

**Greene County, List of Members in Social Sewing Society Minute Book,  
1851–1862**

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In August 1851, a group of women from Greene County, Indiana, joined together to write the preamble and constitution of the newly formed Social Sewing Society. The society's goals included "aiding the destitute, relieving the distressed, extending assistance and sympathy to the unfortunate and promoting approved objects of benevolence and hoping hereby to create a general feeling of unity and mutual kindness throughout our community and township."<sup>1</sup>

From 1851 to 1862, the Social Sewing Society's members took turns hosting regular meetings. While the minutes for each meeting are generally brief, the information provided is quite detailed. Reports for each meeting contain information on who hosted the meeting and who donated materials such as calico, batting, spools of thread, and buttons, as well as the monetary value of the donated goods. The reports sometimes listed the items made during the meeting and who had received the items recently. Some of the most commonly donated items were clothing for children and adults, quilts, socks, shirts, coats, vests, dresses, and diapers. In the back of the Minute Book, there are treasurers' reports for "Received for membership or donations" and "Paid out or work done by the society."<sup>2</sup> Under "Received for membership or donations," women's names are listed alongside what they donated (money and/or goods), as well as the cash value of the donations. Similarly, under "Paid out or work done by society," the information is virtually the same, listing last names of the recipients, what they received and when, and the cash value of what they received.

Below are the names of members listed in the minute book. The minute book does not have an index; rather, the names were listed at the front of the book after the preamble and constitution and were added as each member joined. As a result, the names are not in alphabetical order and have been inverted and punctuation has been added. Listed below are only the names of the members of the society. Researchers interested in the names of those who

received goods from the society are encouraged to consult the original minute book at the Indiana Historical Society.

### Notes

1. *Minute Book, 1851–1862, Social Sewing Society (Greene County, Ind.)*, SC 2349, William Henry Smith Memorial Library, Indiana Historical Society.
2. Ibid.

### Members of the Greene County Social Sewing Society, 1851–1862

#### A

Andrews, Eliza M.  
Andrews, Lucy F.[?]  
Andrews[?], Mary Ann

#### B

Ball, Marcey  
Ball, Maria P. B.  
Barker, Caroline E.  
Bartlett, \_\_\_\_\_ A.  
Bartlett, Prudence  
Bartlett, Rosy [?] A.  
Bartlett, Shilena [?]  
Bartlett, Sarah F. T.[?]  
Bartlett, Sophia A.  
Bascom, Altha  
Bascom, Caroline C.  
Bascom, Helen C.  
Bascom, Jane  
Bascom, Jane  
Bascom, Orpha[?]  
Bascom, Ruth  
Bates, [-]odeemy B.  
Boaden[?], Jennette A.  
Booth, Hannah M.  
Booth, Harriet A.  
Burlingame, Aurea A.  
Burlingame, Mrs. Wanton

#### C

Case, Aurelia  
Clark, [?]edra  
Coleman, Mrs. Julia  
Cooley, Sarah  
Cooly, Emily  
Copeland, Delia

#### G

Gibbs, [Z.]

#### H

Halsted, Chloe C.  
Halsted, Eleanor S.  
Harrey/Harvey, M.J.  
Harrington, Ann C.  
Harrington, Caroline  
Harrington, Charlotte B.  
Harrington, Charlotte R.  
Harrington, Elvira A. B.  
Harrington, Ermina H.  
Harrington, Helena B.  
Harrison, Rhoda  
Harrison, Charlotte  
Hickok[?], Lois S.  
Higgins, Mary S.  
Hodstead, Millissa  
Howland, Miss Jane H.  
Howland, Mrs. Jane C.

**K**

Kinney, Electee  
Krahl, Nellie S. A.

**L**

Lillibridge, Sally

**M**

Manes, Sarah  
Merritt, E. A.  
Merritt, Mrs. Issabella  
Merritt, Melinda

Merritt, Mrs. Sophia  
Morehouse, Julia A.[?]  
Morey, Harriet P.  
Morris, Mary Ann

**O**

Oallfreen[?], Mrs. Sarah M.

**P**

Pall---- [?], Mrs. Polly  
Pardee, Sarah

**R**

Rice, Aurilla H.  
Rice, Catharine M.  
Rice, Sylvia S.  
Rood, Mary E.

**S**

Sloan, Julia L.

**W**

Wakefield, Mary P. C.  
Ware, Amanda M.  
Webster, Mary Ann  
Wadsworth, Mary

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