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**WOMEN'S CIVIC FORUM
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INTRODUCTION

This finding aid focuses on the records of the Women's Civic Forum of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee. Organized early in 1933 this group represented, in the beginning, a federation of eleven women's organizations whose purpose was to serve as a clearing house for matters of civic interest, and for the public discussion of such questions through open forums as occasion warranted. Women's organizations having a Public Affairs Department were eligible for membership. Meetings were held monthly (September through May). After over a half-century of existence it was realized that most member organizations were doing the same services, that Networks and Roundtables were duplicating the activities of the Forum, and there was difficulty in securing leadership. The Women's Civic Forum concluded as an organization in 1987.

The materials in this finding aid measure 1.5 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the material. The records of the Women's Civic Forum were placed on deposit with the Tennessee State Library and Archives in 1987.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Women's Civic Forum records of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee, containing approximately 1000 items, span the period 1933-1987. The collection is composed of publicity clippings, Constitution and By-laws, minutes, rosters and roll calls, studies (papers) submitted by member organizations, and treasurer's reports—all of which are reflected in the "Reports" in the Container List.

The minutes of the monthly meeting offer insight on a wide range of topics and concerns which were of interest to civic minded organizations and their members in middle Tennessee. Among the issues that speakers addressed were sanitation problems and smoke abatement; school finances; library needs; juvenile delinquency; law enforcement; planning for the Nashville Metropolitan areas; civil defense; child labor, conditions at the General Hospital; revision of the Tennessee Constitution; a proposed civic auditorium for Nashville; allocation of tax dollars; venereal diseases; and public playgrounds, etc.

The records in the collection have been arranged chronologically by year.

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