

# Denver Federation of Colored Women's Clubs

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
<b>Creator</b>	Denver Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. (Denver, Colo.)
<b>Title</b>	Denver Federation of Colored Women's Clubs
<b>Date</b>	N.d.
<b>Extent</b>	5.5 Linear feet 5.5 lf + 6 flat boxes (16x20)
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Subjects</b>	Denver Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Colorado State Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Colorado Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Northwest Regional Association of Colored Women's Clubs, National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, George Washington Carver Day Nursery, African Americans, African American Women, Women Societies and clubs, Day care centers
<b>Collection [Box]</b>	5.5 lf + 6 flat boxes
<b>Abstract</b>	This is a collection of programs, meeting minutes, financial statements, by-laws, scrapbooks and other materials relating to the following series: the Denver Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, the Northwest Regional Association of Colored Women's Clubs and the Colorado State Association of Colored Women's Clubs. The Colorado Federation series also includes a sub-series which contains records for the George Washington Carver Day Nursery in Denver. The Denver Federation of Colored Women's Clubs is actually made up of several different smaller clubs and there are materials that relate to several of these. Interested

researchers may also wish to check with the Blair-Caldwell Library in Denver and the African-American Studies Department at CU-Metro.

**Preferred Citation**

Cite as: Denver Federation of Colored Women's Clubs Collection (Mss. Collection 3040), Colorado Historical Society, Denver, Colorado.

## Historical Note

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The Denver Federation of Colored Women's Clubs (D.F.C.W.C.) is an organization that represents several different women's clubs in the city of Denver and was organized in 1903 by Mrs. Alice Webb. Some of the clubs included are the Self Improvement Social Service Club; the Taka Art and Literary Club (Camellia Taka Art and Literary Club); the Carnation, Art, Literary and Charity Club; the Pond Lily Art, Literary and Service Club; and the East Denver Garden and Civic Club.

The Colorado Association of Colored Women's Clubs (C.A.C.W.C.) was organized in 1903 by Mrs. Elizabeth Ensley and represents clubs from all over the state, including those clubs part of the Denver Federation. The Colorado Association was instrumental in the creation of the George Washington Carver Day Nursery in 1916. This Nursery was located in a house at 23rd and Clarkson in Denver, and was available for working mothers of all races. In 1973 this nursery became part of the Mile High Child Care Association.

The Northwest Regional Association includes clubs from northwest geographic region of the United States. The states that are part of the Northwest Regional Association include: Idaho, Colorado, Utah, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Washington and Alaska.

There are also some materials from the National Association (N.A.C.W.C.), which was founded in 1896 by Harriet Tubman, Mary Church Terrell and Josephine Ruffin (among others). The N.A.C.W.C.'s headquarters are in Washington D.C. and it is known as America's oldest women's organization.

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## Scope and Content

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The collection is organized into four series: The Denver Federation, The Colorado State Association, The Northwest Regional Association and the National Association. Series Colorado State Association also includes the sub-series, Nursery, which contains materials relating to the George Washington Carver Day Nursery.

The Denver Federation series contains two boxes and nine flat boxes. Box 1 includes materials regarding the organization's history, constitutions, meeting minutes, finances, property, officers and various clubs. Box 2 in this series includes materials relating to the organization's events, awards and partnerships with other organizations such as the Assistance League of Denver, Colorado Council of Black Nurses, the Urban League of Denver and Denver Opportunity. Flat boxes 8-16 contain various scrapbooks holding photographs, newspaper clippings, event programs, flyers, tickets and other memorabilia relating to the organization.

The Colorado State Association Series contains material relating to the State Association which includes the organization's history, constitutions, meetings, conventions and events. The Nursery sub-series

includes material relating to the George Washington Carver Day Nursery. These materials relate to the nursery's history, as well as annual reports, financial statements and board meetings. There are two handwritten history books in flat box 17.

The Northwest Region Series contains one box of materials (box 5) relating to the Northwest Regional Association of Colored Women's Clubs. These materials cover the history, meetings and conventions held by the Region.

The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs (N.A.C.W.C.) Series contains two boxes (boxes 6 and 7) of materials relating to this organizations history, constitutions, by-laws, financial statements, annual reports, fundraisers, conventions and members.

Series eight through twelve were processed and added in 2015 after the first four series and 11 boxes were processed in 2008.

The series added are organized into the same four series previously established in 2008 with two series added.

The Northwest Region of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs is series 8. The series contains convention publications, letters, reports, lists of officers, history, and meeting agendas.

The Colorado State Association of Colored Women's Clubs is series 9. This series contains convention materials for biennial conventions and the 75th anniversary convention, address books with member numbers and addresses, and flyers from special events.

The Denver City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs is series 10. This series includes reports about finances and annual reports from smaller committees in Denver. The committees included in the Denver City Federation include East Denver Garden and Civic Club, Pond Lily Arts and Service Club, la Bella Art and Literary Club, Camellia Art Club, Harriet Tubman Civic and Arts Club, National Association of Girls Clubs, Sophisticates Social and Civic Club, and Stitch and Chatter Club. Meeting minutes and annual reports for these clubs are in the files.

Johnnie Peters was added to make series 11. The papers in this series includes notes, letters, and pamphlets created by Peters. She was the Colorado state president for the Colorado State Association of Colored Women's Clubs.

June Pryor was added to make series 12. The papers in this series includes notes, letter, and pamphlets used and made by Pryor. She was the Colorado State Association president.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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## **Provenance**

The Denver Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, June 2007.

## **Processing Information**

Processed by, Aly Jabrocki, April, 2008.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Colorado State Association of Colored Women's Clubs.
- Denver City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.
- National Association of Colored Women's Clubs.
- Northwest Region of Colored Women's Clubs.

### **Genre(s)**

- Annual reports, Corporate
- Correspondence.
- Newsletters.

### **Subject(s)**

- African American women civic leaders
- African American women--Societies and clubs
- African American women.

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## **General note**

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## Collection Inventory

### **Series I Denver Federation of Women's Clubs 1947-2007, undated**

File Folder 1 History 1975-2002, undated

File Folder 2 Constitution and By-Laws 1947-1985, undated

File Folder 3 Meeting Minutes, Agendas, and Notes 1990-2007

File Folder 4 Finances 1972-2003

File Folder 5 Correspondence 2000-2003

File Folder 6 Property 1987-2003

File Folder 7 Officers 1998-2003, undated

File Folder 8 Pond Lilly Arts and Service Club 1952-1983

File Folder 9 Pond Lily Arts and Service Club Undated

File Folder 10 La Bella Art Club 1982-2003, undated

File Folder 11 Self Improvemnt Social Club 1976-1981, undated

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File Folder 12 Travel and Culture Club 1982-2002

File Folder 13 East Denver Garden and Civic Club 1976-1992, undated

File Folder 14 Taka Art and Literary Club 1976-2002

File Folder 15 Carnation Art, Literary and Charity Club 1976-1979

File Folder 16 Stitch and Chatter Club 1976

File Folder 17 Delecta Dames Social and Charity Club Undated

File Folder 18 Item # 1 1986

File Folder 19 Event Programs 1977-2002

File Folder 20 Articles 1980-2006, undated

File Folder 21 Committees 2000-2002

File Folder 22 Photographs 1955-1982, undated

File Folder 23 Member Dues 1970-1971, undated

File Folder 24 Member Drives Undated

File Folder 25 Newsletter 2000

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File Folder 26 Meeting Schedules Undated

File Folder 27 Homecoming 1984-2002

File Folder 28 Luncheons 1996

File Folder 29 Parade of Dolls 1981-1990

File Folder 30 Christmas Parties 1974-1975

File Folder 31 Awards and Certificates 1987-2001

File Folder 32 Rosa Zulong 1972-1980

File Folder 33 Concerts 1947-1967

File Folder 34 Songs and Poems Undated

File Folder 35 Dorcas 1981

File Folder 36 Commission on Community Relations Undated

File Folder 37 Assistance League of Denver 1972-1974, undated

File Folder 38 Minority Professional Directory 1980

File Folder 39 Denver Opportunity 1979-1980

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File Folder 40 Urban League of Denver 1979-1980

File Folder 41 Black Organizations Directory 1992

File Folder 42 Colorado Council of Black Nurses 1979

File Folder 43 Sigma Gamma Rho Debutantes 1969-1988

File Folder 44 Frederick Douglas Day 1962

File Folder 45 Infant Dedication 1978

File Folder 46 Pamphlets Undated

**Series 2 Colorado State Association of Colorado Women's Clubs 1928-2003, undated**

File Folder 47 History 1964-1998

File Folder 48 Constitutions and By-Laws 1970-1992, undated

File Folder 49 Meeting minutes, agendas, and notes 1983-2003

File Folder 50 Correspondence 1969-2002

File Folder 51 Finances 1980-2003

File Folder 52 Newsletter 1998

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File Folder 53 Article 2001

File Folder 54 Awards and Certificates 1996-2001

File Folder 55 Event Programs 1979-2002

File Folder 56 Event Flyers 1998-2002, undated

File Folder 57 Press release 2001

File Folder 58 Officers 1962

File Folder 59 Photograph undated

File Folder 60 Digital print 2000

File Folder 61 History book volume number 2 1949-1978

File Folder 62 Convention Programs 1928-1984

File Folder 63 Convention Workshops 1983-1992

File Folder 64 Membership Drive 1998

File Folder 65 Founder's Day 1985-1990

File Folder 66 Address Book Undated

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File Folder 67 Poems and Songs 1998, undated

File Folder 68 Chapter Closing Undated

File Folder 69 Nursery History 1992, undated

File Folder 70 Nursery Constitution and By-Laws 1991

File Folder 71 Nursery Annual Reports 1970-1979

File Folder 72 Nursery Correspondence 1976-1982

File Folder 73 Nursery Financial Statements 1970-1995

File Folder 74 Nursery Newsletter undated

File Folder 75 Nursery board meetings 1995-1998

File Folder 76 Nursery board meeting 1995

File Folder 77 Nursery Item #2 1972-1978

File Folder 78 Nursery Programs 1966-1987

File Folder 79 Nursery article Undated

File Folder 80 Nursery Application for Funding 1996

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File Folder 81 Nursery Employee Benefits Undated

**Series 3 Northwest Region of Colored Women's Clubs 1979-2003, undated**

File Folder 82 History undated

File Folder 83 Constitutions and By-Laws 1981

File Folder 84 Meeting Minutes 1997-2001

File Folder 85 Correspondence 1989-2002, undated

File Folder 86 Speeches 2001-2003, undated

File Folder 87 Annual reports 1989-2001

File Folder 88 Awards and certificates 1983-1997

File Folder 89 Articles 1989-2000, undated

File Folder 90 Convention Programs 1979-2001

File Folder 91 Evaluations 1998

File Folder 92 State Bulletins 2002

File Folder 93 Travel 1987-2000, undated

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File Folder 94 Invoices 1993-2002

File Folder 95 Poems and Songs Undated

**Series 4 National Association of Colored Women's Clubs 1976-2003, undated**

File Folder 96 History 1995, undated

File Folder 97 Constitution and By-Laws 1982, undated

File Folder 98 Convention and meeting minutes 1986-2001

File Folder 99 Correspondence 1997-2002

File Folder 100 Financial Statements 1988-2001

File Folder 101 National Reports 1997-2001, undated

File Folder 102 State and Regional Reports 1997-2000

File Folder 103 Statistics 1996-2002

File Folder 104 Renaissance Project 1987-1995, undated

File Folder 105 National Newsletters 1983-2002

File Folder 106 Club Protocol Undated



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File Folder 107 Fundraising 1994-1998, undated

**Series 7 National Association of Colored Women's Clubs 1969-1999, undated**

**Processing Information note**

Items in this series were processed 2015 after boxes 1 to 11

File Folder 123 National Notes Magazine 1981-1999

File Folder 124 National Notes Magazine 1981-1999

File Folder 125 National Notes Magazine 1981-1999

File Folder 126 National Notes Magazine 1981-1999

File Folder 127 Handbooks 1969-1998

File Folder 128 Biennial Conventions 1978-1998

File Folder 129 Biennial conventions 1978-1998

File Folder 130 100th Anniversary Convention 1996

File Folder 131 Centennial Publications 1996

File Folder 132 Correspondence 1976-1997

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File Folder 133 Memorials 1991-1996

File Folder 134 Agendas 1990-1996

File Folder 135 Reports 1976-1990

File Folder 136 Committees 1994-1996

File Folder 137 Leadership Intensive Program for Women 1997

File Folder 138 Newspaper- The Washington Informer 1996

File Folder 139 A suggested program for Sunday afternoon observance of National Association of Colored Women's Clubs week undated

File Folder 140 Membership 1996-1997

File Folder 108 Committees 2000

File Folder 109 Candidates Undated, 1992

File Folder 110 500 club 1998, undated

File Folder 111 Promotional Pamphlets 2000, undated

File Folder 112 Workshops 2000-2001, undated

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File Folder 113 Convention Programs 1976-1998

File Folder 114 Convention Programs 2000-2002

File Folder 115 Meeting Agendas 2000-2001

File Folder 116 Promotional Item Undated

File Folder 117 Item # 3 1978

File Folder 118 Scholarships 2001, undated

File Folder 119 Inventory Undated

File Folder 120 Sponsors 2001

File Folder 121 Frederick Douglas Contest 2001

File Folder 122 Grandparent's Academy 2001-2003, undated

**Series 5 Denver Federation of Women's Clubs Oversize 1928-1998 Oversize materials**

Item 1 Scrapbook 1973-1985, undated Light blue scrapbook with gold trim and detailing, approximately 12" X 14" X 2"

Item 2 Scrapbook 1966-1969 Green scrapbook with gold trim, approximately 12" X 14" X 1"

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Item 3 Scrapbook 1928-1998, undated Dark blue scrapbook with gold trim, approximately 12" X 14" X 3"

Item 4 Scrapbook 1955-1991, undated Brown scrapbook with gold trim and silver "1" taped to cover, approximately 12" X 14" X 1"

Item 5 Scrapbook 1986-1989, undated Brown scrapbook with gold trim and silver "2" taped to cover, approximately 12" X 12" X 2"

Item 6 Record book 1964-1968 Light blue record book with red, brown and black trim containing handwritten history of club

Item 7 Scrapbook 6 1989-1990, undated Light brown scrapbook, approximately 10" X 10" X 1"

Item 8 Scrapbook 7 1986-1993, undated Red scrapbook, approximately 10" X 10" X 1"

Item 9 Scrapbook 8 1967-1996, undated Blue scrapbook with pink rose on cover, approximately 12" X 12" X 2"

Item 10 Record book 2 1940-1944 Black two-ring binder, approximately 10 X 10 X 1" containing handwritten notes of club activities

Item 12 Scrapbook 9 1960-1984, undated White scrapbook with pink rose and "Camellia Art Club" on cover, approximately 12" X 12" X 3"

Item 13 Record book 3 1953, undated Black ledger book with red corners and spine, approximately 10" X 12" X 1", containing handwritten records of club activities

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**Series 8 Northwest Region of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs 1987-1999**

**Processing Information note**

These items were processed after boxes 1 to 11

File Folder 141 Convention Materials 1987-1998

File Folder 142 Convention Programs 1981-1999

File Folder 143 General Correspondence 1991-1999

File Folder 144 Finance Reports 1988-1999

File Folder 145 Officers 1989-1997

File Folder 146 History undated

File Folder 147 Executive Board Meetings 1988-1991

File Folder 148 Miscellaneous 1998, undated

Item 14 Record book 4 1953-1973, undated Black ledger book with red corners and spine, approximately 10" X 12" X 1", containing handwritten records of club activities

**Series 6 Colorado State Association of Colored Women's Clubs Oversize 1922-1959**

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Item 11 History book 1 1922 Volume No. 1 History Book State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs of Colorado; black, approximately 9" X 10" X 1"

Item 15 History book 2 1959 Volume No. 2 History Book State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs of Colorado; black with red corners and spine, gold lettering, approximately 10" X 12 " X 4"

**Series 9 Colorado State Association of Colored Women's Clubs 1961-2003**

**Processing Information note**

These items were processed after boxes 1 to 11

File Folder 149 Address Books 1998, undated

File Folder 150 Convention Programs 1973-2003

File Folder 151 Convention Programs 1973-2003

File Folder 152 Convention Programs 1973-2003

File Folder 153 President's Council of Metropolitan Denver 1996-2000

File Folder 154 Financial Reports 1986-1996

File Folder 155 Correspondence 1961-1996

File Folder 156 Special Functions Programs 1985-1992

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File Folder 157 Annual Reports 1959-1976

File Folder 158 State President's Message undated

File Folder 159 75th Anniversary Plans 1978

File Folder 160 Cookbook 1982

**Series 10 Denver City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs 1974-2003**

File Folder 161 Membership Forms Undated

File Folder 162 Annual Reports 1973-1991

File Folder 163 Finance Reports 2000-2003

File Folder 164 Meeting Agendas 1978-2003

File Folder 165 Pamphlets 1963-2003

File Folder 166 Officers 1974, undated

File Folder 167 Notes 1979, undated

File Folder 168 East Denver Garden and Civic Club Undated

File Folder 169 Pond Lilly Art and Service Club- minutes, rosters, and programs 1954-1990

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File Folder 170 Pond Lily Arts and Service Club- meeting minutes 1975-1969

File Folder 171 La Bella Art and Literary Club 1986-1998

File Folder 172 The Committee of Arts and Crafts 1990-1996

File Folder 173 Camellia Art Club 1980-1991

File Folder 174 Stitch and Chatter Club 1984

File Folder 175 Colorado Black Women for Political Action 1992

File Folder 176 Negro Woman's Club Association of Denver Undated

File Folder 177 National Council of Negro Women Roster 1976

File Folder 178 Sophisticates Social and Civic Club 1965-1983

File Folder 179 National Association of Girls Clubs Undated

File Folder 180 Ways and Means Committee- Correspondence 1992-1996

File Folder 181 Harriet Tubman Civic and Arts Club 1990

File Folder 182 The Self Improvement Social and Service Club 1990

**Series 11 Johnnie Peters 1975-1993**



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**Processing Information note**

These items were processed after boxes 1 to 11

File Folder 183 Letters 1975-1999

File Folder 184 Programs 1983-1993

File Folder 185 Notes 1992, undated

**Series 12 June Pryor 1974-1992**

File Folder 186 Letters 1974-1992

File Folder 187 Convention materials 1982-1997

File Folder 188 Convention materials 1982-1997

File Folder 189 Committee Reports 1974-1990

File Folder 190 Notes Undated

File Folder 191 Colorado Association of Colored Women's Clubs Convention Plans 1984

File Folder 192 Club Officers undated

File Folder 193 National Association of Colored Women's Clubs Materials 1995-1998