These are record books of the Business and Professional Women’s Club of Webb City in Jasper County, Missouri. They include minutes of meetings for 1951-1954 and 1969-1984, the club’s constitution, and by-laws.

Volume 1 contains minutes beginning with the organizational meeting in 1951 and continuing to April 1954. Thirty-five women met on 27 February 1951 at the Airport Cafe in Webb City to organize the Business and Professional Women’s Club. Clubwomen from Carthage helped in the organization, in which Miss Ney Dean Cunningham was elected president and the club was affiliated with the state and national federations of women’s clubs. Membership soon exceeded one hundred women.

During its earliest years, the club participated in relief efforts for flood victims in Miami, Oklahoma, helped raise funds for the Jasper County Tuberculosis Hospital and the Community Chest, and sponsored a local unit for the Easter Seals campaign, and assisted the Chamber of Commerce in sales of stock of the Webb City Factory Holding Corporation. The club maintained a boardroom in the Elks Lodge.

Volume 2 contains minutes beginning in 1969 and continuing to 12 June 1984. The club’s work remained much the same, including supporting the Easter Seals unit, a day camp for children, a scholarship fund, and the Jasper County Tuberculosis Association. Standing committees included legislative, personal development, and career advancement committees. The club was also involved in many other civic and social affairs, such as contributing toward the “Praying Hands” monument in King Jack Park. During this period the club met in the offices of the Webb City Chamber of Commerce.

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