

TITLE: Woman's Club of Phoenix Research Files

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HISTORICAL NOTE: The Woman's Club of Phoenix, was founded on December 5th, 1900 when Dorothy McClatchie invited seven of the community's most prominent women to her house for an educational study group. What grew was an organization that met every other week from October to June to study various topics including anthropology, art, education, and law. After their first year of organization, the women became interested in the national women's club movement and voted to join the General Federation of Women's Clubs. They also changed their original name of the "Fortnightly Club" to their current one.

With assistance from Andrew Carnegie, the Club was instrumental in building the first Phoenix Public Library building. The Club also initiated a measure for the establishment of a juvenile and probation court system in Arizona as well as for a parks and playground movement. The Club is also known as the "mother" of the Phoenix Fine Arts Association which later evolved into the Phoenix Art Museum.

Today the club is still active with over fifty members. In 2006, the Woman's Club of Phoenix donated their papers to the Phoenix Museum of History. For more information on original source materials from this organization, please contact the Phoenix Museum of History (<http://www.pmoh.org/>).

SOURCES: Pontecorvo, Elizabeth. *History-Woman's Club of Phoenix, 1900-1915*. Unpublished, 1985.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection consists of research files and oral histories about the Woman's Club of Phoenix collected by Elizabeth Pontecorvo, an independent researcher, for her written history of the club entitled "History-Woman's Club of Phoenix 1900-1915." Note that included with the manuscript are two fully typed

oral history transcripts of interviews with Carol Goodson and Emma Udell which give detailed recollections about past members, officers, club activities as well as personal and genealogical information about the interviewees.

This collection is arranged into two series. **Series I: Research Files; Series II: Oral Histories.** Files are arranged alphabetically within each series.

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1	1	Research Files -Articles on women's clubs	1912-1960
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	5	Research Files -Woman's Club of Phoenix By-Laws	1982
	6	Research Files -Woman's Club of Phoenix Member Information	1934-1977
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	8	Research Files -The Woman's Club of Phoenix Yearbooks	1929-1933
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