Guide to the Willing Helpers Circle of the King's Daughters Records MS 82

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**Title:** Willing Helpers Circle of the King’s Daughters Records

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS 82

**Contributing Institution:** San Diego History Center Document Collection

**Language of Material:** English

**Physical Description:** 0.75 Linear feet (2 boxes)

**Date (inclusive):** 1886-1931

**Abstract:** This collection contains meeting minutes and other records of the San Diego Willing Helpers Circle of the King’s Daughters from 1886 to 1931.

**creator:** Willing Helpers of the King’s Daughters.

**Biographical / Historical Notes**

The Order of The King’s Daughters was organized by ten women in New York City on January 13, 1886 with the purpose of ministering to the suffering in the world in the name of Jesus Christ. At the First Biennial Convention, held in Louisville, Kentucky May 10-14, 1912, delegates from twenty-four states (including one from California) and Canada were recorded. The San Diego branch was organized in 1889, calling themselves the Willing Helpers Circle of King’s Daughters. It began providing warm lunches for working girls downtown, which developed into a room and boarding club for single women. Other works of The King’s Daughters in southern California included a Day Nursery for children of working mothers and a Home for the Aged.

**Scope and Content**

This collection contains meeting minutes and other records of the San Diego Willing Helpers Circle of the King’s Daughters in the 1880s through 1930. There are six record books of minutes, some of which also contain the Constitution, By-Laws, and Amendments. A similar book contains records of the Boarding Club. Additionally, there is a book on the history of the international organization and newspaper articles about activities and member deaths in 1905.

**Arrangement**

The record books are arranged in chronological order.

**Preferred Citation**

Willing Helpers Circle of the King’s Daughters Records, MS 82, San Diego History Center Document Archives, San Diego, CA.

**Conditions Governing Access**

This collection is open for research.

**Conditions Governing Use**

The San Diego History Center (SDHC) holds the copyright to any unpublished materials. SDHC Library regulations do apply.

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements**

Some book covers are in poor condition. Newspaper clippings were found in Book V and have been photocopied and put in a separate folder.

**Processing Information**

Collection processed by Katherine VanDrunen on February 7, 2008.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Order of the King’s Daughters.
The King’s Daughters Boarding Club.
Women -- Societies and clubs

| Box-folder | Meeting Minutes: Willing Helpers Circle, 1897 October 14 - 1898 October 13 |
| Box-folder 1:2 | Scope and Content |
| | Record book also contains constitution, by-laws, amendments, member roll, attendance record, and list of visitors. |

| Box-folder 1:3 | Meeting Minutes: Willing Helpers Circle, 1899 October 12 - 1900 October 11 |
| Box-folder 1:3 | Scope and Content |
| | Record book also contains constitution, by-laws, amendments, and an annual report. |
Box-folder 1:4  
**Meeting Minutes: Willing Helpers Circle, 1901 October 10 - 1902 October 9**  
Scope and Content  
Record book also contains constitution, by-laws, amendments, and an annual report.

Box-folder 1:5  
**Meeting Minutes: Willing Helpers Circle, 1904 October 13 - 1905 October 12**  
Scope and Content  
Record book also contains constitution, by-laws, amendments, an annual report, and record of dues paid.

Box-folder 1:6  
**Meeting Minutes: Willing Helpers Circle, 1919 October 8 - 1929 October 10**  
Scope and Content  
Record book also contains member roll, attendance record, and record of dues paid.

Box-folder 2:1  
**Newspaper articles, 1905**  
Scope and Content  
Articles regarding activities and member deaths.

Box-folder 2:2  
**Meeting Minutes: Boarding Club, 1901 November 1 - 1906 October 1**  
Scope and Content  
Record book also contains constitution, amendments, and rules and regulations.

Box-folder 2:3  
“History of the International Order of the King’s Daughters and Sons,” by Sara F. Gugle, 1931