

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND WOMEN GLENS FALLS COLONY 25 RECORDS: A Guide to the Collection

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** National Society of New England Women. Glens Falls Colony
Number 25.
- Title:** National Society of New England Women, Glens Falls Colony
Number 25, Records.
- Dates:** 1918-1997.
- Abstract:** The National Society of New England Women, composed of
women of New England ancestry, is dedicated to patriotic,
educational, and charitable work. The records of Glens Falls
Colony Number 25 contain minutes of meetings, treasurer's books,
guest books, scrapbooks, by-laws, yearbooks, certificates, a history
of the Colony, and newsletters.
- Quantity:** 5 cubic feet (10 boxes)
- Identification:** Archives & Manuscripts: Organizations

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The objective of the National Society of New England Women is to bring together women of New England ancestry to engage in patriotic, educational, and charitable work. Women over 18 years who descend from one or more ancestors born in New England prior to the adoption of the Constitution of the United States in 1789 can apply to become active members. The Glens Falls Colony Number 25 of the National Society of New England Women was founded on June 27, 1916.

Activities of the Glens Falls Colony have included work for the Red Cross, donations to many health-related charities, historical essays and poems, and scholarships. Charitable projects funded by the National Society in 1990 included: the Kurn Hattin Homes, Inc., a residential school for underprivileged boys and girls in Vermont; the Clark School for the Deaf; Helping Hand Fund to provide temporary or emergency aid to members of the society; the Maude Brown Pendleton Student Loan Fund, and the Emma Hardy Slade Student Loan Funds; the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Club, the Veterans' Hospital Committee, and the U.S.O Clubs.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The records of the Glens Falls Colony Number 25 of the National Society of New England Women contain minutes of meetings, treasurer's books, guest books, scrapbooks, by-laws, yearbooks, certificates, a history of the Colony, and newsletters. The records span the dates from 1918, two years after the Colony's founding, to 1997. Yearbooks, 1970-1997, for the Glens Falls Colony list members, officers, and provide details about the monthly meetings, including the speaker's topic. The speakers often gave talks on historical themes. The group's monthly meetings are further described in newsletters, and especially in the scrapbooks.

Scrapbooks form a significant portion of the records and contain newspaper clippings, photographs, and related material primarily concerning activities of the Glens Falls Colony. Also included in some of the later scrapbooks are programs of the annual Congress of the National Society of New England Women, along with photographs and leaflets describing significant historic sites. One of the main purposes of the scrapbooks was to assist in publicizing the Glens Falls Colony. Compilers of the scrapbooks include Jenne June Joslyn MacNaughton, Arlene B. Storie (Mrs. William Kenneth), Ruth W. Davison (Mrs. Aldace H.), Anna S. Whipple (Mrs. Harry A.), and Olive Stiles Walkup.

There are yearbooks and newsletters in this collection that describe the National Society of New England Women for the years 1990-1997. The national publications contain reports from each chapter, including the activities of the Glens Falls Colony. The national yearbook for 1990-1991 mentions colony contributions to numerous charitable projects including: the Kurn Hattin Homes, Inc., a residential school for under privileged boys and girls in Vermont; the Clark School for the Deaf, Helping Hand Fund to

provided temporary or emergency aid to members of the society; the Maude Brown Pendleton Student Loan Fund, and the Emma Hardy Slade Student Loan Funds; the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Club, the Veterans' Hospital Committee, and the U.S.O Clubs.

A typed article, *History of Glens Falls Colony, 1916-1991*, written for the seventy-fifth anniversary, is included in the collection. The records of the Glens Falls Colony Number 25 contain valuable information on regional history, women's history, and charitable activities in Glens Falls, N.Y.

ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

Minutes (Secretary's Records)

Treasurer's Book

Guest Books

Scrapbooks

By-laws

Yearbooks

Certificates

History of the Colony

Newsletter, *The Clipper*

INDEX TERMS

Topics: Charities—New York (State)—Glens Falls.
Patriotism.
Women—New York (State)—Glens Falls—Societies and clubs—
History.

Places: Glens Falls (N.Y.)—History.

Organizations: National Society of New England Women.

Important People: Davison, Ruth W.
MacNaughton, Jenne June Joslyn.
Storie, Arlene B.
Van Dyke, Marilyn.
Walkup, Olive Stiles.
Whipple, Anna S.

Form/Genre: Minutes.
Photographs.
Scrapbooks.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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