These are scrapbooks of a women’s club at St. James in Phelps County, Missouri. The club was organized in 1928 for “civic improvement and social enjoyment.” The scrapbooks include newspaper clippings, yearbooks, correspondence, and miscellaneous materials pertaining to the activities of the club.

Ten charter members organized the St. James Civics Club on 20 August 1928. Virginia Morton was the first president. The club’s first activities included collection of food and clothing for the Red Cross in 1930-1938. The club also donated money to Red Cross cancer drives, the March of Dimes, the Heart Fund, and Boy’s Town. Members of the club were instrumental in establishing the first public library in St. James, and funded construction of a children’s wading pool in the municipal park. The club reached its greatest membership with forty members during the 1950s. It continues to meet to the present day although membership has declined in recent years.

The scrapbooks of the St. James Civics Club contain a miscellaneous assemblage of materials concerning the various activities of the organization. They include newspaper clippings from the St. James newspaper, printed yearbooks containing the names of officers and members and the topics of the year’s programs, correspondence and printed matter from the Missouri Federation of Women’s Clubs, with which the St. James group affiliated in 1928, photographs of club members, and other miscellaneous items. The material is organized chronologically beginning in 1928 and continuing through 1972.