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## **Delmar Progress Club; Records**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Delmar Progress Club Records
<b>ID:</b>	mss148
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1903-2020
<b>Physical Description:</b>	20.5 cubic ft.
<b>Physical Location:</b>	The materials are located onsite in the department.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Delmar Progress Club Records document the day-to-day operations and community activities of this Bethlehem-N.Y. based organization founded in 1901.

### Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Delmar Progress Club Records, 1903-2020. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Delmar Progress Club Records).

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## Organizational Sketch

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Established in 1901 in Delmar, N.Y., a hamlet in the town of Bethlehem, the Delmar Progress Club is a women's organization located in the Capital Region of New York State. The organization joined the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs in 1904, the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1916, and was incorporated in 1929. The first president was Mrs. Sherman B. Rouse who served from 1901-1906.

The Delmar Progress Club was responsible for many community developments as the town of Bethlehem grew in the 20th century. In 1912, the Club raised money for books to establish the first free library in town and in 1913 organized the Delmar Free Library Association. The library was staffed and administered by Club volunteers for nearly two decades.

In addition, the Club named streets and numbered homes making the town eligible for mail delivery to residences. The Club's Civic Betterment committee petitioned the town to provide garbage collection, and it also is credited with leading the effort to establish the Town Planning Board.

Today the Delmar Progress Club remains active and engaged with the community and offers social and educational activities for its members.

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## Content Description

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This collection contains administrative records including minutes, annual reports, by-laws, and certificate of incorporation; membership lists, application materials, and member yearbooks (including calendar of events); club history and anniversary files; scrapbooks and photographs; events and program files; financial records; publications; ephemera; and subject files.

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## Arrangement of the Collection

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The collection is unprocessed and is likely disorganized. Individual items may be difficult to find.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Processing Information

This collection is unprocessed.

## Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Delmar Progress Club donated all materials in this collection in November 2021.

## Access

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Delmar Progress Club
- Women--New York (State)--Societies and clubs
- Scrapbooks
- Minutes (administrative records)
- Newsletters
- Financial Records
- Programs (documents)
- Photographs
- Membership lists
- Women

- Neighborhood and Community Associations
- New York State Federation of Women's Clubs