PEABODY DAMES COLLECTION

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
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Historical Note

The Peabody Dames was first organized in 1915 with its object being “the promotion of sociability among its members and the discussion of current interests, and such other forms of self-improvement as shall be designated from time to time.” The first minutes from the meetings of the Peabody Dames date from 1917 and are entered in a notebook that also contains some reports of the Treasurer and rolls of membership.

The constitution and articles of the club state that “the annual meeting shall be held the first Friday in November of each year for election of officers and the receiving of annual reports.” The Peabody Dames membership included students and wives of students, faculty, and wives of faculty, administrative staff, and mothers of students, and any woman officially connected to Peabody. The Peabody Dames organization closed its doors in the 1970’s before the merger of George Peabody College with Vanderbilt University.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains a miscellany of records (historical, financial, membership, press, and other) from this social club connected to George Peabody College for Teachers. The collection is .84 linear feet and covers the years 1917 until 1974. In addition there is a scrapbook containing photographs, reports, yearbooks, and programs and which includes materials from the years 1953-1957.

File Listing

BOX 1

1) Notebook containing records of the Peabody Dames, 1917-1926
2) Articles of the “Peabody Dames” Constitution
3) Constitution and Articles of the Peabody Dames with revisions
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5) Constitution and Articles; Duties of Recording Secretary and Forms for Minutes
6) Statement of Purpose - Draft
7) Duties of Peabody Dames Officers; Hostess Needs and Assignments; Hostess Duties
8) Yearbook - 1923-24; 1924-1925
9) Yearbooks - 1934
10) Yearbooks - 1952-53; 1953-54; 1954-55; 1955-56
11) Yearbooks – 1956 -17; 1957-58; 1958-59; 1959-60
13) Yearbooks - 1963-64; 1965-66; 1966-67
14) Yearbooks - 1972-73; 1973-74
15) Correspondence Record - July 1970 - April 1971
16) Correspondence - 1970-1971
17) List - Peabody Dames - January 17, 1934
18) Lists of names of members
19) Peabody Dames Faculty List, 1970 - 71
20) Peabody Dames Student List, 1970 - 71
21) List of Graduate Students at Peabody - Fall 1973
22) Guest List - Peabody Dames Tea - September 26, 1970
23) Peabody Dames Interest Groups - 1971; Useful information concerning available services - September 1971
24) “The Good Life on Little or Nothing” - in Nashville, September 1973
25) Dames Dispatch---Monthly Newsletter - Jan. 1957; April 1957; undated
26) “Peabody Dames Newsletter” - March 1974
27) “The Post” vol.xxvi no. 18, George Peabody College, Friday May 4, 1973

BOX 2

1) Newspaper clippings - Peabody Faculty Aid Dances and other
2) Newspaper clippings
3) Meeting notices – 1940 - 1943
4) Meeting notices – 1968 - 1969
6) Invitations to Peabody Dames addressed to Mrs. Alfred L. Crabb - 1935 - 1940
7) Invitation to tea at the President’s house - September 23, 1971; September 11, 1973
8) Invitation to Potluck Picnic - August 30, 19??
11) Invitations and notice of events
13) Ideas for Programs and comments
14) Financial records and receipts
15) Bank record - Third National Bank
16) Bank records - Third National Bank
17) Bank records - Third National Bank
18) Bank records - First American National Bank
19) Peabody College Diploma (Ph. T. - Putting Hubby Through) awarded to Wynne Egerton; Roberta Epstein; Nicki Fitzgerald; Helen Pitzer; Joyce Yeargan
20) Peabody College Diploma (Ph.T. - Putting Hubby Through) - blank forms
21) Peabody Dames Letterhead Stationery
22) Scrapbook materials
23) Scrapbook materials
24) Graduate Orientation - September 5, 1972
25) Peabody College - General information
26) Folk art and other brochures
28) Photographs of the Fashion Show in February 1967:
   1) Mrs. John Petry (Frances)
   2) Mrs. Cheatham Hodges (Joan)
   3) Mrs. Jack Susskind (Regina)
   4) Dames Valentine Banquet, February 1967 - all 15 identified

**BOX 3**

Peabody Dames Scrapbook
This scrapbook covers the years from 1953 to 1957 and contains items such as invitations, photographs, newspaper clippings, the monthly newspaper, and the committee, membership, and program booklets from these years along with other items relating to the Peabody Dames.