

Finding Aid to the Travois Club (Fargo, N.D.) Records

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Travois Club Records, 1936-1974

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Collection number: Mss 314

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OVERVIEW

Access: The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Institute.

Provenance: Scrapbook donated by the Ada G. Walster, 1965 (Acc. 1379); all other documents donated by Cynthia Selland, 1997 (acc. no. 2482)

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HISTORY

The Travois Club of Fargo, N.D. was first conceived on January 10, 1934 by twelve women interested in improving their self culture. Shortly thereafter, a constitution and bylaws were drafted and the Women's Club of Fargo officially came into existence. In 1936, it became a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. At this point, the name of the club had officially changed to the Travois Club, though the exact year when this occurred is unknown. Over the course of its ninety year existence, the club was small, at around thirty members. Its primary purpose was to be a social organization for its members, though periodically it organized fundraisers and other such events.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records of the Travois Club detail the club's activities from 1936 to 1974. Primarily consisting of meeting minutes and a scrapbook, there are a handful of other related documents as well. There are five series in the collection: Meeting Minutes, Membership Booklets, Correspondence, Club Affiliations, and Scrapbook.

The [Meeting Minutes Series](#) includes typed and handwritten notes of meetings from 1950-1970. The minutes are generally complete, and provide an excellent look at the club's activities.

The [Membership Booklets Series](#) consists of a single booklet from 1963-1964. Mentioned in it are members and officers.

The [Correspondence Series](#) is very small, comprised of four notes and letters to club members, primarily in the 1950s.

The [Club Affiliations Series](#) consists of three documents relating to the club's membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs and North Dakota Federation of Women's Clubs.

The [Scrapbook Series](#) consists of one scrapbook, compiled about 1955 by Ada G. Walster, one of Fargo's most prominent residents. The most interesting part of the collection, the scrapbook includes member biographies, historical information, ephemera, newspaper clippings, and other items related to the club.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

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