



## **Descriptive Summary:**

*Title:* Faculty Wives and Women Collection

*Repository:* Beulah Williams Library Archives and Special Collections, Northern State University

*Creator:* Faculty Wives Club

*Dates:* 1917 - 2015

*Extent:* 8 linear feet

## **Administrative Information**

*Acquisitions Information:* Donated by a variety of people at various times.

*Processing Information:* This collection was processed by Alysha Martinez

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*Preferred Citation:* Item Name, Series Name, Date, NSU Faculty Wives and Women Collection, Northern State University Archives and Special Collections, Williams Library, Aberdeen, SD.

## **Historical Note**

The Northern State University Faculty Wives and Women began in 1917. It started off as a social club of 19 people who thought it would be beneficial to both faculty and students of NNIS.<sup>1</sup> In 1917 the President of NNIS was Dr. Willis E. Johnson, and his wife would organize social events for wives of the faculty men in their home and to become acquainted with each other.<sup>2</sup> Dr. Johnson's wife became the first president of the NNIS Faculty Wives Club. The Faculty Wives Club went through many changes with the various change of the college name and with

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<sup>1</sup> NNIS Faculty Wives Club Jan. 1917 - June 1922 notebook, Minutes and Information, 04/18/18, NSU Faculty Wives and Women Collection, Northern State University Archives and Special Collections, Williams Library, Aberdeen, SD.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

supporting those who were enlisted or drafted into Wars to come. Over the years their own club name changed from NSU Faculty Wives to the NSU Women. This club offered many learning and fundraising experiences not only to faculty but to students as well. The club would use the money they raised to offer yearly scholarships that are still being provided to this day. As of 2018, there are conflicting reports as to whether the club is still active.

## Scope and Content

This collection is divided into two series, *Minutes and Information* and *Artifacts*. The formats in this collection include club minutes, scholarship information, scrapbooks, photographs, newsletters, pamphlets, the Northern State College Silver Service Set, plates, and the Faculty Wives quilt. This collection is entirely in English.

## Series Descriptions:

Series 1: Minutes and Information Boxes: 1,2

Dates: 1917 - 2015

This series includes miscellaneous minutes, reports, information, and other items. This series is unarranged.

Series 2: Artifacts

Boxes: 3,4,5,6,7

Dates: 1951 - 2009

The formats include scrapbooks, photographs, newsletters, pamphlets, Northern State College Silver Service Set, plates, and the Faculty Wives quilt. The Northern State College Silver Service Set is an item of interest with pieces of the set on display in the Library. This series is unarranged.

## Detailed Description of the Collection

### 1. Series 1: Minutes and Information

*Box #1 -*

- |        |                                                   |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Item 1 | 1 NSU Women stamp                                 |
| Item 2 | 5" floppy disc                                    |
| Item 3 | 47 NSU Faculty Wives/Women programs (1947-1994)   |
| Item 4 | Luncheon Place Cards                              |
| Item 5 | 13 CD's (photos on them)                          |
| Item 6 | 1 photo album                                     |
| FF#1   | Notebooks                                         |
| FF#2   | Quilt designs copy 1                              |
| FF#3   | Quilt designs copy 2                              |
| FF#4   | Quilt designs copy 3                              |
| FF#5   | Quilt designs copies, information, and interviews |
| FF#6   | Charlotte Clarke Obituary information             |

FF#7 Bicentennial Project (1976)  
FF#8 Photos (1995-1996)  
FF#9 Photos (1996-1999)  
FF#10 Photos (2000-2004)  
FF#11 Pictures and information (2004-2005)  
FF#12 Pictures and information (2006-2007)

Box #2 -

**Item 1 Club Notebook (Jan. 1917 - June 1922)- Restricted**  
Item 2 Club Notebook (Oct. 1930 - June 1937)  
FF#1 Presidents' Reports and Club Information (1917-1994)  
FF#2 Club minutes (Oct. 1922 - Apr 1930)  
FF#3 Club binder (Oct. 1922 - Apr 1930)  
FF#4 Club minutes (Oct. 1937 - 1945)  
FF#5 Club minutes (1945 - 1953)  
FF#6 Club minutes (Oct.1953 - 1962)  
FF#7 Club minutes (1962 - 1964)  
FF#8 Minutes and information (1969 - 1984)  
FF#9 Minutes and information (1984 - 1991)  
FF#10 Minutes and information (1991 - 1996)  
FF#11 NSU Women and Faculty (1952 -1966)  
FF#12 Faculty Wives (1963-1969)  
FF#13 Minutes (1967-1973)  
FF#14 NSC Faculty Wives Club (1969 - 1973)  
FF#15 NSC Faculty Wives Club (1973 - 1976)  
FF#16 Minutes and Correspondence (1971-1977)  
**FF#17 Minutes and Correspondence (1977-1985) - Restricted**  
FF#18 Minutes (1976 - 1978)  
FF#19 Minutes (1978 - 1982)  
FF#20 Minutes (1983 - 1985)  
FF#21 Minutes (1984 - 1993)  
FF#22 Minutes and Reports (1985 - 1991)  
FF#23 Minutes (1991 - 1996)  
FF#24 Treasurer File (1995-1996)  
FF#25 Treasurer/Audit Reports  
FF#26 Checks sign  
FF#27 Duplicate Photos (1995 - 1999)  
FF#28 Treasurer Reports Misc. (1998-2014)  
FF#29 NSU Women and Faculty Wives Misc. (2002-2015)  
FF#30 NSU Women and Faculty Wives (n.d. And pre-2007)  
FF#31 NSU Women and Faculty Wives (2007)  
FF#32 NSU Women and Faculty Wives (2008)

**FF#33 NSU Women and Faculty Wives (2009) - Restricted**

FF#34 NSU Women and Faculty Wives (2010)  
FF#35 NSU Women and Faculty Wives (2011)  
FF#36 NSU Women and Faculty Wives (2012)  
FF#37 NSU Women and Faculty Wives (2013)  
FF#38 NSU Women and Faculty Wives (2014)  
FF#39 NSU Women and Faculty Wives (2015)  
FF#40 Gypsy Days and Misc.  
FF#41 Scholarship Information  
FF#42 Donations and Thank you's

2. Series 2: Artifacts

*Box #3*

Item 1-6 Plates

*Box #4 - oversized*

Item 1 Quilt

*Box #5 - oversized*

Item 1-6 (6) Teapots  
Item 7-8 (2) Creamers  
Item 9-10 (2) Trays  
Item 11-12 (2) Sugars  
Item 13-16 (3) Spoons

*Box #6*

Item 1 Photo Album

*Unboxed - 10:12:31*

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