These are minute books and scrapbooks of the Junior Civic Club, a women’s club formed in 1949 at Dexter in Stoddard County, Missouri. The records include minutes of meetings, membership lists, yearbooks, correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, and miscellaneous printed materials.

The Dexter Civic and Study Club held a special meeting on 12 April 1949 to form a club for younger women in the community. The meeting resulted in the formation of the Junior Civic Club. The organization was patterned after the Dexter Civic and Study Club, and its stated purpose was to promote the civil and cultural welfare of the Dexter community. Membership was limited to twenty-one women. The Junior Civic Club affiliated with the state and national federations of women's clubs in 1949.

From its beginning, the club supported Girl Scout and Brownie troops in Dexter. Other projects over the years included support of needy families and underprivileged children, purchase of playground equipment for city parks and schools, participation in city beautification projects and community festivals, the funding of scholarships, and support of local charities such as the Red Cross. Much of the work was carried out in cooperation with other civic organizations in Dexter and Stoddard County. Fundraising was carried out in many different ways, the most successful of which was the production of a cookbook for the Dexter centennial in 1973.

The records of the club consist of eight minute books and eight scrapbooks. The minute books contain records of meetings beginning with the organizational meeting on 12 April 1949 and continuing through 5 May 1977. The scrapbooks begin in 1968 and continue through 1978. They contain photographs, newspaper clippings and other items pertaining to the club's activities, and printed materials from the state and local federations. Each scrapbook also includes a yearbook with the club’s constitution and by-laws, lists of officers and members, and a summary of the year’s projects.


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