

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
K0437 (KA1268+)
NATIONAL LEAGUE OF AMERICAN PEN WOMEN, KANSAS CITY –
WESTPORT BRANCH RECORDS, 1931-2011

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Introduction

Approximately 6 cubic feet, 9 oversize volumes

This collection consists of organization minutes, a secretary's book, president's records, achievement reports, miscellaneous yearbooks, histories, and nine oversize scrapbooks, as well as organizational newsletters.

The National League of American Pen Women, Inc. is an organization of professional women writers, lecturers, artists, photographers, and composers. The League was organized in 1897 by three professional women in Washington, D.C., where its national headquarters are located. The Westport Branch by-laws state their objective is to "conduct and promote creative and educational activities in Art, Letters, and Music." It continues on to name the specific ways Pen Women are to work to achieve the objective. The Kansas City Pen Women were organized in 1920 as the first branch in the Kansas City area. In 1936, the organization split into the Kansas City Branch and the Liberty Branch. In 1945, after years of confusion over the location of the branch being located in Liberty, Missouri, the Liberty Branch changed its name to the Westport Pen Women, the name that they are known by today. Miss Mattie Burton, Mrs. Beulah Morgan, and Dr. Marie A. Greene were some of the founding members whose contributions lasted until late in their lives. The Westport Pen Women hosted the Midwest Regional Conference in June 1971, and were a great success with branches from six other Midwest states attending. In 1983, the Westport Pen Women were still an active group with approximately 37 members.

Donor Information

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See also collection K0308 Westport Branch/National League of Pen Women Records, 1936-1990.

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Location Note

The collection is stored offsite and will need to be retrieved before viewing.

Box List

Box 001

Scrapbooks

1931-1938
1936-1942
1941-1947
1950-1952
1952-1954
1954-1956

Box 002

Scrapbooks

1962-1964
1964-1966
1970-1972
1980-1982
1982-1984
1986-1988

Box 003

Minutes

1943-1946
1948-1950
1954-1958
1958-1960
1982-1984
1984-1986
1985-1990

Secretary's book

1970-1974

President's records

1982-1984
1984-1986

Achievement Reports

2/1948-11/1949
12/1949-12/1951

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Miscellaneous yearbooks, histories, etc.

Newsletters 1994-1996

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Newsletters 1988-1993

Newsletters 2001-2004 (KA1312)

Box 004

(KA1438)

f. 1 *The Bubble House*, by Dorothy Fox, paperback, 2005

f. 2 Guestbook, 1983-1998 (pages removed from binder)

f. 3 Scrapbook, 1998-2000

f. 4 Scrapbook, 2000-2001

f. 5 Meeting minutes, August 1996-April 2000

f. 6 Meeting minutes, 2003-2004 (KA1510)

f. 7 Meeting minutes, January-May 2004

PRESIDENT'S FILES (LONDRE)

f. 8 Meeting minutes, August-December 2004

f. 9 Meeting minutes, January-August 2005

f. 10 Meeting minutes, September 2005-October 2006

f. 11 Treasurer's reports and correspondence, 2004-2006

f. 12 Reference and immediate action, 2004-2006

f. 13 Business contracts, 2004-2006

f. 14 Organizational information, c. 2000s

f. 15 *The Pleasure of Your Company: A guide to women's club installations*, by Vicki Lavorini, 1992

f. 16 Charters, n.d.

f. 17 Membership information and forms, c. 1990s-2006

f. 18 Branch listings, officer/committee lists, 1998-2006

f. 19 Miscellaneous reports, 2000-2004

f. 20 Member's writing

f. 21 *1999 Writings*

f. 22 Contests, exhibits, events, c. 1990s-2000s

f. 23 Newsletters, 1993-2006 (incomplete)

f. 24 Tax and bank information, c. 1990s-2000s

f. 25 Member memorials and obituaries, 2002-2010

f. 26 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1999-2006

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f. 27 Owl logo, stationary

Box 005

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f. 1 Minutes, agendas, newsletters; 2004-2006

f. 2 Minutes, agendas, newsletters, 2004-2006

f. 3 Kansas City-Westport Branch, roster and bylaws, 2002-2004

Box 006

f. 1 *The Pen Woman*, 1998

f. 2 *The Pen Woman*, 2000

f. 3 *The Pen Woman*, 2001

f. 4 *The Pen Woman*, 2002

f. 5 *The Pen Woman*, 2003

f. 6 *The Pen Woman*, 2004

f. 7 *The Pen Woman*, 2005

f. 8 *The Pen Woman*, 2006

f. 9 National League of American Pen Woman Roster, 2004-2006

f. 10 National League of American Pen Woman Roster, 2008-2010

f. 11 Veterans' Voices, Fall 2004

f. 12 National League of American Pen Women Poetry & Art
Exhibition, 1993

f. 13 Past, Present, & Future Perfect: History of KC Branch, NLJ
American Pen Woman, 1985

f. 14 Yearbooks KC Branch, 1940s-1950s

f. 15 Yearbooks KC Branch, 1960s-1970s

f. 16 Yearbooks KC Branch, 1980s-1990s

f. 17 Yearbooks KC Branch, 2000s

f. 18 Newsletters, 1998-2011

f. 19 White House Collection of Statue of Liberty Poetry

f. 20 Stars on the Mississippi by Ruby Holland Rosenberg, 1956

f. 21 Local Competitions, August 2000-May 2002

f. 22 Missouri State Conference, 2001

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- f. 23 Kansas City Westport Meetings, August 2000-December 2000
*August Board Meeting 2000, September 2000, October 2000,
November 2000, December 2000*
- f. 24 Kansas City Westport Meetings, January 2001-December 2001
*January 2001, February 2001, March 2001, April 2001, May
2001, August Board Meeting 2001, September 2001, October
2001, November 2001, December 2001*
- f. 25 Kansas City Westport Meetings, January 2002-May 2002
January 2002, February 2002, March 2002, April 2002, May 2002
- f. 26 Kansas City Westport Meetings, January 2001-December 2001
*August Board Meeting 2001, September 2001, October 2001,
November 2001, December 2001*
- f. 27 Kansas City Westport Meetings, January 2003-December 2003
*January 2003, February 2003, March 2003, April 2003, May
2003, August Board Meeting 2003, September 2003, November
2003, December 2003*

Oversize Box

(KA1312)

Oversize Scrapbooks

1947-1950
1973-1974
1976-1978
1978-1980
1994-1996
1996-1998

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Oversize Scrapbooks

1965-1970
1974-1976
1984-1986