

**REGISTER OF
THE CLEMSON BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, 1947-1989**

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Mss 81, 2 cu. ft.

INTRODUCTION

This collection consists mainly of papers relating to the organization and activities of the Clemson Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) from 1947- 1989. The philosophy and aims of the organization are explained in a history found in the collection.

The collection was donated to Clemson University in February, 1986 by Myra Bregger, Clemson Branch President from 1951- 1953 and an active member of the national, state, and local AAUW for nearly forty years. Additional material was donated by Edythe Larnbert in 1987 and Myra Bregger in 1990. There are no restrictions on the use of this collection beyond those of Special Collections. This collection was processed by David Redekop in 1987 with additional material being added and revisions to the register done by Karen Bates in 1990.

ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The American Association of University Women was founded in 1882 as a group dedicated to opening doors for women in the area of education and widening their opportunities to use their training. The first branch in South Carolina was organized in Greenville in 1919. By 1924 four branches existed in South Carolina and together they held their first state convention in order to elect a state executive.

The qualifications for membership include being a woman and having at least a Bachelor's degree. However, in South Carolina in 1920, no accredited universities granted degrees to women, so AAUW membership had to be recruited outside of South Carolina. By 1936 four colleges were granting women degrees and by 1961, seven, so new branches were able to open across the state.

Mrs. Dan P. Thompson, Jr., during January, 1947, met with four other ladies from the Clemson area about organizing a branch of the AAUW in Clemson. On February 13, 1947, a meeting was held with over one hundred women in attendance. Mrs. W. M. Burnett, President of the South Carolina AAUW, along with Miss Margaret Keith, Vice-President of the South Carolina AAUW, presented the history, philosophy, and aims of the AAUW. Officers were selected to fill positions and the Clemson Branch was granted a charter. Thirty nine members were listed in the 1947-1948 year book.

Over the past forty years the Clemson branch has distinguished itself in many community projects, including organizing a public library in Clemson during the early 1960's; creating a children's movie series; cooperating in the establishment of the Messenger, Clemson's first

weekly newspaper; helping to found the Clemson Area Day Care Center; and actively encouraging children's art exhibits, reading hours, and hobby shows.

The AAUW has also focused attention on national issues such as world peace, equality of the sexes, affirmative action, and other related issues. The Clemson branch has sent delegates to national conventions dealing with these issues, has held forums inviting state and local politicians, and has worked through grass roots programs to see these issues placed on the national agenda. The Clemson branch has served Clemson and the women who are a part of Clemson for nearly forty years, and continues to contribute to the community's success.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The AAUW Clemson Branch papers contain material documenting the Clemson Branch's foundation in 1947 and activities within the community. These papers mainly concern the projects and programs of the Clemson Branch, such as Book Fairs, cultural projects to help Clemson's foreign students adjust to America, and educational activities such as cooperating with local school administrators to set up meetings with parents. The donors of the papers, Myra Bregger and Edythe Lambert, were active members during these years, and there are a few records that relate to their leadership on committees such as legislative programming, Planning, and Finance.

The collection basically covers the Clemson branch and includes membership lists dating back to 1948, branch officer lists, program calendars, newsletters, and project files that all date back to the 1940's and 1950's. National and state records are limited to brochures and newsletters, though some convention reports are contained within the collection.

SEPARATION LIST

Photographs:

1. 9 black and white 5x7 snapshots taken from AAUW branch project of women and careers
2. 1 5x7 black and white group picture
3. 1 5x8 black and white taken from AAUW branch project at Daniel High School in Clemson on career guidance.
4. 3x5 black and white photo on women and careers.
5. 3 8x10 black and white group photographs
6. 24 3.5~5 color photographs taken from the Educational Foundation Program during a branch meeting.
7. 6 sheets of black and white proofs of group and individual photos.

Negatives:

1. 13 strips of negatives

CONTAINER LIST

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1	Advertising - local, state, and national
2	40th Anniversary-AAUW
	Annual Reports
3	1947-1951
4	1952
5	1961-1965
6	1966-1987
7	Book and Plant Fair
8	Budget 1952- 1986
9	By-laws-AAUW-Clemson Branch 1947-1948; 1958; 1962; 1964; 1968; 1969; 1975; 1981; 1983; 1985
	Career Seminars
10	Advertising, Correspondence, and Brochures
11	Grant and Financial Records
12	News clippings and Press Releases
13	Workshops, Correspondence, and Evaluations
	Career Workshop
14	1980
15	1982
16	1983-1984
17	Certificates, Citations, and Awards, 1977-86
18	Citations, Named Gift 1977-88
19	Clemson Public Library Project
20	Community, State, and National Projects
21	Constitution and Policy Agendas
	Continuing Education Brochures
22	1947-1968
23	1969-1977
24	Contribution Report Forms- 1986
25	Correspondence (Includes correspondence from Dr. Ruth Roettinger)
26	Death Announcements
27	Educational Foundation Local and State Reports 1959- 1988
28	Educational Foundation National Association
29	Educational Foundation Programs (EFP) 1968- 1987
30	EFP Named Gift Recipients
31	Energy-AAUW Topic
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38	Honors, Awards-Clemson Branch Clemson University 1963-87
39	Information for September handouts. Clemson Branch-AAUW
	Interest Area:
40	Education-AAUW 1958-87
41	International Relations
42	Junior and Great Books
43	Legislative Programming 1948-86
44	Legislative Programs 1980- 1 987
	Membership Lists
45	1947- 1964
46	1965- 1974
47	1975-1987
	Minutes-AAUW-Clemson Branch
48	1947-1955 vol. 1
49	1955-1962 vol. 2
50	1962-1968 vol. 3
51	1962- 1968 (removed from ledger)
52	1968-1972 vol. 4
53	1984-1987
	Names Honored
54	1979-1985
55	1985-1987
56	National Publications-Research Grants and Fellows
57	Newsclippings 1948- 1989 Clemson Branch
	Newsletters-Clemson Branch-AAUW
58	1947-1949
59	1950-1955
60	1962-1965
61	1966- 1968
62	1969-1972
63	1973-1975
64	1976- 1978
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66	1982-1983
67	1984- 1985
68	1986-1987
69	Officers List-AAUW Clemson Branch 1962- 1984
70	Orientation For Girls In Elementary School "Guidance Day"

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	Palmetto Leaf, S.C. Division-AAUW Division Newsletter
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74	Personalities-Introductions and Tributes
75	Policy Notes - AAUW Legislative History
76	Policy Sheets
77	Presidential and Convention Reports
78	Priorities for the Nation's Schools
79	Program Calendars 1957- 1983
80	Projects-AAUW 1947- 1986
81	Report Form Files 1987- 1988
82	Sample Forms
83	South Atlantic Region-AAUW
84	Twenty- fifth Anniversary 1972-73 Clemson Branch-AAUW
85	White, Eleanor Marshall
86	Women's Issues and Women's History AAUW