



*Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid*

**ACCESSION No.:** HRHS-92

**COLLECTION TITLE:** Mt. Clinton Extension Homemakers Club and FCE Club Collection

**DATES:** 1960-2004

**SIZE:** 4 (four) banker boxes with 8 (eight) folders in Box 4

**DONOR:** Alice B. Trissel of Family and Community Education, 2004

**PROCESSED:** Processed 06/17/2014 by Karen Craun, Jean Litten & R. Wright

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** In Rockingham County, the Extension Homemakers Club was a local organization made up of women responsible for the city-county ladies Lounge in the basement of the Court House. The Lounge began across the street from the Court House in the 1930s and eventually moved into the Court House. It was the only such lounge in the state of Virginia.

Extension Homemakers Clubs were follow ups to the Tomato Clubs which were formed in 1912 to teach women to can tomatoes, as well as to emphasize health programs. As more women were entering into the work force, the approach of the clubs changed and meetings were held in the evening. The purpose was to reach every homemaker and help to meet problems of homemaking. The Mt. Clinton Extension Homemakers Club was founded in 1928 as a Home Demonstration Club. It was later changed to Extension Homemakers, and changed to Family Community Education (FCE) in 1994 with more interest in educational programs.

FCE's mission statement reads: "...a nonprofit organization open to all races, sex, and individuals with a desire to create a better person, home life, and community". Some of the clubs' programs included better TV programming, Six Pillars, Character Counts which were taught in the public schools and in conjunction with the local 4-H program. Members would sign up each year to present programs on local services, literacy, health, global, cultural arts, food, and crafts to present to club members. (FCE pamphlet *Family Community Education (FCE): Who are they and what do they do?*).

In 2004 the Executive Committee sent a questionnaire to members inquiring whether to disband the Mt. Clinton FCE Club due to "many in our club with disabilities and it seems to be only a few who are willing and are able to help carry the responsibilities".

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** This collection includes scrapbooks dated from 1970-2001, each involving the work of the club's year activities. Also included are year books from

1960-2004, member correspondence, newsletters, a 2004 handbook, 9 record books, secretary's minutes and miscellaneous loose items.

**COLLECTION INVENTORY:**

**Box 1:**

Scrapbook, Color Our World with Hope, 1971-1972. Roster of members (30)  
Scrapbook, blue with hands, 1973. Roster of members (37)  
Scrapbook, beige with Raggedy Ann, 1974. Roster of members (34)  
Scrapbook, pink with lace and child's face, 1995. Roster of members  
Scrapbook, with Teddy Bears, 1996. Roster of members and officers

**Box 2:**

Scrapbook, 1983  
Scrapbook, 1970-1971 (Missing)  
Scrapbook, 1971-1972 (Missing)  
Scrapbook, 1995  
Scrapbook, 1998  
Loose leaf notebook, "Mt. Clinton Family and Community Education, 2002-2005"

**Box 3:**

Scrapbook, 1999-2000  
Scrapbook, 2000-2001  
Club notebook, 2003-2004  
Handbook, 2004

**Box 4:**

**Folder 1:** 19 year books, 1960-1990  
**Folder 2:** 14 year books, 1991-2004  
**Folder 3:** FCE "Hearth Fire Series" Newsletters  
-- #3, #8A, #9, #10, #12, #13A, #14, #15, #18, #19, #21, #23, #24  
**Folder 4:** 2004 Questionnaire, Report on results and thank you letter  
**Folders 5-8:** Miscellaneous papers, 1992-2004  
9 record books, 1953-2004

**ARRANGEMENT:**

Scrapbooks  
Club Notebook  
Handbook  
Year books, newsletter series, club records, minutes and miscellaneous loose items.