

# Athens Woman's Club Collection, 1908-2003

Processed by  
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Size  
2 boxes

Scope  
The collection contains club year booklets, financial information, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary napkins, meeting minutes, membership lists, and scrapbooks. It also includes programs for gatherings of Athens' local district of the Illinois Federation of Woman's Clubs.

Background  
The Athens Twentieth Century Club was organized November 1904 and joined the state federation in 1906. The object of the Twentieth Century Club was "literary research and social enjoyment." (1908 Constitution) It became the Athens Woman's Club in 1922. The object of the Athens Woman's Club was "mutual improvement and promotion of the higher social and moral conditions." (1928 Constitution) The 2001-2002 year booklet named the object of the organization as "education, elucidation and entertaining the community and ourselves."

The organization has been referred to by multiple names: Athens Woman's Club, Athens Women's Club, and Athens Womens Club.

Provenance  
The collection was a gift from the Athens Municipal Library in 2020. They had had it at least since 2001 when an inventory was done.

Conservation  
SVC removed rusted staples and straight pins. SVC also mended pages in the ledgers.

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#### Box 1 Contents by Folder

1. Year Booklets 1930s
2. Year Booklets 1940s
3. Year Booklets 1950s
4. Year Booklets 1960s
5. Year Booklets 1970s
6. Year Booklets 1980s
7. Year Booklets 1990s
8. Year Booklets 2000s
9. Napkins 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1954)
10. Scrapbook 1966-1969
11. Report Long Nine Museum Project 1990
12. Financial Information 1990s
13. Receipts 1908-1909 Twentieth Century Club
14. Resignations Twentieth Century Club
15. Programs – Local District Illinois Federation of Illinois Woman’s Clubs
16. Club History
17. Newsclippings

#### Box 2 Contents Item List

1. Ledger Meeting Minutes and loose papers and correspondence 1908-1914 (Twentieth Century Club)
2. Ledger Meeting Minutes 1914-1928 poor condition
3. Ledger Meeting Minutes 1928-1951
4. Ledger Meeting Minutes 1952-1967
5. Ledger Meeting Minutes 1967-1995
6. Membership and meeting attendance 1974-1988 Blue Spiral Notebook
7. Membership, income, expenses 1984-2003 Small “Journal”
8. Account Ledger 1905-1936
9. Scrapbook 1996-2002 (Green)