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Collection

2000.85

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Collection Information

Abstract : Binders of clippings, photographs, letters, brochures, etc., detail the club history, its activities, and a special Americanism project undertaken by the club.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Gift of Betty Johnson, Auburn, Mass., Chairman of Worcester Emblem Club #51, November 17, 2000.

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcsh, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

Supreme Emblem Club of the United States.
Worcester Emblem Club #51 – History.
Women – Societies and clubs.
Women – Charities.
Women – Massachusetts – Worcester.
Soldiers' homes – Massachusetts.
Homeless veterans – Massachusetts – Worcester.
Shelters for the homeless – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks.

Historical/Biographical Notes

The first Emblem Club in the United States was established in Providence, R.I., in April 1926. Members were required to be female, United States citizens, over age 18, and wife, mother, or daughter of an member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks. The Worcester Emblem Club was instituted in May 1934 as the 51st club of the Supreme Emblem Club of the United States. In 1991 at the Supreme Convention, a change in by-laws allowed women not related to Elks to join the Emblem Clubs. In 1999, it was voted to allow men to join an Emblem Club if sponsored by an Elk and an Emblem member. In January 2000, Worcester Emblem Club initiated its first male member.

The club's activities include sponsorship of Brownie troops, volunteering with the American Red Cross, and various Americanism projects, including services to homeless and disabled veterans.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of bound scrapbooks with clippings, memoranda, letters, photographs, programs, brochures, etc., arranged to describe the organizations history in two volumes, activities in three volumes, and a specific Americanism project in two volumes, although with considerable overlap. Collection ranges from its establishment in 1926 through the 1990s. The bulk of the collection coincides with the time span of the Worcester Emblem Club, 1934 through the 1990s.

Series Description

Series 1: Scrapbooks. Include information relating to club history, activities, programs, etc.
(9 items)

Series 2: Charter

Series 3: Bulletins from 1985 – 2003

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Series 1, Histories

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
BV		2000.85.1.1	History of the Worcester Emblem Club No. 51, Book 1 : scrapbook with clippings, photographs, programs, brochures, 1934-1987 / Editing Committee, Worcester Emblem Club, 2000.
BV		2000.85.1.2	History of the Worcester Emblem Club No. 51, Book 2 : scrapbook with lists, clippings, photographs; mostly of club officers, 1934-2000 / Editing Committee, Worcester Emblem Club, 2000.
BV		2000.85.1.3	History of the Worcester Emblem Club No. 51, Book 3 : scrapbook with Kodacolor prints, clippings, brochures, etc., 1987-1999 / Editing Committee, Worcester Emblem Club, 2000.
BV		2000.85.1.4	Worcester Emblem Club #51, Book 4, Americanism : scrapbook with reports and publicity, including photographs, of Americanism projects, 1989-1990 / Editing Committee, Worcester Emblem Club, 2000.
BV		2000.85.1.5	Worcester Emblem Club #51, Book 5, Americanism : scrapbooks with reports, photographs, clippings, publicity of Americanism projects, 1991-1992 / Editing Committee, Worcester Emblem Club, 2000.
BV		2000.85.1.6	Worcester Emblem Club #51, Book 6, Americanism Documentation : scrapbook (aqp) of documentation of rehabilitation of old armory for a homeless veterans' shelter by Emblem Club, 1991-1992; clippings, photographs, etc. : Editing Committee, Worcester Emblem Club, 2000. Includes award ribbon for project.

Series 1, continued

- BV 2000.85.1.7 Worcester Emblem Club #51, Book 7, Americanism Documentation : scrapbook (aqp) with reports, photographs, clippings, etc., of Americanism projects, 1993-1994, concentrating on homeless veterans' shelter / Editing Committee, Worcester Emblem Club, 2000.
- BV 2000.85.1.8 History of Worcester Emblem Club #51, Book 8 : scrapbook with awards, certificates, letters, etc., relating to club outreach activities, 1960-1998 / Editing Committee, Worcester Emblem Club, 2000.
- BV 2000.85.1.9 History of Worcester Emblem Club #51, Book 9: scrapbook with awards, certificates, letter, etc., relating to the Club, 1990 – 2003.

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Series 2, Charter

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		2000.85.2.1	12 x 15 inch, framed, original charter of the Worcester Emblem Club.

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Series 3, Bulletins

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1	1	2000.85.3.1-4	Bulletins from 1985 – 1988
1	2	2000.85.3.5-8	Bulletins from 1989 – 1993
1	3	2000.85.3.9-.12	Bulletins from 1994 – 1997
1	4	2000.85.3.13-.18	Bulletins from 1998 – 2003