

MERRIAM HOMEMAKERS CLUB (2006.43)

Date Span: 1921-2005

A collection of materials relating to the Merriam Homemakers Club. This is an active social club for Merriam women started May 13, 1913 by Lorena L. McShane.

The Merriam Homemakers Club collection contains scrapbooks and folders chronicling the activities of the club from 1913-2005. The largest series in the collection is the "Presidents Books" which consists of 43 folders and 8 scrapbooks covering the years 1913-2005. The smaller series includes personal scrapbooks, loose photographs, and an object collection.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

- 1913 Merriam Homemakers Club created by Lorena L. McShane.¹
18 original members: Lorena L. McShane, Mrs. F.B. Foster, Mary Andrews, Marie Olson, Mrs. Will McBane, Miss Bland, Mrs. Lee A. Cox, Edna Hale, Mrs. W. A. Talbot, Lola Benson, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Pattison, Mrs. John White, Mrs. R.O. Davis, Mrs. Abe Peachey, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. X. Ouray Meyer, and Mrs. Fletcher. (May 13)²
- 1913-1914 Mrs. L.L. McShane; club president
1914-1915 Mrs. Abe Peachy; club president
1915-1916 Mrs. C.F. Terry; club president
1916-1917 Mrs. T.S. Terry; club president
1917-1918 Mrs. Lena Horner; club president
1918-1919 Mrs. Lee Cox; club president
1919-1920 Mrs. X.O. Meyer; club president
1920-1921 Mrs. Charles Loomis; club president
1921 Dad's Night (October)
1921-1922 Mrs. H.J. Miller; club president
1923-1924 Mrs. L. Stark; club president
1924-1925 Mrs. Howard Riggs; club president
1925-1926 Mrs. F.B. Foster; club president
1926-1927 Mrs. A.F. Braun; club president

¹ 1988, May 18. "Merriam Homemakers Celebrating 75th." *Johnson County Herald*. P. 7C

² 1988, May 20: G. Fred Wickman. "This group is our kind of club." P. D7

1927-1928	Mrs. George L. Davis; club president
1928-1929	Mrs. A.M. Meyers; club president
1929-1930	Mrs. C.D. Cheatum; club president
1930-1931	Mrs. John Sanders; club president
1931-1932	Mrs. J.S. Caldwell; club president
1932-1933	Mrs. C.L. Curry; club president
1933-1934	Mrs. M.W. Bartleson; club president
1934	21 st Anniversary of Merriam Homemakers at “The Barracks.” Mrs. Lee Cox’s home was called “The Barracks” because neighbors met there during the war to knit and sew. (May 25) ³
1934-1935	Mrs. W.A. Carr; club president
1935-1936	Mrs. J.W. Irwin; club president
1936-1937	Mrs. Frank Miller; club president
1937-1938	Mrs. M.Y. Griffin; club president
1938	Silver Anniversary Dad’s Night (January 22) ⁴
1938-1939	Mrs. E.R. Kitchen; club president
1939-1940	Mrs. Charles Walter; club president
1940-1941	Mrs. William Bangs; club president
1941	Annual Dad’s Night (November 29)
1941-1942	Mrs. J.B. Hann; club president
1942	Annual Dad’s Night- called “War Time Dads Night” in this year (November 21)
1942	Annual Christmas party (December 20)
1942-1943	Mrs. C.R. Engle; club president
1943-1944	Mrs. W.A. Meyers; club president
1944-1945	Mrs. C.D. Logan; club president
1945-1946	Mrs. D.M. Huber; club president
1946	Annual Dad’s night held at Loose Park (June 21)
1946-1947	Mrs. E.P. Lyons; club president
1947-1948	Mrs. N.B. Scott; club president
1948-1949	Mrs. R.S. Murry; club president
1949	Annual Past Presidents’ luncheon at the “Holiday House.” (May 7)
1949	Annual Past Presidents’ luncheon at Mrs. Thomas Moffett’s home (November 12)
1949	Annual Past Presidents’ Christmas party at Mrs. Clyde Curry’s home (December 10)
1949-1950	T.N. Moffett; club president
1950	Annual Past Presidents’ spring luncheon held at the Quivera Club House (May 6)
1950	Annual Past Presidents’ luncheon at Mrs. Reginald Miller’s home (November 11)
1950	Annual Past Presidents’ Christmas Party at Mrs. M.Y. Griffin’s home (December 16)
1950-1951	Mrs. Reginald Miller

³ 1934, May 25: “Homemakers Club of Merriam, Kas., Comes of Age May 25.” *Kansas City Star*.

⁴ Light Blue Scrapbook

1951 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Quivera Lake Club House
(May 5)

1951 Annual Past Presidents' luncheon at Mrs. Lloyd Nigh's home
(November 10)

1951 Annual Past Presidents' Christmas party at Shawnee Methodist Church
(December 13)

1951-1952 Mrs. Virginia Nigh; club president

1952 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Quivera Lake Club House
(May 3)

1952 Annual Past Presidents' Christmas party at Shawnee Methodist Church
(December 12)

1952-1953 Mrs. Wm. F. Schreiber; club president

1953 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Grinter House (May 2)

1953 Annual Past Presidents' luncheon at Mrs. Sam Estill's home
(November 7)

1953 Annual Past Presidents' Christmas party at Mrs. C.L. Curry's home
(December 17)

1953-1954 Mrs. Sam Estill

1954 Annual Christmas party held at the "Round Up." (December 16)

1954-1955 Mrs. C.L. Trego; club president

1956-1957 Mrs. J. Robert Black; club president

1957 Annual Past Presidents' luncheon at Mrs. John L. Smith's home
(October 7)

1957-1958 Mrs. John Smith; club president

1958 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at John Frances restaurant
(May 19)

1958 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon at Mrs. John L. Smith's home
(September 17)

1958 Annual Past Presidents' Christmas party (December 14)

1958-1959 Mrs. E.C. Tyler; club president

1959 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Western Hills Restaurant
(May 11)

1959 Annual luncheon for new president at Western Hills Restaurant (June 8)

1959-1960 Mrs. B.T. Butterworth was president

1960 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at The Little Banquet in Mission
(May 16)

1960 Annual luncheon for new president at The Little Banquet in Mission
(June 6)

1960 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon at "Fellowship Hall, Mission
Christian Church." (October 20)

1960-1961 Mrs. Glenn Frisbie; club president

1961 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at the Holiday Inn Restaurant
(May 15)

1961 Annual luncheon for new president at the Holiday Inn Restaurant (June 5)

1961-1962 Mrs. C.D. McKee was president

- 1962 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at The Little Banquet in Mission
(May 7)
- 1962 Annual luncheon for new president at the Holiday Inn Restaurant
(June 11)
- 1962-1963 Mrs. Paul Pflumm; club president
- 1963 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at the Holiday Inn Restaurant
(May 15)
- 1963 Annual luncheon for new president at the Holiday Inn Restaurant
(June 17)
- 1963 50th Anniversary of Merriam Homemakers at the Tomahawk Hills
Country Club, 47 present (May 23)⁵
- 1963 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon at the Wish Bone in Kansas City,
Mo. (October 20)
- 1963 Annual luncheon for new president Wish Bone in Kansas City, Mo.
(November)
- 1963 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon John Francis Restaurant
(May 18)
- 1963-1964 Mrs. E.H. Horseman; club president
- 1964 Lorena L. McShane, the club founder, died (March 20)
- 1964 Annual luncheon for new president at the John Francis Restaurant
(June 15)
- 1964 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon (November 16)
- 1964-1965 Miss F. Campbell; club president
- 1965 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at the John Francis Restaurant
(May 3)
- 1965 Annual luncheon for new president at John Francis Restaurant (June 17)
- 1965 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon at John Francis Restaurant
(November 11)
- 1965-1966 Mrs. Everett Thompson; club president
- 1966 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at the John Francis Restaurant
(May 12)
- 1966 Annual luncheon for new president at the John Francis Restaurant
(June 24)
- 1966 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon (December 19)
- 1966-1967 Mrs. Gene Dickerson; club president
- 1967 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Sweden House in Shawnee
(May 15)
- 1967 Annual luncheon for new president at the Plaza III (June 17)
- 1967 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon at Wong's Restaurant (November 8)
- 1967-1968 Mrs. M.J. Beaver; club president
- 1968 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Sweden House (May 13)
- 1968 Annual luncheon for new president at the Blue Room at Metcalf South
(June 4)
- 1968 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon (November 13)
- 1968-1969 Mrs. Loyd Dickerson; club president

⁵ 1988, May 18. "Merriam Homemakers Celebrating 75th." *Johnson County Herald*. P. 7C

1969-1970 Mrs. Leroy Wisner; club president
1970 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Wong's Cantonese Restaurant
(May 13)
1970 Annual luncheon for new president at the Buttonwood Tree Restaurant
(June 3)
1970 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon at Ruth Mott's home (November 4)
1970-1971 Mrs. J.M. Mott; club president
1971 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Mission Inn Restaurant
(May 12)
1971 Annual luncheon for new president at Frank J. Marshall's Restaurant
(June 2)
1971 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon at Harriette Moore's home
(November 4)
1971-1972 Mrs. Roger C. Moore; club president
1972 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Mission Inn Restaurant
(May 11)
1972 Annual luncheon for new president at Betty Crocker Tree House
Restaurant, Overland Park (June 22)
1972 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon at Elizabeth Boxmeyer's home
(November 14)
1972 Annual Christmas party at Mrs. Dickerson's home (December 9)
1972-1973 Mrs. R.E. Boxmeyer; club president
1973 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Putsch's Cafeteria (May 14)
1973 Annual luncheon for new president at Betty Crocker Tree House
Restaurant, Overland Park (June 11)
1973 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon at Milbeern Country Club
(November 16)
1973 Annual Christmas party at Wong's Restaurant (December 16)
1973-1974 Mrs. Marion Delp; club president
1974 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Putsch's Cafeteria (May 13)
1974 Annual luncheon for new president at Putsch's Cafeteria (June 10)
1974 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon at La Quita Neal's home
(November 15)
1974-1975 Mrs. Wayne Neal; club president
1975 Annual Christmas party at Gene Dickerson's home (December 8)
1975 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Putsch's Cafeteria (May 16)
1975 Annual luncheon for new president at the Overland Station restaurant
(June 6)
1975-1976 Mrs. Ruth Bell; club president
1976 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon at Georgia Ochele's home
(November 5)
1976 Annual Christmas party at Gene Dickerson's home (December 11)
1976-1977 Mrs. Alan Oehrie; club president
1977 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Stix, Baer, and Fuller
(April 11)
1977 Annual luncheon for new president at Stix, Baer, and Fuller (June 3)

1977 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon at the home of Marie Lytle
(November 9)

1977-1978 Mrs. Floyd Lytle; club president

1978 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Cousin John's Penthouse
Restaurant (April 14)

1978 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon at home of Mrs. Howard Garrett
(November 16)

1978 Annual Christmas party at Gene Dickerson's home (December)

1978-1979 Mrs. Howard Garrett

1979 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at the Rodeway Inn (April 18)

1979 Annual luncheon for new president at Stephenson Apple Orchard
Restaurant (June 13)

1979 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon at the Nell Walker's home
(November 15)

1979 Annual Christmas party at Gene Dickerson's home (December 9)

1979-1980 Mrs. Neil Walker; club president

1980 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Putsch's Cafeteria (April 16)

1980 Annual luncheon for new president at Jasper's (June 19)

1980 Annual Past Presidents' fall luncheon at Marilyn Near's home
(November 20)

1980 Annual Christmas party at the Beavers (December 14)

1980-1981 Mrs. Marilyn Near; club president

1981 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Marilyn Near's home
(April 15)

1981 Annual luncheon for new president at Sullivan's Country Place (June 30)

1981-1982 Mrs. Charles Wilson; club president

1982-1983 Mrs. Harvey McHenry; club president

1983 Annual Past Presidents' spring luncheon at Ruth McHenry's home
(April 12)

1983-1984 Mrs. Ewart Wyle, Jr.; club president

1984-1985 Mrs. Leslie Hayes, Jr.; club president

1985-1986 Mrs. David Maze; club president

1986-1987 Mrs. Willis Davisson; club president

1987 Annual luncheon for new president at Homestead Country Club (June 10)

1987-1988 Mrs. Richard Johnson; club president

1988 75th Anniversary of Merriam Homemakers (May 25)⁶

1988-1989 Mrs. Merrill Toburen; club president

1989 Annual Christmas party at Maze's home (December 2)

1989-1990 Mrs. Robert E. Jones, Jr.; club president

1990 Annual Christmas party at Gene Dickerson's (December)

1990-1991 Mrs. Eleanor Barkus; club president

1991-1992 Mrs. Sally Stokes; club president

1992-1993 Mrs. James Greer; club president

1993-1994 Mrs. Ed Werner; club president

1994-1995 Mrs. Newton A. Smith; club president

⁶ 1988, May 18. "Merriam Homemakers Celebrating 75th." *Johnson County Herald*. P. 7C

1995-1996	Mrs. Kenneth A. Rudisill; club president
1996-1997	Mrs. Oliver E. Downey; club president
1997-1998	Mrs. James Owen; club president
1998	85 th Anniversary (May 28)
1998-1999	Mrs. Barbara Frederick; club president
1999-2000	Mrs. Robert W. Mann; club president
2000-2001	Mrs. Myra F. Jenks; club president
2001-2002	Mrs. Ann Anderson; club president
2002-2003	Mrs. Claude Strouse; club president
2003	Merriam Homemakers participated with a float in the Turkey Creek Parade (May)
2003	90 th Anniversary (May 29) ⁷
2003-2004	Mrs. Irene B. French; club president
2004-2005	Mrs. Ruth Herrman; club president

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Merriam Homemakers Club was founded on May 13, 1913 by Lorena Ellis McShane. It was originally called “The Mothers Club,” but was later renamed the “Merriam Homemakers Club” because not all the members were mothers. There were 18 original members in the club. The Merriam Homemakers’ Club motto is “get acquainted with your neighbor, you might like her.”⁸ Lifetime admittance to the club requires an invitation and attendance of three meetings. The club held a monthly meeting on the last Thursday of each month. The club held annual Christmas parties, luncheons, and a “Dad’s Night.” There were only two elected positions in the club; president and treasurer. The elected president and treasurer served for one year terms.

There are four series in this collection; Presidents’ Books, Anniversaries, Scrapbooks, and Objects. The Presidents’ Books are a collection of folders and binders documenting the period led by each club president. The materials include attendance sheets, meeting minutes, letters, obituaries, newspaper clippings, cards, and other materials. Some of the President’s Books also contain photographs. Where possible, these photographs were removed and integrated into the museum photograph collection.

Anniversaries, represented by three files, documents the Club’s 80th (1993), 85th anniversary (1998) and 90th anniversary (2003).

Scrapbooks includes folders and binders created by individuals or kept for the club and updated over longer periods of time. These chronicle the activities of the Merriam Homemakers Club and containing club related material such as photographs, several objects, cards and invitations, some meeting minutes, letters, obituaries, newspaper clippings, and inspirational writings. The scrapbooks also contain some photographs.

⁷ 2003, May 28: Nick Kowalczyk. “Club of ‘nicest women’ vibrant after 90 years.” *Kansas City Star*.

⁸ Ibid.

Most of these photographs were removed and integrated into the museum photograph collection.

Photographs contained in scrapbooks were removed. They were scanned, and placed in archival file folders and integrated into the museum photograph collection.

The Objects include two cartoons by Frank Miller, one depicting a man carrying a chair and captioned; "Frank Miller, Jr. drew his boyhood memories of his association with Homemakers (carrying chairs from the neighbors when his mother, Jo Miller, had club). He was Editorial Cartoonist for *The Des Moines Register*, Des Moines, Iowa, and a Publisher Prize winner."

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Box Nos.

Series

1

PRESIDENTS' BOOKS

PRESIDENTS' BOOKS; 1921-2005 [2006.43.1]

Individual folders for each club president containing Club mementos 1921-2005

ANNIVERSARIES

2

PRESIDENTS' BOOKS; 1959-1989 [2006.43.2]

Brown binder with individual folders for each club president containing Club mementos; 1959-1989

PRESIDENTS' BOOKS; 1981-1990 [2006.43.3]

White binder containing presidents' books and other Club mementos 1981-1990

PRESIDENTS' BOOKS; 1990-2000 [2006.43.4]

Green binder containing presidents' books and other Club mementos 1990-2000

PRESIDENTS' BOOKS; 1990-2004 [2006.43.5]

Red binder with individual folders for each club president containing Club mementos; 1990-2005

PRESIDENTS' BOOKS; 2000-2005 [2006.43.6]

Blue binder containing presidents' books and other Club mementos 2000-2005

SCRAPBOOKS

MERRIAM HOMEMAKERS; 1934-2000 [2006.43.7]

Scrapbook contains photographs, letters, newspaper clippings, and other Club mementos from 1934-2000.

MARGARET DAVISSON'S SCRAPBOOK [2006.43.8]

Scrapbook contains photographs, papers, newspaper clippings, letters, rosters, and other Club mementos.

OBITUARIES, SERVICES, THANK YOU'S, ETC 1961-1997 [2006.43.9]

Blue binder containing obituaries of members, relatives, friends, letters, service pamphlets, cards, and newspaper clippings; 1961-1995

OBJECTS; 1972

Cartoons by Frank Miller depicting his memories of the Club. [2006.43.11-.12]

FOLDER TITLE LIST

Museum

Label

Series

Box No. 1-2

2006.43.1

PRESIDENTS' BOOKS; 1921-2005

1921-1922

1936-1938

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1949-1950

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1982-2003
2004-2005

ANNIVERSARIES

80th ANNIVERSARY; 1993
85th ANNIVERSARY; May 28, 1998
90th ANNIVERSARY; May 29, 2003

Box No. 2

2006.43.2 PRESIDENTS' BOOKS; 1959-1989
2006.43.3 PRESIDENTS' BOOKS; 1981-1990
2006.43.4 PRESIDENTS' BOOKS; 1990-2000
2006.43.5 PRESIDENTS' BOOKS; 1990-2004
2006.43.6 PRESIDENTS' BOOKS; 2000-2005

SCRAPBOOKS

2006.43.7 MERRIAM HOMEMAKERS; 1934-2000
2006.43.8 MARGARET DAVISSON'S SCRAPBOOK
2006.43.9 OBITUARIES, SERVICES, THANK YOU'S, ETC 1961-1997

ITEM LEVEL INVENTORY

PRESIDENT'S BOOKS

2006.043.001

Folders contain rolls, meeting minutes, letters, obituaries, newspaper clippings, and cards: 1921-1922, 1936-1981, and 2004-2005

ANNIVERSARIES

85th Anniversary; May 28, 1998

Program, invitation, napkin, 1 photograph, addresses, newspaper clipping, scripts, play notes, speeches

90th Anniversary; May 29, 2003

Program, signed program, script, Essay- "90th Anniversary History of Dad's Night and Anniversaries" by Jane Beaver, letters, newspaper articles, color copies of photographs, cards

2006.43.002

1989-1959; this book has reverse chronology- starting from the latest date and ending at the earliest

Club financial information:

1989-1959

Minutes:

1989, December 2- December 17, 1966

Other:

Cards, invitations, donation receipts, letters, Past Presidents lists, Rosters, Newspaper clippings

2006.043.003 "1981-82 through 1989-90 Presidents Books"

Glena Wilson, President, 1981-1982

Rolls:

1981-1982

Minutes:

1981, September 24- June, 1982

Letter:

1981, December 16

Newspaper Clippings:

1982, October 25: "Memories fill Harmony School Ceremony."

1982, August 8: Article on Radah Cox. *Kansas City Star*.

Obituaries:

1981, December: Loyd A. Dickerson

1982, April 16: Frank L. Stark

1982, May: Roger C. Moore

Other:

Zoo Membership, receipt

Ruth McHenry, President, 1982-1983

Rolls:

1982-1983

Meeting Minutes:

1982, September 30- June 30, 1983

Letters:

1983, February 9

1983, May 6: From Helen T. Butterworth

From Myrna Stringer of Johnson County Christmas Bureau

Newspaper/ Article clippings:

1983, February 9: "Granddaughter of Merriam Founder Has Birthday." *The Suburban*.

1983, May 25: "Merriam Homemaker's Rule: Rules or Dues." *The Suburban*.

1983, May 25: "Officers are elected." *The Sun Newspapers*. P.6C

1983, June 1: Connie Strand. "Loosely-formed Merriam group strives to build pride in the past." *The Sun Newspapers*. P. 3A

Obituaries:

1983, May 13: Mrs. Sarah A. Lewis

Other:

50th Anniversary invitation Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. McHenry, "The Homemakers" poem

Helen Hayes 1984-1985

Rolls:

1984-1985

Rosters:

1913-1985 Presidents of Merriam Homemakers Club

1984-1985

Minutes:

1984, September 27- June 27, 1985

Other:

Get Well Card

Thelma Maze 1985-1986

Rolls:

1985-1986

Roster:

1984-1985

1985-1986

Minutes:

1984, October 31- June 19, 1986

Obituaries:

1986: Mrs. Doris D. Kitchen

1986, May 4: Mrs. Elizabeth H. Boxmeyer

Margaret Davisson 1986-1987

Rolls:

1986-1987

Roster:

1913-1988 Presidents of the Homemakers Club of Merriam, Kansas

1986: Living Past Presidents

1986-1987

Minutes:

1986, September 25- June 25, 1987

Obituaries:

1986, October 9: James B. Hann

1986, December 31: Helen F. Sullivan

1987, February 1: Marguerite M. Barkley

Other:

Merriam Homemakers Recipes

Laura Jane Johnson 1987-1988

Rolls:

1987-1988

Rosters:

1987-1988

1913-1988 Presidents of the Homemakers Club of Merriam, Kansas

1987, June Living Past Presidents of Merriam Homemakers Club

Minutes:

1987, September 24- June 30, 1988

Obituaries:

1987, August 2: Fannie D. Walter

1987, August 8: Radah P. Cox

1987, September 5: Frances D. Stark

1988, March 23: Gladys Engel

1988, May 14: Lucille Black

Other:
Invitation

Martha Toburen 1988-1989

Rolls:
1988-1989

Rosters:
1989, August: Living Past Presidents of Merriam Homemakers Club

Minutes:
1988, September 29- July 11, 1989

Obituaries:
1989, January 31: Dr. Mahlon H. Delp

Other:
Poem

Penelope Jones 1989-1990

Rolls:
1989-1990

Rosters:
1989-1990
1989, August: Living Past Presidents of Merriam Homemakers Club

Minutes:
1989, September 28- June 28, 1990

Letter:
1989, December 6: From Johnson County Christmas Bureau

Other:
1990, February 22: Marie Campbell Day, America's First Ladies, invitations

2006.043.004: "1990-91 through 1999-2000 Presidents Books"

1990-1991 Elexor Barkus

Rolls:
1990-1991

Rosters:
1913-1991 Presidents of the Homemakers Club of Merriam, Kansas

1990, August: Living Past Presidents of Merriam Homemakers Club

Minutes:

1990, September 27- June 27, 1991

Letters:

1991, July 30: From International Circus Hall of Fame

Obituaries:

1990, July 14: Bernice R. Tyson

1991, May 7: Lenore M. Pflumm

Other:

Responsibilities of President, cards

1991-1992 Sally Stores

Rolls:

1991-1992

Rosters:

1991-1992

1913-1992 Presidents of the Homemakers Club of Merriam, Kansas

1990, August: Living Past Presidents of Merriam homemakers Club

Minutes:

1991, September 26- June 12, 1992

Obituaries:

1992, June 5: Pauline H. Uthe

1992, September 1: Roy P. Hanson

Other:

Cards, receipts from Johnson County Christmas Bureau

1992-1993 Elva Green

Rolls:

1992-1993

Rosters:

1992-1993

Minutes:

1992, September 24- May 27, 1993

Obituaries:

1992, September 28: Alrene Z. Sanders

1992, December 13: Raymond M.F. Beaver
1992, December 17: Harvey L. McHenry
1992, September 1: Roy P. Hanson

1993-1994 I. Werner

Rolls:
1993-1994

Rosters:
1993-1994

Minutes:
1993, October 29- April 28, 1994

Newspaper:
1994, April. "United States Army Uniform, 1942." *Johnson County Museums*.
1994, April 13: "People." *The Kansas City Star*.
1994, November.

Obituaries:
1994, January 30: Helen Marie Campbell

Other:
Poem, cards

1994-1995 M.K. Smith

Rolls:
1994-1995

Rosters:
1994-1995
1913-1995 Past Presidents

Minutes:
1994, September 30- June 29, 1995

Newspaper:
Roberts, Rob "A treasure trove of history." *Journal Herald*.

Obituaries:
1995, February 15: Wilma L. McAnaw
1995, April 28: Erlene O. Norris

1995-1996 Bessie F. Rusdisill

Rolls:
1995-1996

Rosters:
1995-1996

Minutes:
1995, September 28- June 20, 1996

Letters:
1995, November 3: From Johnson County Christmas Bureau

Other:
Cards

1996-1997 Catherine Downey

Rolls:
1996-1997

Rosters:
1996-1997
1913-1997 Presidents of the Homemakers Club of Merriam, Kansas

Minutes:
1996, September 26- May 29, 1997

Letters:
1996, August 23: From Catherine
1996, October 25: From Johnson County Christmas Bureau

Obituaries:
1996, September 27: Verl Irene Dickerson
1997, July 2: Ruth D. McHenry

Other:
Poems, biography of Woodrow Ridgway, receipts, cards

1997-1998 Deborah Owens

Rolls:
1997-1998

Rosters:
1997-1998
1913-1998 Presidents of the Homemakers Club of Merriam, Kansas

Minutes:
1998, January 29- April 30, 1998

Letter:

1997, September 25: From Deborah Owens
1997, October 1: From Johnson County Christmas Bureau
1997, December 11: From Deborah Owens

Other:

List, cards

1998-1999 Barbara Frederick

Rolls:

1998-1999

Rosters:

1997-1998

1998-1999

1913-1999 Presidents of the Homemakers Club of Merriam, Kansas

Letters:

1998, September 29: From Johnson County Christmas Bureau
From Dennis L. Patton

Minutes:

1998, October 29- May 27, 1999

Newspaper:

1998, May 21: "Homemakers of Hocker Drive to celebrate next Thursday."
Journal Herald. P.5B

1998, December 11: Lisa Bard "The Santa Lady." *The Sun Newspapers*. P. 12A

1999, May 26: The Kansas City Star. "*Johnson County*."

Bigus, Ruth Baum. "Society uses education to help preserve Overland Park
history."

Other:

Cards, receipts, brochures

1999-2000 Eliza Mann

Rolls:

1999-2000

Rosters:

1999-2000

Minutes:

1999, September 30- May 25, 2000

Letters:

1999, September 28: From Kansas City Hospice
1999, October 26: From Johnson County Christmas Bureau
1999, November 1

2006.43.005:

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Minutes:

2002, November 14-November 11, 1990

Rosters:

1991

1990

Other:

Letters, invitations, cards, receipts, past presidents lists, roster, club finances
6 color photos

2006.043.006: “2000-2001”

2000-2001 Myra Jenks

Rolls:

2000-2001

Rosters:

1999-2000

Minutes:

2000, September 28- May 31, 2001

Letters:

2000, August 1: from Elaine McIntosh

Obituaries:

2001, May 14: Wilma L. Grassberger

Other:

Invitations, Merriam Homemakers Club booklet, poems, brochures

2001-2002

Rolls

2001-2002

Roster

2001-2002

Minutes:

1999, July 14- May 30, 2002

Letters:

2001, September 2: From Dorothy Kroh

Other:

Schedule, responsibilities of President, invitations, brochures, cards, poems, lists

2002-2003

Rolls:

2002-2003

Roster:

2002-2003

Minutes:

October 2002- June 13, 2003

Newspaper Clippings:

2003, June: Cathy Williams. "Broader horizons offered by early women's clubs."

The Best Times. P.14

2003, June 4: Anitra Rowe. "Duo does clowning to impart message." *The Kansas*

City Star. P.10

Obituaries:

2002, September 28: Wayne Franklin Neal

2003, January 23: Susan Stokes Dixon

Other:

Merriam Homemakers Club booklet, invitations, cards

2003-2004

Letters:

2003, September 15

2004-2005

Rolls:

2004-2005

Roster:

2004-2005

Minutes:

2004, September 30- May 26, 2005

Newspaper clippings:

Hall, Edie. "Historic status goes to 3 homes." *The Kansas City Star*. P.10

1998, May 21: "Homemakers of Hocker Drive to celebrate next Thursday."
Journal Herald. P.5B

Anderson, Kevin. "Home preserves memory of long-gone family." *The Shawnee Dispatch*. P.1A, 3A

Other:

Booklet, 2004-2005 Club plans, poems

PERSONAL SCRAPBOOKS

2006.043.007: "Merriam Homemaker's Scrapbook" (1934-2000)

Rolls:

1913

1958-1959

Rosters:

1913, May: Charter Members

1913-1988 Presidents of the Homemakers Club of Merriam, Kansas

1957-1958

1976-1977

1978-1979

1984-1985

1986-1987

Newspaper clippings:

1934, "Homemakers Club of Merriam Kas. Comes of Age May 25," *Kansas City Star*
(Copy) 1934, "Homemakers Club of Merriam Kas. Comes of Age May 25," *Kansas City Star*

1939, February 23, "Hymns and Heart Songs Favored by Members of the Homemaker's Club"

1940, January 25, "Homemakers Club Will Meet Next Thursday"

1946, June, "Social Club now in its Thirty-Fourth Year"

1950, November 9, "Past Presidents of Club Enjoy Luncheon with the President,"
Johnson County Herald.

1956, Elizabeth Barnes. "Historic Johnson County; Homemakers' Club." *Johnson County Herald*.

1963, May 24. "Club Marks 50 Years of Being Neighborly," *Kansas City Times*.

1963, June 13. Elizabeth Barnes. "Historic Johnson County; Homemakers' Club Observes 50th Anniversary." *Johnson County Herald*.

1964, February 2. "To Observe Golden Anniversary; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Black."

1969, "Murrays to Observe Golden Anniversary

1972, "50th Anniversary for Loyd Dickersons

1974, February 3. "60th Anniversary." (Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Black)
 1975, March 3. "Easter Parade Was Really 'Old Hat.'" *The Kansas City Star*.
 1978, May 24. "Mr. and Mrs. George Cox; Their Fiftieth."
 1979, March 7. "Sola Bradley is honored."
 1979, August 29. "Marie Campbell Knew 'Ma Bell' Back When."
 1982, October 25. Tom Ramstack. "Memories Fill Harmony School Ceremony."
 1983, May 25. "Merriam Homemaker's Rule: No Rules or Dues." *The Suburban*.
 1983, May 20: "Merriam Homemakers mark 70th." *The Sun Newspapers*. P. 2A
 1983, February 9: "Granddaughter of Merriam Founder Has Birthday."
 1983, May 18: "Sarah Lewis was 100 Years Old."
 1984, Rob Roberts. "Methodists keyed up about new organ."
 1986: "The Birthday Times; Special Edition."
 1987, September 23. Stephanie Perry. "Korea beckons Merriam woman."
 1988, May 20. G. Fred Wickman. "This group is our kind of club." *The Kansas City Times*. P. D-7
 1988, May 20. "Merriam club hits 75th year." *Merriam Sun*.
 1988, May 18. "Merriam Homemakers Celebrating 75th." *Johnson County Herald*. P. 7C
 Turnbull, Roderick. "In Old Maple Hill; No Work-Savers for the Farm Wife."
 Undated article about Mrs. E.H. Horseman
 Undated

Letters:

1969, December 11: From Life Line Children's Home
 1973, February 28: From AFS International Scholarships
 1987, December: From Johnson County Christmas Bureau
 1991, March 11: From Johnson County Community College
 1996, July 1; From Baker University
 2000, May 20: From Elizabeth

Obituaries/Funerals:

1996, January 2: Hilda Fletcher Irwin
 1996, May 25: Mary Jane Hann
 1996, September 27: Verl Irene
 1996, December 1: Roger E. Werner
 1997, July 2: Ruth D. McHenry
 1999, September 24: Leanna Carter Bell
 1999, June 26: Charles F. Wilson
 1999, August 23: Lt. Col. Oliver E. Downey
 1999, October 29: Newton A. Smith
 2000, March 21: Stephen Eugene Scott
 2000, May 22: Stuart R. Stokes

Other:

1913-1987 presidents list
 1916: Transcript of telephone call between members Horner and Cox
 1913-1938 Silver Anniversary Dads Night

1957-1958 Duties of homemakers
1988, May 26: Margaret Miller Frazier. "Memories of Homemakers (in the eyes of a child)."
1990, February 22: "Marie Campbell Day."
Poems, burlap bag, dedication of Merriam Christian Church, cards

2006.043.008: "Margaret Davisson's personal album of Merriam Homemakers"

Rolls:

1950, November 11
1986-1987

Rosters:

1913-1988 Presidents of the Homemakers Club of Merriam, Kansas
1984-1985
1986-1987
1986-1987
1987 Living Past Presidents
1987-1988

Newspaper clippings:

1934, "Homemakers Club of Merriam, Kas., Comes of Age May 25." *Kansas City Star*.
1938, January 22: "Women's Club 25 Years Old." *Kansas City Star*.
1939, February 23: "Hymns and Heart Songs Favored by Members of the Homemakers' Club."
1939, June 1: "homemakers Elect Mrs. Charles Walters."
1940, January 25: "Homemakers Club Will Meet Next Thursday."
1946: Meeting announcement clippings
1947-1948: Articles from Johnson County Herald and Suburban Nation
1953, October 29: "Homemakers Fete a Member"
1963, May 24: "Club Marks 50 Years of Being Neighborly."
1963: Elizabeth Barnes. "Historic Johnson County; Homemakers' Club Observes 50th Anniversary." *Johnson County Herald*. P.2
1964, February 2: To Observe Golden Anniversary; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Black"
1973, July 22: "Jim Hamil" *The Kansas City Star Magazine*. P.8
1974, February 3: "60th Anniversary."
1975, March 31: Jean Christensen. "Easter Parade Was Really "Old Hat."" *The Kansas City Star*.
1976, Elizabeth Brooks. "A Salute to Kansas and Mission, Their Place in America's Growth. This Bi-Centennial Year."
1979, March 7: "Sola Bradley is honored."
1979, August 29: "Ma Campbell Knew 'Ma Bell' Back When." *The Suburban*. V.32
1982, August 8: *Kansas City Star*- Article about Radah Cox
1982, October 25: Tom Ramstack. "Memories fill Harmony School ceremony."
1983, February 9: "Granddaughter of Merriam Founder Has Birthday."

- 1983, June 1: Connie Strand. "Loosely-formed Merriam group strives to build pride in the past." *The Sun Newspapers*.
- 1984, February 5: "A Forgotten Kansan: Charles Curtis." *The Daily News*. P.3C
- 1984: Rob Roberts. "Methodists keyed up about new organ."
- 1986, March 16: Stan Finger. "Cabin where 'Home on the Range' was born draws plenty of visitors." *The Arizona Daily Star*. P. 12
- 1986, May 21: "Government paid Indians \$800 to use Santa Fe Trail." P. 12A
- 1986, May 23: "Meritorious Service," *The Sun Newspapers*. P. 3A
- 1986, August: "School thrived on simple pleasures."
- 1986, September 18: "Homemakers Club to meet" *The Suburban*. P. 4
- 1986, September 26: "Memories of a boyhood in Johnson County." *The Sun Newspapers*. P.12E
- 1986, October 23: "Merriam Homemakers Club meeting..." *The Suburban*.
- 1986, December 24: Steve Nicely. "Painting has potential to aid the community." *The Kansas City Star*. P.7
- 1986: "The Birthday Times; Special Edition."
- 1987, January 28: Rea Wilson. "The First Ladies." *The Sun Newspapers*.
- 1987, February 25: Steve Baska. "Prairie Village artist captures the magic of the KC Plaza." *The Sun Newspapers*. P. 14A
- 1987, Spring: "Kick off your winter shoes. Kick up your heels and celebrate the season."
- 1987, April 9: Brian Burnes. "The hills that made Kansas City what it is." P. 1C, 4C
- 1987, May 17: Joyce Rabas. "Merriam Day."
- 1987, June 12: Rick Montgomery. "Group quits before any man is last." P.11
- 1987, July 17: Steve Nicely. "Building 40 is ship shape and lots more." *The Kansas City Star*.
- 1987, June 19: "Development inevitable on 'Grapevine.'" P.12
- 1987, August: "Shopping center springs from rural cornfields." P.14, p.18
- 1987, August 21: Steve Nicely. "The artist's perspective; Painting portrays the Stover mansion as wonderment." *The Kansas City Star*. P.8
- 1987, September 9. Jim French. "Why was the old county Courthouse razed?" p.3
- 1987, September 9: Steve Nicely. "With age often comes value." *The Northeast Johnson County Star*. P.16
- 1987, September 23: "Historical Sites." P. 12D
- 1987, September 30: "King for a Day." *The Sun Newspapers*. P.2A
- 1987: Steve Nicely. "Days gone by." *The Kansas City Star*. P.21
- 1987, October 7: Steve Nicely. "Artist's strokes capture beauty, serenity of park." *The Kansas City Star*. P.9
- 1988, May 11: Mary de Zutter. "One more hearing on Marak house." *The Sun Newspapers*. P.2B
- 1988, May 18: "Merriam Homemakers Celebrate 75th." *Journal Herald*. P. 8C
- 1988, May 18: "Wayne Neal to be honored as grand marshal of 1988 parade." *Journal Herald*. P.2C
- 1988, May 20: G. Fred Wickman. "This group is our kind of club." P. D7
- 1988, June 8: "Beer, popcorn and bluegrass music...a retirement party with a difference." *The Sun Newspapers*. P.8A
- 1988, July 18: Ric Brack. "Home of 'Home on the Range' might have to move to town."

1988, July 23: David Goldstein. "A Johnson County memoir."
 1988: "Coordinating festival was a labor of love for Mary Kay Smith."
 2003, May 28: Nick Kowalczyk. "Club of 'nicest women' vibrant after 90 years." *The Kansas City Star*. P.3
 2003, May 17: Nick Kowalczyk. "Former mayor to lead area business group." *The Kansas City Star*.
 2003, June 4: Anita Rowe. "Duo does clowning to impart message." *The Kansas City Star*. P.10
 2004, March 13: Linda Cruise. "Merriam residents writing history of their city." *The Kansas City Star*. P.3
 Espinoza, Jo. "Remembering 'Gum Springs' - Alias Shawnee, Kansas."
 "Kansas State School for the Deaf"
 Nicely, Steve. "Engineer turns to painting in spare time." *The Kansas City Star*.
 Nicely, Steve. "Prolific artist enjoys work." *The Kansas City Star*.
 Nicely, Steve. "Dr. Bob says suburban flock is maturing." *The Kansas City Star*. P.14
 Nicely, Steve. "Artist has international following." *The Kansas City Star*.
 Nicely, Steve. "Painter's subjects are as varied as her experiences in life." *The Kansas City Star*.
 "Johnson County history"

Minutes:

1986, September 25- June 25, 1987

Letter:

1956, October 29: from Lorina E. McShane
 1959, October 29th: from Ethel Tarr Riggs
 1964, December: from Nellie V. Meyer

Obituaries:

1966, March 22: "Barkley Rites Today"
 1986, May 4: Mrs. Elizabeth H. Boxmeyer
 1986, August 3: Mrs. Helen T. Butterworth
 1986, October 6: Mrs. Velma C. Trego
 1986, December 31: Helen F. Sullivan
 1987, February 1: Marguerite Marie Barkley
 1987, August 2: Fannie D. Walter
 1987, August 8: Radah P. Cox
 1987, September 5: Frances D. Stark
 1988, May 12: Lucille Black

Other:

1987, June 10: Menu
 1988, May 26: Margaret Miller Frazier. "Memories of Homemakers (in the eyes of a child)"
 1990, February 22: "Marie Campbell Day"

Postcards and cards, music sheets, speech, poems, roll call suggestions, Xeroxes of photos

2006.43.9: "Obituaries, Services, Thank You's, etc. 1961-1997"

Obits:

1961, March 2: Mrs. Maude D. Sanders

1966, June 8: X. Ouray Meyer

1965, April 13: Mrs. Harold Garver (Elizabeth)

1971, April 26: Thomas N. Moffett

1971, August 25: Marie O. Walmer

1972, August 4: Ruth Davis

1973, April 29: John W. Irwin

1974, January 29: Bessie Cheatum

1974, June 9: Virginia Nigh

1976, March: Dorothy A. Meyers

1977, July 10: Nellie V. Meyer

1977, July 28: Ruth Bell

1977, October 19: Florence Campbell

1977, November 7: Augusta Curry

1979, February 1: Mrs. Jo Miller

1979, March 22: Lenore Campbell

1979, July 7: Mrs. Kate Lyons

1986, May 6: Elizabeth H. Boxmeyer

1986, October 6: Velma C. Trego

1986, October 19: James B. Hann

1986, December 31: Helen F. Sullivan

1986: Mrs. Helen T. Butterworth

1987, August 2: Fannie D. Walter

1987, August 8: Radah P. Cox

1988, March 23: Gladys Engel

1988, May 12: Lucille Sanders Black

1990, March 20: Harriette D. Moore

1992, June 5: Pauline H. Uthe

1992, September 28: Alrene Z. Sanders

1992, December 17: Harvey L. McHenry

1992, December 13: Raymond M.J. Beaver

1995, February 10: Wilma L. McAnaw

1995, April 3: Marie Horseman

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14 Photographs removed from returned brown scrapbook: "Photographs 1913-1996"

10 Loose photographs

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2 photographs

2006.043.011-.012 Cartoons

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs removed from president's books and files [2006.43.1a-m]

Photograph removed from scrapbook [2006.43.2 a]

Photograph removed from scrapbook [2006.43.4 a]

Photographs attached to scrapbook with a form of adhesive [2006.43.6 a-c]

Photograph removed from scrapbook [2006.43.8 a]

Photographs loose or removed from a returned scrapbook [2006.43.10 a-x]

Photographs [2006.43.13-.14]