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Phoebe Jane Ess (1850-1934) Foundation Records
1935-1939
six folders

Reports of Recording Secretary and membership lists, minutes, treasurer's reports, and information on the dispersal of Foundation funds which were among others contributed to the Crippled Children's Fund, the Gold Star Scholarship Fund, the Phoebe Jane Ess Scholarship, and to the purchase of books for the University of Kansas City Library.

HISTORY:

The Phoebe Jane Ess Foundation was formed in 1935 to honor the memory of one of Kansas City's foremost club women—Mrs. Henry N. (Phoebe Jane Routt) Ess. Mrs. Ess was born March 3, 1850 and died April 10, 1934. She was an active leader in civic affairs in Kansas City, a pioneer in women's suffrage, a founder of the Kansas City Athenaeum, the Council of Women's Clubs, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the State Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Women's City Club. She was also active in the Susan B. Anthony Club, the Citizens League and the Red Cross war work.

The Phoebe Jane Ess Foundation's objectives were to continue the philanthropic work of Mrs. Ess and to establish a lasting memorial to her. The Foundation operated from 1935-1939. During that period it contributed to the Crippled Children's Fund, the Gold Star Scholarship Fund, the Phoebe Jane Ess Scholarship, and to the purchase of books for the University of Kansas City Library.

On May 13, 1939, the foundation, sensing its work had been accomplished, unanimously approved a resolution to disband.

PROVENANCE:

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DESCRIPTION:

The records include meeting minutes, treasurer's reports, and information on the dispersal of Foundation funds. A volume giving a year-by-year listing of officers, members, and friends contributing to the Foundation is also included.

INVENTORY:

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| Folder 1. | Recording Secretary's Reports, 1935-1939 |
| Folder 2. | President's Reports, 1938 |
| Folder 3. | Treasurer's Reports, 1935-1939 |
| Folder 4. | Correspondence, 1938-1939 |
| Folder 5. | Membership booklets, including constitution and by-laws, 1936-1939 |
| Folder 6. | Membership book |