

The 30 Club Records, 1897-2015

- repository:* Local History Room, Buchanan District Library, Buchanan, MI (<http://www.buchananlibrary.org/local-history-room>).
- extent:* 1'7" (4 1/4 boxes).
- history:* The 30 Club was organized on 8 December 1897 in the Village of Buchanan, Michigan, as a ladies social and service organization oriented towards the study of literature, the arts, and world events. It associated itself with the General Federation of Women's Clubs from 1903 through 1965. Club membership is limited to thirty women who meet regularly to present programs that they research and prepare themselves. Members are expected to attend and participate in meetings regularly and to perform community service.
- scope and content:* The records of the Club include minute books, financial and attendance records, publications, photographs, papers and notes on the history of the Club, a few papers presented at meetings, and other miscellany.
- series:* 1. Minute Books, 1897-2005
- folder:* 1/1 Minute Book, 1897-1900(-1910)
Includes a list of the charter members of the Club (front fly-leaf), the constitution (pages 86-87), the bylaws (pages 88-89, 94, and 99), a record of absences(?) 22 December 1897 - 26 October 1899 (pages 90-93), and a list of the members present at the first anniversary celebration of the club in October 1910 (page 100). Pages 95-98 are missing.
- folder:* 1/2 Minute Book, 1900-1909
Includes the constitution and bylaws of the club (pages 196-200).
- folder:* 1/3 Minute Book, 1909-1913
Includes the constitution and bylaws of the club (pages 140-143).
- folder:* 1/4 Minute Book, 1914-1920
- folder:* 1/5 Minute Book, 1923-1932
Includes an undated resolution on the death of Hattie Kingery (page 297), a short list of expenditures for 1927-1928 (page 298), and a clipping about the death of Hattie Blake (inside back cover)
- folder:* 1/6 Minute Book, 1932-1942
- folder:* 1/7 Minute Book, 1942-1948
- folder:* 2/1 Minute Book, 1948-1953
- folder:* 2/2 Minute Book, 1953-1958
Includes a list of amendments (inside back cover).
- folder:* 2/3 Minute Book, 1958-1963
Includes a list of amendments (inside back cover).
- folder:* 2/4 Minute Book, 1963-1973
- folder:* 2/5 Minute Book, 1973-1983
- folder:* 2/6 Minute Book, 1983-1993
- folder:* 2/7 Minute Book, 1993-2005
- folder:* 3/1 Loose Papers Removed from Minute Books, 1909-2005
- series:* 2. Treasurer's Books, 1924-1961
- folder:* 3/2 Treasurer's Book, 1924-1944
- folder:* 3/3 Treasurer's Book, 1944-1961
- folder:* 3/4 Detached Papers Removed from 1944-1961 Treasurer's Book, 1956-1958

The 30 Club Records, 1897-2015

- series:* 3. The 30 Club Publications, 1905 to date (bulk 1987 to date)
- folder:* 4/1 Constitution and Bylaws, 1979, 1995, 2009
- folder:* 4/2-4 Yearbooks, 1905 to date (bulk 1987 to date)
Includes Yearbooks for 1905/1906; 1915/1916; 1987/1988 - 1990/1991; 1993/1994 - 1997/1998; 2000/2001 - 2005/2006; 2007/2008 - 2008/2009; 2010/2011 - 2014-2015. Duplicate copies have been removed to storage.
- series:* 4. Papers and Notes on Club History, 1910s-2005
- folder:* 4/5 Reminiscences of Club Members and Activities in the 1930s and 1940s (anonymous), ca.1960s-2005
- folder:* 4/6 "30 Club Memories" by Mildred Russell, before 1978
- folder:* 4/7 "30 Club Through the Decades" Papers Presented at 2004/2005 Club Meetings
- folder:* 4/8 Notes from the 1897-1958 Minutes
- folder:* 4/9 Papers and Notes on the 1897-1984 History of the Club, 1970s-1980s
- folder:* 4/10 Newspaper Clippings (photocopies)
Original clippings have been removed to storage.
- folder:* 4/11 Clippings and Notes Added by the Local History Room, 1910s-1920s
- series:* 5. Papers and Programs at Meetings, 1980-2007
- folder:* 4/12 "Our Family Thanksgiving Tradition" by Norma Stevens, 1980
- folder:* 4/13 "The First Thanksgiving" by Norma Stevens, 1986
- folder:* 4/14 Centennial Luncheon, 3 June 1997
- folder:* 4/15 Centennial Luncheon Guestbook, 6/3/1997 and 12/4/1997
- folder:* 4/16 "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Scripts and Notes, ca.2000
- folder:* 4/17 "The Impressionist of Paris" by Judy Bellaire, 2007
- series:* 6. Miscellany
- folder:* 4/18 Letters Received, 1918, 1978, 1989, no date
- folder:* 4/19 Verse, no date
- folder:* 4/20 Fifty Year Recognition Certificate from the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1947(?)
- folder:* 4/21 Responses to an Invitation for an Event on Wednesday Evening, 19 November 1913
The invitation came from Mrs. H. R. Adams, Mrs. P. A. Bachman, and Mrs. Robert Franklin. It is not known if this was a Club event; only a few of the respondents were Club members. The replies were from Mrs. Perry Llewellyn Anderson, Mrs. J. R. Bishop, Mrs. Robert J. Blake, Mrs. D. L. Boardman, Mrs. R. J. Burrows, Mrs. Harry Chamberlain, Mrs. Orville Curtiss, Mrs. Louis Desenberg, Mrs. William East, Mrs. Dee Earl Ellsworth, Mrs. R. B. Franklin / Gertrude Moyer, Mrs. H. A. Hathaway, Mrs. Florence Kean, Miss Muench, Mrs. Lester E. Peck, Mrs. Will Clare Porter, Mrs. J. L. Richards, Mrs. Ellis S. Roe, Mrs. E. B. Smith; Mrs. Will Broderick, Mrs. E. J. Stopp; Mrs. Clyde H. Barker, Mrs. Sig. Desenberg, Hazel Miles, Mrs. Pennell / Miss Georgia Wilcox, Mrs. John Portz, Mrs. A. Richards, Mrs. Clara Richards, Mrs. Edwin B. Ross, and Mrs. Tormey.
- folder:* 4/22 Invitations, 1914 and 1916
Contains a printed invitation from Mrs. Maryette Mansfield, Mrs. Perry L. Anderson, and Mrs. Jesse F. Viele for a 18 February 1914 event; and a handwritten invitation from Mrs. C. F. Pears and Mrs. F. S. Whitman for an event on 10 February 1916. If these were Club events is not known. Only a few of the persons listed were Club members.

The 30 Club Records, 1897-2015

- series:* Miscellany (continued)
folder: 4/23 Ribbons, 1910s(?)
Two ribbons, each with the text "Delegate - Buchanan" and each with pin holes indicating that they were worn. The font of each ribbon is different, suggesting that they were issued at two different meetings.
- series:* 7. Photographs, 1898-2005
folder: 5/1 Photograph: Minstrel Show at Home of Mrs. Edwards, 2 February 1898
Two copies of a group portrait (3.75" x 4.75") showing May Fuller, Mrs. Bower, Grace Broderick, Kit Boardman, Ida Bishop, Maude Peck, Georgia Wilcox, Bernice Eaton, Bertie Smith, Lou Moulton, Clara Richards, Cora Rough, and Lura Pears.
- folder:* 5/2 Photographs (2): Japanese Tea Party at the Home of Mrs. G. E. Smith, 1908(?)
Two different photographs (4.5" x 6.6") taken just seconds apart and mounted on a board showing about twenty women, many in costume; "Rex 1908 is written under the same little girl in each photo.
- folder:* 5/3 Photograph: Mock Wedding Entertainment at Home of Mrs. G. E. Smith, 23 April 1917
Photograph (4.25" x 6.5") taken during the "ceremony". The cast members are not identified.
- folder:* 5/4 Photographs (2): Cast of the Play "Cousin Deborah's First Luncheon" at the Home of Mrs. Otto Schurr, 18 March 1931
Two different photographs (3" x 5" and 6.25" x 10.5") of cast members Pearl Haslett, Mrs. E. H. Ormiston, Lura Schram, Nita Muir, Mrs. Charles Pears, Leila Van Duesen, and Norma Moyer.
- folder:* 5/5 Photograph: Bus Trip to Holland, Spring 1934
Two copies (4" x 8" and 4.5" x 7.75") of a group shot of 29 women inside and in front of a bus parked on Main Street in front of the State Bank (115 East Front Street), including Rena Desenberg, Kit Kingery, Mrs. Theron Childs, Mrs. A. B. Muir, Edith (Hall) Hensley, Mrs. Ida Bishop, Ruth (East) Beardsley or Mrs. Walter Dale, Mrs. John Russell, Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. Florence Strayer, Mrs. Glenn Haslett, Mrs. Glen (Bertie) Smith, Mrs. Margaret (Hall) Elbers, Mrs. R. B. Franklin, Mrs. A. R. Hall, Elsie Sellars, Mrs. Ida Walton(?), and Fritz Waldo; a number of the women are not identified.
- folder:* 5/6 Photographs (8): Buchanan Centennial Parade and Group Pictures, 1958
Snapshots (2.875" x 3.75") of The 30 Club float in the parade, the women who rode on the float wearing period costume, casual shots of a picnic that day, and several indoor group shots; included in the photos are Blanche McIntosh, Mrs. Harper, Mildred Russell, Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Mudge, Mrs. Beardsley, Bertie Smith, Nita Muir, Mrs. Hausman, Evalyn Miller, Mrs. White, Helen Soules, Mrs. Shreve(?), Mrs. Con Kelley, Joan Miller, Bob Miller, and the Miller Lumber Truck; a number of individuals are not identified.
- folder:* 5/7 Photographs (10): Christmas party at Virginia Reddig's Home, 8 December 1980
Casual color snapshots (3.5" x 4.375"), no identifications.
- folder:* 5/8 Photographs (11): Christmas Party at Helen Habicht's Home, December 1983
Casual color snapshots (3.5" x 3.5", and also 4 negatives) of the Christmas Committee and of each woman dressed in an outfit appropriate to a song she sang; included in the photos are Margaret Soucek, Marg Henderson, Ginny Nichols, Becky Swem, Helen Habicht, Miriam Hassan, Doris Hanlan, Katie Farhat, Jean Bobo, Donna Lyon, Chickie Hanson, Norma Stevens, Carol Peterson, Esther White, LaVonne Sullivan, and Bernice Wolf.
- folder:* 5/9 Photographs (3): Club Portrait at Christmas Party at Pam Hoetger's Home, 9 December 1996
Multiple copies and sizes (4" x 6" and 8" x 10") of three very similar group portraits of Chickie Hanson, Betty Bennett, Kay Trull, Bernice Wolf, Katie Farhat, Doris Hanlin, Bertha Runkewich, Starley Marshall, Pam Hoetger, Dorothy Hanson, Grace Gordon, Kathy Barnett, Julia Gordon, Virginia Nichols, Ann Marie Gears, Peg Faulhaber, Becky Swem, and Joan Moyer.

The 30 Club Records, 1897-2015

series: *Photographs (continued)*

- folder: 5/10 Photographs (19): One Hundredth Anniversary Luncheon at Orchard Hills Country Club, 3 June 1997
Multiple copies and sizes (4" x 6" and 8" x 10") of group portraits and of casual shots taken during the luncheon; included in the photos are Miriam Hassan, Betty Bennett, Kathy Rossow, Peggy Fouts, May Proud, Marilyn Stevens, Doris Hanlin, Chickie Hanson, Clara Strayer Henderson, Anne Kahn, Bernice Wolf, Virginia Walsh, Mary Ruth White, Shawn Greenleaf, Judith Gault, Julia Mitchell, Vera Sexton, Julia Gordon, Gail Borland, Joan Miller, Kay Trull, Ruth Irvine, Kathy Parke, Glenda Bixby, Donna Hinkle, Esther Jones, Joan Moyer, Becky Swem, Kathy Barnett, Grace Gordon, Nancy Conard, Peg Faulhaber, Starlet Marshall, Virginia Nichols, and Dorothy Hanson. There are also 23 negatives, most of which are different from the prints in this folder.
- folder: 5/11 Photographs (10): Unidentified Photo Album, ca.2000?
Color snapshots (3.5" x 5" and 4" x 6") of women at a luncheon and women and a few men at someone's home; the individuals are not identified and it seems unlikely that these are photos of 30 Club events.
- folder: 5/12 Photographs (10): Thanksgiving, 17 November 2003
Multiple copies and sizes (2.5" x 3.25" and 5" x 7") of color snapshots of the group and of casual shots of the party; no identifications.
- folder: 5/13 Photographs (4): Miscellany, 1904(?), 2003, 2005
- a) Photograph (2.75" x 4") of two women identified as "The babies of the 30 Club / Grace Broderick Smith / Bertie Peck Smith" and possibly dated 1904; portrait was photographed by Van Ness, Buchanan.
 - b) Certificate (8.5" x 11") with 2003 Thanksgiving group portrait and the text "The 30 Club of Buchanan Proudly Awards Life Membership to Doris Hanlin . . . Awarded November, 2003"
 - c) Two photographs printed on a 8.5" x 11" sheet with the title "The 'Fifties' Chickie [Hanson]" and the date 10 April 2005.
 - d) A page of names probably listing the women in a photograph that has not been found; probably dates from about the 1950s.