

Lancaster County Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania, 1917-2004

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3 boxes 23 folders/binders, 80 items, 3168 pages to scan 1.5 cubic feet

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Scope and Content Note: This collection contains the Board Minutes for the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women from 1922 to 2004. These minutes include roll calls, treasurer reports, entertainment schedules and activity reports. Minutes from 1922 through 1971 are contained in leather bound books. The following years are in three-prong pocket folders or three-ring binders. This allowed for additional items to be put in with the minutes such as Thank-you cards, newspaper articles of events they sponsored and hand-written notes. By the 1990's the minutes are more sporadic, only a few or one from each year. There are programs from the annual convention of the County Society starting with the 13th convention in 1929 through the 60th convention in 1977. The following years are missing: 1934; 1943-1944; 1949-1954; 1957-1958; 1961-1962; 1965-1971. Some of the minutes also contain a copy of these programs. Later years and some of these missing programs may be found in the minutes themselves. There are four typed up documents that comprise the history of the Society that were drafted between 1929 through 1982. This includes a summary of the past years written in what they call a "skit." The final years also contain documentation regarding the duties of the officers of the society-elected board members.

Creator: Society of Farm Women of Lancaster County (Pa.)

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Biographical and Historical Note: The Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania was established by Flora Black from Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 1914 when she invited her female neighbors to her farm for lunch. Mrs. Black began the meeting for fellowship, but she also wanted to establish a support system for women living in rural communities. It was also a goal of the society to teach women to take on leadership roles and help contribute to society. Their numbers grew rapidly making it necessary for County chapters. (Reading Eagle. 8 Oct 2014. Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania Celebrating 100th Anniversary. <http://www.readingeagle.com/berks-country/article/society-of-farm-women-of-pennsylvania-celebrating-100th-anniversary>)

The Lancaster County Chapter was formed in January, 1917. It was very popular and eventual grew to 33 separate societies throughout Lancaster by the 1980s. They founded many successful charity drives and scholarship programs, but also provided entertainment for their members, such as bus trips and vacation tours.

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Box 1

Book 1 Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women; Book I. 1922 – 1930. (1 item, 127 pages)

Book 2 Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women; Book II. 1930-1945. (1 item, 302 pages)

Book 3 Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women; Book III. 7 August 1945 – 7 June 1956. (1 item, 299 pages)

Book 4 Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women. August 1956, October 1963, November Convention 1963. (1 item, 400 pages)

Book 5 Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women. Conclusion November Convention 1963, April 1971. (1 item, 301 pages)

Box 2

Folder 1 Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women; Anna Mae Snader, secretary. 1971-1972. (1 item, 30 pieces)

Folder 2 Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, Dorothy Elmer, secretary. Written on back of original folder "Feb 5 1974-June 1 1971; Page 256 1950; Page 236, Page 283 (1970) page 291." December 1972- November 1974. (1 item, 39 pieces)

Folder 3 Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, S. Joan Hershey, secretary. December 1974 – November 1976. (Lancaster, PA. 6 November 1976). (1 item, 60 pieces)

Folder 4 Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, Lorna Jene King, secretary. December 1976 – November 1978. (1 item, 67 pieces)

Folder 5 Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, Edna Buckwalter, secretary. 1979-1980. (1 item, 102 pieces)

Folder 6 Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, Judy Harnish, secretary. 1981. (1 item, 60 pieces)

Folder 7 Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, Judy Harnish, secretary. 1982. (1 item, 43 pieces)

Folder 8 Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, Ruth Book, secretary. 1983. (1 item, 45 pieces)

Folder 9 Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, Ruth Book, secretary. 1984. (1 item, 46 pieces)

Folder 10 Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, Judith Greenleaf, secretary. 1985. (1 item, 79 pieces)

Folder 11 Binder with Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, Judy Greenleaf, secretary. 1986. (1 item, 63 pieces)

Folder 12 Binder with Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, Evelyn Hess, secretary. 1987-1988. (1 item, 193 pieces)

Folder 13 Certificate from the Lancaster County Agricultural Extension Service for enthusiastic support to the 4-H club. 6 April 1964. (1 item, 1 piece)

Box 3

Folder 13 Binder with Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, 1989-1992. (1 item, 212 pieces)

Folder 14 Binder with Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women and five newspaper articles. 1993-1994. (1 item, 157 pieces)

Folder 15 Binder with Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women. 1995-1996. (1 item, 168 piece)

Folder 16 Binder with Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, Julia M. Zahn, secretary. 1997-1998. (1 item, 84 piece)

Folder 17 Minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women and envelope they were housed in, 2000-2001. (1 item, 36 pieces)

Folder 18 General information for the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women 2001-2002 (6 pages); County Convention programs and minutes from 1999 – 2002 (42 pages) including an article from the Intelligencer Journal “A Swell of Support, A Surge of Water” (2 pages) 2 November 2000.; Programs and minutes from the Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania conventions 2001-2002 (61 pages); Minutes from the Society of Farm Women of PA Board meetings, 2001-2004, includes two sheets of divider stickers (46 pages). (5 items, 161 pieces)

Folder 19 Envelope addressed to Ammon Huber, secretary containing three Christmas Seal Bonds of the Crusade of the Double Barred Cross, one for \$5.00, the other two for \$10.00. 2 December 1941; A Certificate to the Lancaster County Farm Woman from the United Service Organizations, Inc. for Distinguished Serves to the Armed Forces. 16 May 1964. (5 items, 5 pieces)

Folder 20 Large mailer envelope addressed to Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, c/o Mrs. Landis Meyer (19 May 1964) that contained the following: A page from the Daily Intelligencer Journal with articles regarding Nan Wiley, a syndicated food columnist. She was named an honorary member of Lancaster County Society of Farm Women. (2 items, 2 pieces)

Folder 21 Large mailer envelope that contained the following: Compilation of the minutes of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women from 28 July 1917 to 30 July 1920 prepared by Barbara Moore attached to an envelope addressed to Judy Harnish stating “original minutes of early Societies”, (6 pages) 8 January 1929. “Skit” written by Jean Thomas to the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women reviewing the years 1937 to 1947. No date. (3 pages); “Skit (Through the Years) at Farm Women Convention held at Dutch Town and Country 1967” written by Mrs. William Ebersly. No date (6 pages); “Sixty-five Years in Review, 1917-1982” written by Mary B. Clark (12 pages). (5 items, 16 pieces)

Folder 22 Programs from the annual conventions of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women starting with the 13th Convention in 1929 through the 43rd in 1960.

Missing the following years: 1934, 1943-1944; 1949-1954; 1957-1958. (21 items, 21 pieces)

Folder 23 Programs from the annual conventions of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women starting with the 46th Convention in 1963 through the 60th in 1977. Missing the following years: 1961-1962; 1965-1971. Plus a program from the Carrier Salesmen of the Intelligencer Journal Awards Night, Lancaster, PA. 11 November 1975. (12 items, 12 pieces)