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Collection Information

Creator: Charity Circle of Murfreesboro

Collection Dates: 1910 – 2008

Collection Bulk Dates: 1940 – 1970

Physical Description: 3 Linear Feet: newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, correspondence, bank statements, minutes, microfilm.

Institutional History

Twenty-six young ladies formed the Girls' Charity Circle in 1910. Progressive ideals such as assisting the poor and advocating for education, temperance, and, later, suffrage frequently provided the inspiration for groups such as the Charity Circle. A brief timeline of the group's history includes the 1914 development of the Charity Circle Cook Book, the 1915 establishment of a sewing club and playground and story hour, the 1915 first annual Carol Sing, and the 1967 opening of the Charity Circle Day Care Center. (Source – *History of the Charity Circle* included in Collection binder.)

Scope and content note

Documents in the Charity Circle Collection date from 1910 to 2008. The bulk of the collection dates in between 1940 and 1970. Newspaper clippings are organized into scrapbooks; meeting-minutes record the group's activities. Other documentation, primarily written, supplements these contents. This includes correspondence between members of the Charity Circle and applicants for college scholarship, Charity Circle financial statements, and ephemera. The collection contains three linear feet of material. Subjects include: Murfreesboro (Tenn.), Women's history, Women in charitable work.

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The Murfreesboro Cook Book (1914): Box 1

The title page reads, "Compiled and Edited by the Girls of the Charity Circle". There is a hand-written note on the title page: "Mrs. Ed Hooper (Fanny)". The cookbook was published in Murfreesboro, Tennessee in 1914. There are 99 pages followed by advertisements.

The Murfreesboro Cook Book (1921): Box 1

This is a reprint of the 1914 edition. The title page reads, "Compiled and Edited by the Girls of the Charity Circle." There are numerous hand-written notes throughout the entire text. There are 108 pages followed by advertisements.

Correspondence: Box 2

Material consists of correspondence between Fred W. Kemle (Good Shepherd Children's Home, Inc.) and Mrs. William Shacklett (Charity Circle); Woodrow Medlock (Good Shepherd Children's Home, Inc.) and Mrs. John Woodfin; Betty Caldwell (*The Nashville Tennessean*) and Mrs. Amour.

Charity Circle Day Care Center: Box 2

This folder includes information regarding the Charity Circle Day Care Center. Among the papers there is a short history of the center, a draft of the center's constitution, correspondence, and financial statements.

Financial information: Box 2

This folder includes nine (9) bank-checks and one (1) bank-statement.

Membership information: Box 2

This folder includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of members.

Memorial resolutions (1986, not dated): Box 2

This folder includes memorial resolutions through which the Charity Circle of Murfreesboro acknowledges the deaths of members.

Minutes: "Murfreesboro Charity Circle Minutes" (October 1910-1916): Box 3

This material consists of a membership list and minutes.

Minutes: "Murfreesboro Charity Circle Minutes" (1917-March 1929): Box 4

This material consists of a membership list, minutes, and correspondence.

Minutes: "Single Entry Ledger printed on cover" (1940-1963): Box 5

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Minutes: "Ledger" printed on spine (1964-1979): Box 5

This material consists of a membership list and minutes.

Minutes: "The Charity Circle of Murfreesboro" (April 1980-December 1989): Box 6

This material consists of minutes. "The Charity Circle of Murfreesboro" is engraved on cover-plaque

Minutes: "The Charity Circle of Murfreesboro" (February 1990-December 1997): Box 7

This material consists of minutes. "The Charity Circle of Murfreesboro" is engraved on cover-plaque.

Minutes (February 1998-December 2000): Box 10

This box Includes minutes from the Charity Circle Executive Board meetings and the General Membership meetings.

Minutes (March 2001-November 2008): Box 8

"Minutes of Executive Board and General Membership"

Minutes (Microfilm, 1910-1929, 1941-1979): Box 2

Film includes the minutes from 1910-1929, 1941-1979. See boxes 3, 4, and 5 for hard-copy of minutes from same years.

Miscellaneous: Box 2

This folder includes a "Desk Diary" (1964) and ephemera such as "Garden Party Games", an invitation to the Ugly Duckling Ball, and a Charity Circle advertisement for the Christmas season.

Newspaper clippings (1960s, 1970s): Box 2

This folder includes newspaper clipping. Some clippings come from from *The Daily News Journal* of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. There are other clippings that cannot be attributed to a publisher.

Photographs: Box 9

Scholarship loan (1963-1967): Box 2

The Charity Circle of Murfreesboro provided college scholarships. This folder includes applications for scholarship. Additionally there is correspondence between representatives of the Charity Circle and scholarship applicants.

Scrapbook (1967-1981): Binder