

PEABODY DAMES COLLECTION

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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, wives of students, faculty, wives of faculty, administrative staff, 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 0.84 linear feet and covers the years 1917 to 1974. In addition there is a scrapbook containing photographs, reports, yearbooks, and programs which includes materials from the years 1953 to 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
- 4) Constitution and Articles of the Peabody Dames with revisions
- 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
- 12) Yearbooks - 1960-61;1961-62; 1962-63
- 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 Newslette - 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
- 5) Meeting notices - 1970 - 1971
- 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??
- 9) Invitations and programs - Peabody Women's Club Guest Musical Tea, May 6, 1955; Holiday Party, Dec. 1, 1961; Fashion Show, March 2, 1962; Progressive Tea, April 9, 19??
- 10) Announcements - "Dames Farewell Brunch"; "Student Saved by Survival Kit"; "Peabody Dames Progressive Dinner" May 11, 1973; "Poem" Feb. 1957
- 11) Invitations and notice of events
- 12) Letter soliciting members - n.d.; October 1970
- 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 Yeagan
- 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
- 27) Program - The Trees of Christmas, Dec. 1972 - Tennessee Botanic Hall, Cheekwood, Nashville, Tennessee
- 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 committee, membership, and program booklets from these years along with other items relating to the Peabody Dames.