

**Sturgis Library Archives
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**Barnstable Woman's Club Collection
MS. 79**

Extent: 1 box

Scope and Content Note: A collection of bylaws, annual reports, program fliers, newspaper articles, and other documents relating to the history of the Barnstable Woman's Club and the Village Hall of Barnstable.

Historical and Biographical Information: The Barnstable Woman's Club was established in 1922 to "bring together all women interested in the Village of Barnstable and to further the intellectual and social life of its members, and through them become a power for good in the community." Committees included Art & Travel, Community Service, Home Economics, Literature, Music, Press, Hospitality, Program, and Custodian.

An early meeting schedule for the year included the following topics:

- Open Meeting -- Book Review
- Political Meeting
- Old & New Mexico
- Open Meeting -- Meats and Meat Products with a speaker from the Swift Meat Company
- Guest Night
- Christmas Music & Stories
- Talk on Poland
- Community Service
- The Dollar Social
- Washington Party – Music and Minuet
- Dramatics
- Open Meeting – "The Hat for You" with a speaker from Wm. Filene Co.
- Interesting Parts of Our Own Country
- Director's Day
- Children's May Party
- Annual Business and Supper

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Acquisition: Recataloged from existing special collections. Materials in Box 2 acquired from Dave Crocker.

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Box 2 Loose in Box 1 rolled document: Jefferson Centennial Certificate 1826-1926

Fldr 1 **Barnstable Woman's Club Bylaws (4 items)**

1. Bylaws 1922
2. Constitution and Bylaws 1923
3. Bylaws 1927
4. Handwritten bylaws (undated) 10 pages

Fldr 2 **Financial Records (6 items)**

1. Hyannis Trust Co. (first?) cancelled check Aug. 12, 1922
2. Hyannis Trust Co. (first?) bank statement Aug. 16, 1922
3. Stock Certificate # 200 for 2 shares in The Village Hall Corporation of Barnstable, issued to Katherine Crocker, June 24, 1927.

4. List of stockholders in The Village Hall Corporation of Barnstable.
5. Letter dated September 7th, 1927 to all clubs of the First District of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs regarding the Cape Cod Women's Club Scholarship Funds.
6. Letter regarding Ruth Hazeltine Crocker Scholarship for the Barnstable Grammar School, 1929.

Box 2 Fldr 3

Program Fliers & Playbills (22 items) 1910-1933

Barnstable Village Hall, Barnstable Schools, Comedy Club, & Agricultural Hall

A collection of 22 playbills and fliers for events held at the various venues. Some were held prior to the official establishment of the Woman's Club in 1922. About one third of the fliers are undated. Most list participants and cast members.

Fldr 4

Newspaper Articles (8 photocopied articles & one original article)

The articles (all but 1 undated) concern the reconstruction of the Village Hall, Club activities, etc.

Fldr 5

Miscellaneous Documents 1928-1947 (6 items + 1 envelope containing 4 items)

1. 5th Anniversary Club Ode, January 23, 1928.
2. Club Frolic News, Volume 1 No. 1, January 23, 1928
3. Undated typewritten annual report, Secretary Anna Jones
4. Undated List "Shower Gifts" (see corresponding article on "Shower" in Fldr 4.
5. *The Story of the Village Hall* by Phyllis Jerauld Bearse 1929.
6. 25th Anniversary History of the Barnstable Woman's Club by Katherine W. Crocker, April 14, 1947.
7. Envelope with 4 items:
 - a. Printed souvenir trifold -- lyrics of Star Spangled Banner
 - b. Woman's Club Ribbon with pinback
 - c. Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs ticket
 - d. Credential Card, General Federal of Women's Clubs Biennial Convention 1928, San Antonio, Texas.

