



Clubs and Organizations Collection

Finding aid and container list

Enfield, like many towns, had a wide variety of clubs, fraternal organizations, societies, and other organizations during the 19th and 20th centuries. Many of these organizations, such as the Odd Fellows, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Freemasons, the Rotarians, and more, were local branches of large, nationwide (and sometimes global!) societies. Enfield also had many ethnic and religious societies, such as the Knights of Columbus and the Kosciuszko Society, as well as a few that were entirely unique to Enfield, like the Society for the Detection of Thieves and Robbers.

Clubs and societies hit their heyday in the early to mid-20th century, after which they saw a steep decline; only a small number of Enfield's formerly robust collection of clubs and organizations are still in existence today.

Box 1: International Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF)

Folder 1 – IOOF Friendship Lodge 56

- Visiting certificate
- Photo, five men under IOOF banner, names unknown
- Resolutions of Respect, Albert W. Luce
- Membership lists, 1956
- Program, Annual Session, IOOF Connecticut Grand Lodge, Thompsonville, Conn., Wednesday May 21st, 1924
- Banquet program, May 16, 1923
- Petitions for membership
- Dues register
- Suspension letters

Folder 2

- Membership lists, Enfield Encampment #36, Friendship Lodge #56, Colfax Rebekah Lodge #63

Not in folder:

- Notebook of meetings, correspondence of Odd Fellows Building Association 1935-late 1940s [1996.13.226]
- Secretarial book of the Enfield Encampment of the IOOF, June 1912-January 21, 1914 [1983.3.122]

- Secretarial book of the Enfield Encampment of the IOOF, 1914-1916 [1983.3.123]
- Grand Lodge of Connecticut, proceedings, 1931 and 1935

Box 2: YMCA/YWCA and Misc. Organizations

Folder: Misc. Organizations:

- Washington Irving Circle
- InSpot
- Kiwanis
- Knights of Columbus
- Polish Cooperative Assn.
- Sons of Temperance
- Boys' Work Committee
- Order of the Eastern Star
- Modern Woodmen
- Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society
- Athletic Hall of Fame
- St. George Lithuanian Society
- Community [theater?] association
- Scitico Fish and Game

Folder 2: Foresters of America

- Pin
- Pamphlet, benefits etc. [1983.23.8]
- Constitution and general laws [1983.23.7]
- Newspaper photo of Foresters' Hall, Thompsonville
- Constitution and by-laws of Court Enfield No. 7186 [1983.23.6]
- Constitution and by-laws of Court Enfield No. 21

Folder 3: Gleaners' Society

- Photos
- Member lists
- Newspaper clippings

Folder 4: Speakers' Club

- Papers and other material [1996.13.93]

Folder 5: Girls' Friendly Society

- Probationers' card, Dorothy Jenkins

- Wikipedia article copy
- Printout of Hartford Courant article about Thompsonville G.F.S.

Folder 6: Visiting Nurses Association

- Newspaper clippings [2008.6.12]

Folder 7: Knights of Pythias

- Envelope with pins [1996.13.158-9]
- By-laws and rules of order, Asnuntuck Lodge no. 29, 1906
- Membership list, 1912

Folder 8: Junior C.E. (Christian Endeavor)

- Photo, names on back
- Member lists, Wallop Society
- Ledger and notes, Wallop Society, 1891-1906

Folder 9: YWCA [1988.2.16]:

- Lists of members and their contact info
- Map of Hartford County towns April 1966
- Organizational charts
- Minutes of meetings: 1971-4
- Donation pamphlet
- Pages teaching how to take minutes
- Ads for courses/programs
- Committee lists

Folder 10: YMCA/YWCA

- [2012.3.64] Patch, Junior Hi-Y, Hartford County
- [1983.3.196] YMCA book of 1894-5
- Pamphlet: "A Crystal Radio Set leads a boy to the White House"
- Report of the Enfield Boys' Work Committee to the annual meeting of the Hartford County YMCA, 1943, 1945
- Program for Hartford Older Boys' Conference, 25th anniversary, 1943
- Stationary headed: "The Hartford County Young Men's Christian Association" subheaded for the Enfield Boys' Work Committee
- Paper on hiking
- Letter from Executive Secretary Elmer T. Thienes, Dec. 1942, voicing concerns of high school age boys and their need to count on adult men around them, stay in school as long as possible, etc.
- Enfield Boys' Work Committee, Sept. 14, 1942. Disbursements for "Camp Vagabond, note concerning overview of topics and resolutions for meeting at Mountain Laurel Inn

- Newspaper clipping: "Wartime Brings New Problems to Hartford County 'Y' Which Volunteers Aid in Solving," date and paper unknown
- Photos from Camp Woodstock
- Enfield Boys' Work Committee Oct. 19, 1942: disbursements, receipts, report, and notes

Not in folder:

- [1983.3.125] YMCA Reports. 3-ring binder – school stamp for town of Enfield book no. (28c?) from 1934. Meeting minutes and committee listings, 1934-9

Box 3: Polish Home, Kosciuszko Society, Grange

Folder 1: Polish Home

- See inventory

Folder 2: Kosciuszko Society

- See inventory

Folder 3: Grange

- See inventory

Not in folder: secretary minutes books 1902-1921

Box 4: D.A.R. and Minutemen

Not in folder:

- Minutemen scrapbook
- Framed Washington stamps presented to Penelope Terry Abbey D.A.R. Enfield
- D.A.R. certificates rolled
- Membership lists: 1952-63

Folder: Various materials from the Penelope Terry Abbey D.A.R., Enfield

- Flyer: George Washington bi-centennial celebration
- Flag code, presented by PTA DAR [1981.15.14]
- D.A.R. Manual for Citizenship
- Photo of D.A.R. children with names, 1934 or 1935 [1981.17.1]
- Handbook for D.A.R., Edith A. Brainard
- Press relations guide, 1942-4
- D.A.R. by-laws 1940, 1947, 1952
- Annual dues notice

- Flyer: 63rd state meeting of the Connecticut D.A.R.
- Flag code flyer, 2nd National Flag Code Conference, 1924

Box 5: Society for the Detection of Thieves and Robbers and Four Town Fair

Folder 1

- Pamphlets for 202nd annual meeting & banquet
- Brochure
- Thank you card to Peter Sorenson from society president Kim Quinn
- Constitution and by-laws: 1878, 1952
- 100 year anniversary program, Higgins School, with songbook
- Letter from J. Edgar Hoover, 1940
- Research paper from Donald K. Wentworth, August 12, 1983, 2 copies
- Printout from Journal Inquirer, article on election of Kim Quinn being elected first female president of the society
- 201st anniversary banquet program
- 110th, 111th, and 115th annual banquet programs
- Constitution, 1903
- Photocopy of "Stop Thief" document, Richard Abbe, 1795
- Journal-Inquirer article on women being allowed to join society, 1994
- Printout of Courant article on society, 1813
- 112th, 113th, 116th, 117th, and 118th annual banquet programs
- Newspaper clippings on 124th and 119th banquets
- Photocopy, constitution, 1878
- Newspaper clipping, 115th banquet

Folder 2

- Materials from 200th annual banquet and reunion, Sept. 27, 2022, list in folder

Folder 3: Four Town Fair/Union Agricultural Society

- Photo: Stella Olmsted and Boyd Grant at the Four Town Fair in Thompsonville, 1950
- Photo book, 1946 Four Town Fair parade
- Constitution/by-laws, 1897, 1934, 1965
- Rules and regulations, classification of entries, list of premiums, Union Agricultural Society, undated
- Medals/medallions

Not in folder:

- Programs/premium lists: 1954, 1976, 1938, 1950, 1955, 1956, 1969

Box 6: Masons, Rotary, Elks, Bands

Folder 1: Elks

- By-laws and rules of order of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Sept. 1960
- Photo: Boy Scout Troop 888 in front of Elks lodge. "Eagle recipients 1999."
- Photo of marchers with flag, 2001
- Constitution and statutes, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, 1960-1
- Book: "What It Means to Be an Elk," undated

Folder 2: Rotary Club

- Program: "Charter Night of Thompsonville Rotary Club," June. 13, 1928
- Booklet: "Songs for Charter Night; Rotary Club of Thompsonville" Jun. 13, 1928
- Program: "Rotary Eternal Light for Peace, dedicated Sunday, June 13, 1965, Enfield Town Building"
- Enfield Rotary 50th anniversary program, 1978
- Rotary Club of Thompsonville carol sing, undated
- Carol sing, 1940

Folder 3: Doric Lodge 94 (freemasons)

- Photo: 1933 officers Doric Lodge 94, names written at bottom [1993.4.1]
- Certificate of rank of Master Mason, Albert W. Luce
- Letter concerning building a new lodge [2007.29.1]
- Program, Masonic Anniversary Ball, Oct. 18, 1929
- Application, 1914

Folder 4: Bands and Musical Organizations

- Centurions Drum & Bugle
- Enfield Symphony Orchestra
- Community Concert Association
- Enfield Concert Orchestra Association
- "Ode to Enfield" musical score by Harvey C. Brainard and Denslow King
- Carpet City Band
- Photo of Denslow King "Chairman of Music Committee and Director of Anniversary Chorus"
- St. Adelbert Fife and Drum Corps
- Enfield Fife and Drum Corps
- Father Matthew Cadets drum corps
- T'Ville Girls Junior Drum & Bugle Corps.
- Photo: unknown men with instruments
- Photo: men and instruments

Folder 5: V.F.W. Fife and Drum Corps, mostly P.F. Triggs Post

- Newspaper clippings
- Official program and year book, 1940
- American Legion Auxiliary Drum and Bugle Corps

Box 7: Women's Club, Ujima African American Alliance, Town Hall Community Association

Not in folder:

Spiral bound book: Women's Club of Enfield Centennial Gala, April 23, 1998, contains history and photos [2004.14]

Folder 1:

- Minutes from March 12, 1908 and March 9, 1909 meetings
- General Federation of Women's Clubs of Connecticut District1, vintage fashion revue [2012.3.40]
- Manilla envelope and booklet [2012.3.40]
- CT Clubwoman April 1962, Hartford County issue [2014.22.15A]
- General Federation Clubwomen Magazine... [2014.22.15B]
- Cookbook: Women's Club of Enfield, 1937 [2014.18.13] and two other copies
- Typed booklet: highlights and history of Women's Club of Enfield, diamond jubilee, 1898-1958 [2009.1.11A]
- General Federation Clubwomen magazine issues: March 1964, Nov. 1961, Sep. 1963

Folder 2:

- Dorothy Gaskell materials: includes convention badges, certificates, awards, and miscellaneous material

Folder 3:

- Women's Club of Enfield, calendars of events, etc.; 1950-1, 1951-2, 1955-6, 1966-7
- Newspaper clipping, "Old Town Hall Show Next Week"
- Constitution and by-laws of the Women's Club of Enfield, Connecticut, 1929, 1958
- Program, first annual Flower Show, 1938
- 80th anniversary, 1898-1978
- Conference programs for various New England Conference of State Federations of Women's Clubs and the CT State Federation of Women's Clubs
- Issues of Connecticut Clubwoman magazine, 1960-62

Folder 4: Ujima African American Alliance

- Folder containing newspaper clippings, board members, event programs
- Folder: "African Americans (not Ujima)"

Folder 5: Town Hall Community Association

- Miscellaneous documents
- Meeting minutes

Box: Oversize

- Flag: Society for the Detection of Thieves and Robbers
- Physical material such as ribbons, pins, etc. from various societies
- Photo of Polish Home board with names
- Photos of Polish Home building with names
- Polish Home ceremony photo [1996.13.124A-B]
- Stockholder photo, Polish Home [81.5.2]
- Photo of Enfield Company of Minutemen with names [2020.11.14]
- Article: 123rd anniversary, Society for the Detection of Thieves and Robbers, Springfield Republican, March 24, 1946
- Framed official Citation from the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut to Society for Detection of Thieves and Robbers, 2022
- Society for Detection of Thieves and Robbers, membership poster [2022.41.3]
- Rotary Club framed photo [1984.3]
- Doric Lodge no. 94, Masonic trowels (3)
- Photo: Thompsonville Drum Band
- Photo: Thompsonville Drum and Bugle Corps
- Photo: Father Matthew Drum Corps