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## STATE ASSEMBLY WOMAN'S CLUB MATERIAL, 1931–2012

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

<b>VOLUME OF COLLECTION:</b>	3 manuscript boxes; 7 oversized boxes; 1 folder photographs; 1 artifact
<b>COLLECTION DATES:</b>	1919–2012
<b>PROVENANCE:</b>	Mary Lou Skinner, Terre Haute, Indiana, February, 2014 and Norma Riegsecker, State Assembly Woman’s Club, Goshen, Indiana
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<b>NOTES:</b>	

## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

Mrs. Russell K. Bedgood, wife of an Indiana General Assembly member from Lafayette, organized a club in 1921 to provide social activities for the wives of state legislators during their two-month stay in the city of Indianapolis. Many of the wives had never been to the city before and knew no one who lived there. The State Assembly Women's Club (SAWC) was designed to allow these women to come together to make acquaintance with each other and with the city. Businesses, Schools and Charitable Organizations hosted teas, luncheons, and tours for the women while their husbands attended to state business.

In 1925, Mrs. Charles J. Buchanan organized an ancillary group, the Indianapolis Branch of the SAWC. This smaller group worked toward keeping the larger group intact during the two-year periods between legislative meetings (this was changed to annual sessions during the 1970s).

Sources: Collection

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains seven scrapbooks and 33 file folders. The scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings, photographs, event invitations, poems, songs and yearbooks. One scrapbook contains 48 TLSs dated 1923, one from each state of the Union, many signed by the State Governor. Twenty-three of the file folders contain yearbooks from 1923–1978 (not inclusive), newspaper clippings, correspondence, event invitations, photographs and meeting minutes.

Ten folders contain information pertaining to the Meditation Room in the State Capital Building. This room was set aside by the Governor during the 1960s as a place in which anyone could reflect or relax. After the death of Governor Otis Bowen's wife in 1981, the SAWC decided to update and restore the Meditation Room and rename it in honor of Elizabeth Bowen. Information includes committee meeting minutes, correspondence, donations, disbursements, bid and blueprints, design of a stained glass window, pictures, the dedication ceremony, newspaper clippings and a copy of the album dedicated to Beth Bowen.

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Governor's Inauguration Pin

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