothy C. Whitman; 1890 – 1990
- Folder 6: "Wellesley Hills Woman's Club History 1929 – 1939" By Mrs. William B. Houghton; 1929 – 1939

**Archives Oversize Box 16**

- Item 1: Press Scrapbook; 1939 – 1940
- Item 2: Press Scrapbook; 1941 – 1942
- Item 3: Press Scrapbook; 1949 – 1951

**Archives Oversize Box 17**

- Item 1: Press Scrapbook; 1951 – 1953
- Item 2: Press Scrapbook; 1953 – 1955
- Folder 1: Press Scrapbook; 1962 – 1965

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- Item 1: History Scrapbook; 1970 – 1971
- Item 2: Press Scrapbook; 1936 – 1939
- Item 3: Press Scrapbook; 1940 – 1941
- Item 4: Press Scrapbook; 1942 – 1949
- Item 5: Press Scrapbook; 1955 – 1958
- Item 6: Press Scrapbook; 1959 – 1961

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- Item 1: Press Scrapbook; 1963 – 1964
- Item 2: Press Scrapbook; 1964 – 1965
- Item 3: Press Scrapbook; 1965 – 1966
- Item 4: Press Scrapbook; 1966 – 1967
- Item 5: Press Scrapbook; 1967 – 1968
- Item 6: Press Scrapbook; 1968 – 1970

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**VI. Events, Programs, & Guestbooks; 1890 – 2009**

This series contains materials from several notable club events, including the club's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the club's Writer's Workshop. Also included in this series are programs, invitations and guest books from events hosted by the club.

**Box 30**

- Folder 7: Events, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; 1990
- Folder 8: Events, General; 1995, & 2000 – 2009
- Folder 9: Events, Presidents' Day; 1995
- Folder 10: Events, Writer's Workshop Scrapbook; 1951 – 1952
- Folder 11: Events, Writer's Workshop; 1950s

**Box 31**

- Folder 1: Events, Writer's Workshop; 1960s & 1970s
- Folder 2: Guestbook; 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Folder 3: Guestbook; 1931 – 1945
- Folder 4: Guestbook; February 1976 – February 1982
- Folder 5: Guestbook; March 1982 – November 1986
- Folder 6: Programs & Invitations; 1890 – 1899
- Folder 7: Programs & Invitations; 1900 – 1909
- Folder 8: Programs & Invitations; 1910 – 1919

**Box 32**

- Folder 1: Programs & Invitations; 1920 – 1929
- Folder 2: Programs & Invitations; 1930 – 1939
- Folder 3: Programs & Invitations; 1940 – 1949
- Folder 4: Programs & Invitations; 1960 – 1969
- Folder 5: Programs & Invitations; 1970 – 1979
- Folder 6: Programs & Invitations; 1990 – 1999
- Folder 7: Programs & Invitations; undated

**VII. Photographs; 1940 – 2017**

This series contains photographs from club events such as the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Annual Meetings. Also included are some photographs of scholarship recipients.

**Box 32**

- Folder 8: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; 1990
- Folder 9: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Photo Album; 1990
- Folder 10: 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday; 1980
- Folder 11: Annual Luncheon; 2017
- Folder 12: Annual Meeting; 1993
- Folder 13: Annual Meeting; 1994
- Folder 14: Annual Meeting; 2009

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Folder 15: General Photographs; 1940 & 1957  
Folder 16: General Photographs; 1980s  
Folder 17: General Photographs; 1990s  
Folder 18: General Photographs; 2002  
Folder 19: General Photographs; 2003  
Folder 20: General Photographs; 2004

**Box 33**

Folder 1: General Photographs; 2005  
Folder 2: General Photographs; 2010 – 2012  
Folder 3: General Photographs; undated  
Folder 4: Scholarship Recipients; 2005

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Folder 1: Events, Wellesley's Birthday; 1956

**VIII. Ephemera; 1981, 1990, & undated**

This series contains ephemera created by the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club. Included are several version of the club logo, napkins from the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, club stationary, and club banner.

**Box 33**

Folder 5: Logos; 1981 & undated  
Folder 6: Napkins; 1990  
Folder 7: Stationary; undated

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Folder 2: Banner; 1894

**IX. Awards & Citations; 1966 – 1987**

This series contains awards and citations received by the Wellesley Hills Woman's club for their participation and support of area events and causes.

**Box 33**

Folder 8: Awards & Citations; 1966 – 1972  
Folder 9: Donor Recognition Plaques from Wellesley Veterans Parade; 1986 & 1987

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Folder 3: Awards & Citations; 1980 & 1990  
Item 1: Award of Achievement on Plaque; 1967

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**X. Organizational Documents; 1891 – 1974, & 2017**

This series contains materials related to the organization and structure of the club. Of particular interest is the Certificate of Incorporation and the letter which announced that the club was to disband in 2017.

**Box 33**

- Folder 10: Announcement of Disbandment; 2017
- Folder 11: Ballots; 1897 – 1900, 1903, 1927 – 1930, 1973, & 1974
- Folder 12: By-Laws; 1891, 1898, 1901, 1908, 1913, 1924, 1940, 1946, & undated

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- Folder 4: Certificate of Incorporation; 1897

**XI. Correspondence; 1890 – 2017**

This series contains both interclub correspondence as well as correspondence between the club and non-club members and organizations.

**Box 33**

- Folder 13: Correspondence; 1890 – 1899
- Folder 14: Correspondence; 1900 – 1929
- Folder 15: Correspondence; 1930 – 1949

**Box 34**

- Folder 1: Correspondence; 1950 – 1969
- Folder 2: Correspondence; 1970 – 1989
- Folder 3: Correspondence; 1990 – 1999
- Folder 4: Correspondence; 2000 – 2009
- Folder 5: Correspondence; 2010 – 2017
- Folder 6: Correspondence; undated

**XII. Membership; 1899 – 2017**

This series contains materials regarding membership on the part of the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club in other organizations such as the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs. The series also contains the index card system that was used to track member's participation within the club. Examples of membership tickets and cards are also included.

**Box 34**

- Folder 7: Club Membership in Other Organizations; 1899 & 1915
- Folder 8: Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs; bulk 1970 – 1975
- Folder 9: Membership Tickets; 1910, 1928 – 1929, 1929 – 1930, 1957 – 1958, 1970 – 1971, & undated

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**Box 35:**

Items: Membership Cards #1

**Box 36:**

Items: Membership Cards #2