

Collection #
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**GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS –
INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS, NINTH DISTRICT
RECORDS, 1941–1998**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box
1 color photograph half box

COLLECTION DATES: 1941-1998

PROVENANCE: Caroline Nelson, Lafayette, Indiana

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: *History Indiana Federation of Clubs*. Grace Gates Courtney and Arcada Balz, 1939. (HQ1905.I6 C6 1939)
A 30-year history of the Indiana Federation of Clubs. Johnnie Rutland Smith, 1969. (Pam HQ1905.I6 S5 1969)

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000.0707

NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

In the late 1800s, there was a great growth of women's clubs formed throughout the country, leading to the formation of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) in 1889 (chartered 1890).

Women's clubs were formed in Indiana as early as 1825, but there was not a state organization of clubs until the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs (formerly Indiana Club Union) formed in 1890. At the urging of the then GFWC President, the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs was formed in 1900. In 1906 the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs and the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs consolidated into the Indiana State Federation of Clubs. The organization shortened its name to the Indiana Federation of Clubs (IFC) in 1911.

The Indiana Federation of Clubs (IFC) is a statewide organization dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service. It brings members together to provide a networking system so individual clubs may communicate and combine efforts to better serve communities across Indiana. The IFC is currently the parent organization of thirty-two volunteer clubs throughout the state. The Indiana clubs consist of both general and junior clubs. At one time, the age range for junior clubs was eighteen to forty, but these age limits no longer exist in Indiana. The service areas of the organization are divided into six areas: arts, conservation, education, home life, public affairs, and international affairs.

The thirteen districts of the IFC were formed between 1905 and 1909. The Ninth District was established on 27 April 1909 in Westfield by Mrs. Julia S. Conklin and supported by Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke (then IFC President). Since 1998 the IFC reorganized into five districts; with the Ninth District now part of the Central District.

Sources:

Material in collection

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains scrapbook items, photographs, and other records of the Ninth District's activities. Folders are ordered alphabetically.

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Clubs' booklets, 1995-1998

Events, 1993-1995

Events, 1996

Ninth District Convention, ca. 1982

Ninth District scrapbook, 1941-1990

Ninth District scrapbook, 1965-1993

Ninth District scrapbook, 1994-1996

Records, 1990-1998

"The Sitting" performance at Ninth District Convention, 1993

"The Sitting" script, 1993

CONTAINER

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Box 1, Folder 2

Cold Storage:
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Cold Storage:
Color Photographs
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Cold Storage:
Color Photographs
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Box 1, Folder 5

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