

Information Sheet

**R 994 Rolla Friendship Homemakers Club (Rolla, Mo.).
 Records, 1946-1994.
 Six folders.**

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These are the record books, yearbooks, correspondence, and miscellaneous papers of the Friendship Homemakers Club in Rolla, Phelps County, Missouri. The home economics club for adult women was organized in 1946 under the auspices of the University of Missouri Agricultural Extension Service.

The University of Missouri Agricultural Extension Service first established home economics clubs in Phelps County in 1934. Three clubs were organized 1934-1937, two in Rolla and one (Mill Creek) in the Newburg area. The clubs flourished in the 1940s and 1950s, and additional groups formed at Rolla as well as Jerome, St. James, and Edgar Springs, making a total of nine clubs numbering 126 members. By 1977, the Mill Creek and Jerome clubs had disbanded, but other newly-established groups brought the number of Phelps County women participating in the clubs to 187. By then, loosely-organized as the Phelps County Homemakers Extension Council, the clubs were affiliated with the University's Cooperative Extension Service, the Missouri Extension Homemakers Association, and the Missouri Association for Family and Community Education. Rolla resident Jan Vaughn was especially active on the state level.

The organizational meeting of the Friendship Club took place in Rolla on 5 September 1946. The stated aim of the club was self-improvement of family, home, and community. Mrs. L. D. Skinner became the first president of the club, which was limited to persons living within the Rolla School District. Fifteen to twenty active members generally attended the monthly meetings, which featured demonstrations on various kitchen and household projects, but also programs on money management, estate matters, local government, education, and cultural events. The club was reorganized as the Rolla Friendship Homemakers Club in 1973, at which time a new constitution was drafted. The last meeting on record was June 24, 1986, but a membership list exists for 1993-1994. The club seems to have become inactive after 1994.

The Friendship Club's records consist of record books (mostly containing minutes of meetings), yearbooks featuring the club's annual activities, and miscellaneous correspondence and papers. The minutes of meetings in folders 1-3 begin with the organizational meeting in 1946 and continue through 1967. There are no minutes for the 1970s, but those for 1983-1986 are extant. The yearbook series in folder 4 begins in 1965. The small booklets featuring the club's activities are most complete for the 1970s and 1980s. The last yearbook was filled out in 1989. Miscellaneous papers in folders 5 and 6 include the constitution written in 1973, lists of the clubs in Phelps County and their combined membership, printed materials from events, and newspaper clippings.

Shelf List

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Folders 1-4: Record books and yearbooks, 1946-1989

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F. 2: Record books, 1964-1971

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F. 3: Record books, 1983-1986 (pages removed from spiral-bound notebooks)

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F. 4: Yearbooks, 1965-1989

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Folders 5-6: Miscellaneous papers, 1969-1986

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F. 6: Correspondence, 1973-1986

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Home economics—Study and teaching—Missouri.
Missouri Association For Community and Family Education.
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Rolla (Mo.).
Rolla Friendship Homemakers Club (Rolla, Mo.)—Records and correspondence.
University of Missouri. Agricultural Extension Service.
Vaughn, Jan.
Women—Societies and clubs.