NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LIBRARY

Manuscripts
No. 111

Date processed: February 1980

I. Title Our Society. Records, 1832-1979

II. The papers of Our Society
    deposited in the Library on Jan. 18/80, by Mrs. Edwin Pugsley, Jr.
    In
    converted the deposit to a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 7 1/2 inches
    Approximate number of items: 240

IV. Restrictions:

V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of
    in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of
    the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated
    to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

VI. Press release was issued on

VII. Biographical note: Our Society was founded in 1832 by a group of New
    Haven young ladies "for the relief of destitute females and chil­
    dren," and met regularly until its disbandment in 1979. Early
    members were daughters of Yale faculty members and old New Haven
    families. Membership was limited to 130 with preference given
    to daughters of members. In many cases membership has been passed
    from mother to daughter for several generations. Meetings were
    held in members' homes to sew garments for the needy. In the
    beginning meetings were "work" meetings; later the sewing session
    was followed by a social time and elaborate food was served.
    The Society donated garments they had sewn and made financial
    donations to needy persons during the 19th century. It has always
    made annual financial donations to local charities and members have
    continued to sew diapers for the hospital. Because of changing
    social conditions it was decided in 1978 to disband the society,
    with the final meeting being held on May 17, 1979. A history of
    Our Society was published at that time and can be found in
    Box II, Folder L.

VIII. Analysis: Collection consists of one box and one half-box con­
    taining six notebooks of handwritten minutes and four bound
    account books of handwritten financial records covering entire
    history of the society; membership lists; meeting notices; copies
    of the history of Our Society printed in 1979; invitation to
    final meeting; photographs taken at annual meeting in 1936 and
    at final meeting. Minutes and financial records appear to be
    complete except for an unexplained absence of any records from
    1843 to 1848. Collection is arranged chronologically.

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Our Society Records 1832 - 1979

Box I

Folder A: Notebook - Constitution 1833, lists of subscribing members, minutes and financial records 1832 - 1843.

Folder B: Notebook - minutes, lists of subscribing members and financial records 1848 - 1863

Folder C: Notebook - minutes, lists of subscribing members 1863 - 1873

Folder D: Notebook - minutes, membership lists 1874 - 1894
Notebook - minutes 1894 - 1924

Folder E: Notebook - minutes and Treasurer's reports 1924 - 1979

Folder E1: Loose papers taken from Folder E

Folder F: Cash Book 1856 - 1885
Treasurer's Accounts 1885 - 1909

Folder G: Lists of donations 1876 - 1897
Receipts for sewing materials 1882 - 1885


Box II

Folder I: Financial records - receipts and contributions acknowledgments 1925 and 1971-1979

Folder J: Membership lists 1889-1978

Folder K: Copies of Constitution and By-laws; booklet on Parliamentary Law

Folder L: History - written by Mrs. Albert H. Barclay, edited by Mrs. Gordon Haight and illustrated by Mrs. Thomas Hooker. Invitations to final meeting; letter from the president on recommendation of Board of Managers to turn records over to NHCHS

Folder M: Early history; membership lists 1833-1860

Folder N: Notebook - alphabetical list of members' names and addresses c. 1890-1914 indicating dates of election and death or resignation

*There appears to be an unexplained gap of five years - from 1843 to 1848.
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Box II (Cont)
Folder C: Meeting notices 1956-1979 [43]
Folder P: Photographs - annual meeting 1935 and final meeting 1979 [15]
Folder Q: Newspaper clippings 1962, 1979 [2]
Folder F: Papers concerning collection