

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
K0604 (KA0989, KA2000, KA2202)
P.E.O. RECIPROCITY GROUP OF GREATER KANSAS CITY RECORDS,
1916-2013

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Introduction

Approximately 3.5 cubic feet.

The collection consists chiefly of the minutes and reports of the Kansas City PEO. Also included is a history of PEO, lists of presidents and officers, membership directories, state convention programs, and slides and program notes of Cottey College.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood, a women's educational and philanthropic club, was founded on January 21, 1869, at Iowa Wesleyan College. At that time, there were almost no societies for women. The founders, Hattie Briggs, Franc Rhodes, Mary Allen, Allie Coffin, Suela Pearson, Allie Bird, and Ella Stewart, decided upon an oath, a constitution and a name for their society. Their desire to participate in the organization of women began the club movement among women. Thus the P.E.O. Sisterhood was one of the pioneer societies for women. "P.E.O. exists to be a source of encouragement and support for women to realize their potential in whatever worthwhile endeavor they choose."

Although P.E.O. chapters were initially college chapters, as its members grew older and retained their memberships, town chapters evolved. Over time, chapters were formed throughout the United States. By 1923, there were thirty-one thousand members and the organization had an educational philanthropy with an investment of two hundred thousand dollars.

The first chapter in Kansas City was formed in 1893. In 1894, the Missouri State Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood was organized.

Donor Information

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Box List

Box 1

RECORDING SECRETARY'S BOOKS

- Item 1. November 1916-October 1921
- Item 2. May 1925-March 1930
- Item 3. April 1930-February 1936

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- Item 4. March 1936-April 1941
- Item 5. April 1941-March 1947
- Item 6. March 1947-September 1953
- Item 7. October 1953-February 1960
- Item 8. March 1960-April 1964

MINUTES/ PRESIDENT'S BOOK

- Item 9. Minutes, 1964-1991
- Item 10. President's Book, 1938-?

Box 2

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

- Folder 1. The Story of PEO, 1869-1923
- Folder 2. Directories, Kansas City PEO, 1971, 1977, 1980, 1983, 1989, 1992
- Folder 3. Convention programs, proceedings, Missouri State Chapter, 1966, 1977-83, 1985, 1986, 1988, and 1991
- Folder 4. Convention programs, proceedings, Missouri State Chapter, 1981-1983; 1985, 1986, 1988, 1991

Box 3 (KA2000)

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

- Folder 1. Donor paperwork-Western Historical Manuscript Collection-KC (State Historical Society of Missouri-Research Center-K.C.), 1998
- Folder 2. Greater Kansas City Reciprocity Group, directories 1995, 2003
- Folder 3. Correspondence, 1988-1991
- Folder 4. By-Laws, P.E.O. Cooperative Board of Kansas City, 1919, 1936
- Folder 5. By-Laws and revisions, 1987-1989
- Folder 6. Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules, 1991
- Folder 7. Historic Communications, miscellaneous, 1926-1997
- Folder 8. Minutes-Group Meetings, 1991-1998
- Folder 9. President's Book (retired), 1992-1994; lists of officers of co-operative board 1937-1995; lists of presidents of co-operative board 1917-1994; reciprocity officers/chapters 1917-1991
- Folder 10. Officers and Delegates, 1935-1998
- Folder 11. Annual President's Reports, 1958-1999
- Folder 12. Annual Reports-Officers, 1992-2000

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- Folder 13. Treasurer's Reports, 1926-1994
- Folder 14. Mary D. Lawrence Scholarship, 1958-1991
- Folder 15. Cottey College, 1951, 1987-1991; includes 1951 letters concerning admitting Negro girls
- Folder 16. Reports, Missouri P.E.O. Home Fund, Inc., 1976-1991
- Folder 17. Inspiration Day / Founders Day, 1953-1993
- Folder 18. Missouri State P.E.O. Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, May 17-20, 1967
- Folder 19. Reports, Unaffiliate Committee, 1955-1991
- Folder 20. Rental Contract-Second Presbyterian Church, 1976
- Folder 21. Bookmarks, "Steady as We Go", verse by Dorothy N. Stephens, K.C., MO.
- Folder 22. Publications: The Story of P.E.O., 1869-1923, and 1924-1936
- Folder 23. Publications: Roberts Rules of Order, 1970; *P.E.O. Convention* booklets, 1997, 2001, 2002, 2003
- Item 24. Box containing: Cottey College slides and program notes (1970s – early 1990s)

Box 4 (KA2202)

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

- Folder 1. Reports, Arrangements Committee, 1983-2003
- Folder 2. Reports, Auditing Committee, 1982-2003
- Folder 3. Reports, Budget & Financing Committee, 1984-2003
- Folder 4. Reports, By-laws & By-law Committee, 1983-2003, 2012
- Folder 5. Reports, Cottey College Committee, 1983-2004
- Folder 6. Reports, Courtesy Committee, 1981-2002
- Folder 7. Reports, Directories Committee, 1982-2004, 2012
- Folder 8. Reports, I. D. Badge Committee, 1983-2003
- Folder 9. Reports, Inspiration Day Committee, 1992-2003
- Folder 10. Reports, Mary D. Lawrence Scholarship Committee, 1992-2003
- Folder 11. Reports, Nominating Committee, 1992-1999
- Folder 12. Reports, Outreach Fund (Home Fund), 1991-1994, 1999-2003
- Folder 13. Reports, President, 2000-2003, 2012-2013
- Folder 14. Reports, Publicity, 1983-2000

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- Folder 15. Reports, Secretary (Recording & Corresponding), 1997-2003
- Folder 16. Reports, Telephone/Calling Committee, 1983-2003
- Folder 17. Reports, Treasurer, 1994-2006, 2012-2013
- Folder 18. Reports, Unaffiliate Committee (lists), 1991-2003
- Folder 19. Reports, Vice-President, 1997 & 2002
- Folder 20. Convention, 1993
- Folder 21. Convention program, Missouri State Chapter, Cape Girardeau MO, 2003
- Folder 22. Convention proceedings, Missouri State Chapter, St. Louis & Columbia, Missouri, 2009-2010
- Folder 23. Correspondence, 1985-2003, 2013
- Folder 24. Meeting place (Second Presbyterian Church), 1990 & 1995
- Folder 25. Officer and delegate rosters, 1991-2003
- Folder 26. Reciprocity presidents' box contents, 1988-1998
- Folder 27. Meeting minutes/agendas, 1998-2003
- Folder 28. Meeting minutes/agendas, 2012-2013
- Folder 29. Official visits, 1977-1993
- Folder 30. Publications, P.E.O. and Alumnae Recruitment Handbook, 1989-1991
- Folder 31. Publications, GKCA Reciprocity Group Directories, 2001 and 2003
- Folder 32. Publications, P.E.O. Reciprocity Group Directory, 2008
- Folder 33. Miscellaneous documents (procedure guide for nominating chairman), 1982-2003
- Folder 34. Johnson and Wyandotte Counties Reciprocity, 1993-1995

KC P.E.O. RECIPROCITY REPORTS, MINUTES & ROSTERS

- Folder 35. 2003-2004
- Folder 36. 2004-2005
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Folder 42. 2010-2011