Newcomb, Lydia Bowles (Bolles) 1835-1908:

Lydia Newcomb Collection of Civic Group Papers, 1897-1903

II. The papers of deposited in the Library on converted the deposit to a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 2"

IV. Restrictions: None

V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the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

VII. Biographical note: Lydia Newcomb was an involved New Haven citizen eager to improve life in America. As a result, she participated in the activities of many civic groups, in addition to directing her group, The Women's School Association. The papers she collected in relation to these activities have been divided. The papers of the School Association can be found in Box 6 of Manuscript # 17. The other papers are collected here. Lydia Ann Bolles (1835-1908) of Litchfield, married Washington L. Black. Upon becoming a widow she married George F. Newcomb (1836-1911) of New Haven, who was in the wholesale and retail trade, later a merchant and manufacturer and also a real estate and financial agent. Lydia was a teacher from 1854; proprietor and principal of a boarding and day school in New Haven from 1859.

VIII. Analysis: The collection consists of papers and newspaper clippings pertaining to civic group activities. Though very little is dated, it is presumed that the material comes from the same period as the School Association material, 1897-1903.

Folder 1. Misc. Papers
2. American League for Civic Improvement. Printed Material
3. Federation of Women's Clubs. Notes
4. Pan American Congress and Human Freedom League. Papers
7. Newspaper Clippings. Education
8. School. Vacation Schools and Playgrounds
9. Women Leaders
10. Notes prepared for the Public Education Association of New York