



Guide to the Concord Female Charitable Society Records, 1811-1997

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

Concord Female Charitable Society Records, 1811-1997

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Creator:

Concord Female Charitable Society

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The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

14 boxes and flyers

Abstract:

These records of the Concord Female Charitable Society date from 1811 to 1997 and include constitutions, annual reports, meeting minutes, membership lists, and financial records. The Society was founded in 1812 to accomplish charitable goals for individuals and families in Concord. It continued for close to 200 years.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Concord Female Charitable Society Records are composed of three accessions. One was made in 1943; one was made in 1996; and one was made in 1999. The entire collection is housed under the accession number: M 1996.048. These Society records were gifts of Mary Stearns (1947), the Grace Foster estate, the Kimball Jenkins estate, and Eleanor Provencher (1999).

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by an unknown person at an unknown date. The author of the original finding aid is likewise unknown; it was rewritten and formatted by Laura Heath Reboul in June, 2014. This finding aid follows the standards set forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

The majority of the collection is open for research use; however, some recent records are restricted. These materials will be marked in the Contents List portion of this finding aid as: [restricted].

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

Fourteen boxes. Several flyers in Special Collections.

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Collection Overview

Administrative History:

The Concord Female Charitable Society was founded in 1812 to accomplish charitable goals for individuals and families in Concord. The directors were responsible to “ascertain, from time to time, the proper objects of charity, with the nature of their wants: they shall order what supplies shall be given to families, or individuals...” The Society continued for close to 200 years, dissolving in 1997. See article by Henry McFarland from the 1900 edition of the Constitution, found in Box 2, for more information.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Concord Female Charitable Society Records collection contains constitutions, annual reports and meeting minutes, membership lists and financial records for the organization. These records cover the period from 1811-1997. Among the records are a Sunday School Music book dated 1830, Sunday school tracts, temperance and anti tobacco flyers, discourses delivered by Henry Elijah Parker in 1858 and by Reverend Nathaniel Boutin in 1862 (on the 50th anniversary of the Concord Female Charitable Society), and an article by Henry McFarland from the 1900 edition of the Constitution. The collection has been built from various donations. Restrictions on recent records are described in the Contents List section below.

The collection is divided into five series: Series I. Early Loose Records, 1812-1877; Series II. Printed Constitutions, 1824-1987; Series III. Annual Reports and Minutes, 1811-1997; Series IV. Membership, Dues and Treasurer's Records, 1818-1987; and Series V. Ledger and Loose Pages, 1967-1997.

Arrangement:

The Concord Female Charitable Society Records, 1811-1997, are arranged in 5 series by type of record:

Series I. Early Loose Records, 1812-1877

Series II. Printed Constitutions, 1824-1987

Series III. Annual Reports and Minutes, 1811-1997.

Series IV. Membership, Dues and Treasurer's Records, 1818-1987

Series V. Ledger and Loose Pages, 1967-1997.

Contents List

Series I. Early Loose Records, 1812-1877

Extent: 1 box

Scope and Content: Series one contains early loose records, 1812-1877 including a discourse delivered before the Concord Female Charitable Society by Henry Elijah Parker in 1858 and a memorial discourse delivered by Rev. Nathaniel Boutin on the 50th anniversary of the Concord Female Charitable Society in 1862. Contents in other folders include letters, a Sunday School Music book, Sunday school tracts, and American Tract Society imprints. Temperance and anti tobacco flyers have been transferred to Special Collections.

Box 1

Folders 1-3 Letters, 1815, 1830-1840, 1851-1869

Folders 4-23 Annual reports and minutes, 1812-1815, 1817-1822, 1824-1843 and 1848-1851

Folders 24-25 Handwritten constitutions, 1817-1843 and undated

Folder 26 Sunday School Music book, 1830

Folder 27 Temperance and anti tobacco flyers transferred to Special Collections

Folder 28 Sunday school tracts

Folder 29 American Tract Society imprints

- Folder 30 Parker, Henry Elijah. A discourse before the CFCS, Concord, NH, McFarland & Jenks, 1858 [23p; 23 cm]
- Folder 31 Boutin, Reverend Nathaniel Memorial discourse on 50th anniversary of CFCS, delivered in North Church, Concord, NH, January 28, 1862
- Folder 32 Treasurer's miscellaneous. Including bankbook, 1824, 1841, 1870's
- Folders 33-41 Bills, 1831, 1833, 1835, 1839, 1841, 1846, 1849, 1850 and 1853
- Folder 42 Miscellaneous

Series II. Printed Constitutions, 1824-1987

Extent: 1 box

Scope and Content: Series two consists of printed copies of the Constitution from 1824 on, the Acts of Incorporation, membership lists for several years and anniversary publications starting in 1912.

Box 2

- Folder 1 Constitution, printed by George Hough, 1824 [7p; 16 cm]
Includes a list of members, 3 copies
- Folder 2 Constitution etc. published 1844, 2 copies
- Folders 3-4 Constitution, printed by Steam Printing Works of MacFarland & Jenks, Phenix Block, Concord, 1856, 2 copies
- Folders 5-6 Constitution, printed by the Independent Press Association, Concord, 1870, 2 copies
- Folders 7-8 Acts of Incorporation and Constitution with a list of members, printed by the Republican Press Association, Concord, 1888, 2 copies (gift of Mary Stearns, 1947)
- Folders 9-10 Acts of Incorporation and Constitution with a catalog of members, printed by Rumford Press, 1900, 2 copies (gift of Mary Stearns, 1947)
- Folders 11-12 One hundredth anniversary, 1812-1912; with Acts of Incorporation and Constitution, catalog of members and reports, 2 copies (gift of Mary Stearns, 1947)
- Folder 13 One hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary, Concord, 1937, 1 copy
- Folder 14 One hundred and fiftieth anniversary, 1812-1962, 1 copy
- Folder 15 One hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary, 1812-1987, Concord, NH, Wenden, Inc., [28 p, 20 cm], 1 copy

Series III. Annual Reports and Minutes, 1811-1997.

Extent: 6 boxes

Scope and Content: Series two consists of Boxes 3-8, which contain Annual Reports and the minutes of monthly Board Meetings from 1811 through 1997. Some of the materials are restricted. Materials from 1962-1974 (about half of the contents of Box 6) are restricted until 2024. Materials from 1975-1985, contained in Box 7, are restricted until 2035. Materials from 1986-1997, contained in Box 8, are restricted until 2049.

Box 3 1811-1833; 1811-1833; 1812-1840; 1834-1844; 1843-1858

Box 4 1852-1866; 1858-1884; 1867-1889; 1881-1890; 1885-1906; 1890-1902

- Box 5** 1903-1913; 1914-1928; 1928-1943; 1943-1954
- Box 6** 1954-1962
1962-1974 restricted until 2024
- Box 7** 1975-1985 restricted until 2035
- Box 8** 1986-1997 restricted until 2049
- Folder 1 Recording Secretary's Minutes 1985
- Folder 2 Recording Secretary's Minutes 1986
- Folder 3 Recording Secretary's Minutes January-June, 1987
- Folder 4 Recording Secretary's Minutes September-December, 1987
- Folder 5 Annual Meeting and Reports 1987, 1988
- Folder 6 Recording Secretary's Minutes January-March, 1988
- Folder 7 Recording Secretary's Minutes April, 1988
- Folder 8 Recording Secretary's Minutes May-December, 1988
- Folder 9 Monthly Board Meetings, 1989
- Folder 10 Annual Meeting and Reports, 1989
- Folder 11 Monthly Board Meetings, 1990
- Folder 12 Annual Meeting and Reports, 1990, 1991
- Folder 13 Monthly Board Meetings, 1991
- Folder 14 Monthly Board Meetings, 1992
- Folder 15 Monthly Board Meetings, 1993
- Folder 16 Monthly Board Meetings, 1994
- Folder 17 Board of Directors' Meetings – Minutes January-June, 1995
- Folder 18 Board of Directors' Meetings – Minutes September-December, 1995
- Folder 19 Board of Directors' Meetings – Minutes January-June, 1996
- Folder 20 Board of Directors' Meetings – Minutes September-December, 1996
- Folder 21 Board of Directors' Meetings – Minutes 1997

Series IV. Membership, Dues and Treasurer's Records, 1818-1987

Extent: 5 boxes

Scope and Content: Series four, Boxes 9-13, consists of membership, dues and treasurer's records from 1818-1987. Box 13, with records from 1968-1987, is restricted until 2049.

- Box 9** Membership and dues, 1818-1825; 1826-1837; 1837-1841; 1842-1855; 1856-1862
- Box 10** Membership and dues, 1863-1877; 1873-1899; 1900-1919
Treasurer's records, 1878-1888; 1890-1899 (Grace Foster, donor); 1899-1905 (Grace Foster, donor)
- Box 11** Treasurer's records, 1906-1914; 1915-1924; 1923-1931
- Box 12** Treasurer's records, 1949-1957 and 1958-1963
- Box 13** Treasurer's records, 1968-1987 restricted until 2037

Series V. Ledger and Loose Pages, 1967-1997

Extent: 1 box

Scope and Content: Series five consists of a ledger and loose pages relating to the Concord Female Charitable Society 1967-1997. Box 14, which contains these materials, is restricted until 2049.

Box 14 Ledger and loose pages 1967-1997 (gift of Eleanor Provencher, June, 1999) restricted until 2049

Separated Materials:

Temperance and anti tobacco flyers. Transferred to Special Collections.

Subject Terms

People:

Boutin, Reverend Nathaniel

McFarland, Henry

Parker, Henry Elijah

Organizations:

Concord Female Charitable Society

Kimball Jenkins Estate

Subjects:

Charities

Music – Sunday School, 1830

Temperance

Tobacco

Women

Locations:

Concord, NH

Concord, NH – North Church