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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Creator:	Rebekahs. Holly Lodge No. 310 (Hancock, Mich.)
Creator:	Woman's Benefit Association. Sylvian Review No. 79 (Hancock, Mich.)
Title:	Women's fraternal societies records
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Abstract:	Records, 1897-1941, of Copper Country women's fraternal societies.

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Historical Note

Daughters of Rebekah The Rebekahs (originally the Daughters of Rebekah) is an international service-oriented organization and branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.), a non-political international fraternal organization founded in 1819. The Rebekah lodges were initially established as the female auxiliary of the Odd Fellows, but has subsequently allowed admittance of both female and male members. The mission of the Rebekahs has been similar to that of the Odd Fellows in that it serves as a means functions within a mission aimed at personal and social development growth

Woman's Benefit Association The Woman's Benefit Association was founded as a non-profit life insurance organization by Sabina "Bina" West Miller on October 1, 1892 in Port Huron, Michigan. Its earliest foundations stem from the Knights of the Maccabees fraternal organization, which was originally only opened to men, and then as the Ladies of the Modern Maccabees. The organization's name was changed to the Woman's Benefit Association in the early 20th Century. The W.B.A. was founded primarily as a dues-paying network and support group exclusively for women with local chapters throughout the United States.

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Scope and Contents

Records, 1897-1941, of Copper Country women's fraternal societies. Included in the collection are records from the Holly Rebekah Lodge No. 310, a branch of the Order of Odd Fellows, and the Sylvian Review No. 79 of the Woman's Benefit Association, both of Hancock, Michigan. The collection includes administrative records such as meeting minutes, rolls of officers, forms, and certificates; correspondence, and financial records including cash books, receipts, and dues.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series. Series I comprises the Holly Rebekah Lodge material and includes subseries for Administrative records, Correspondence, and Financial records. Records under each subseries are arranged alphabetically. Series II consists of the Woman's Benefit Association records and includes the same subseries as Series I, also arranged alphabetically thereunder.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Fraternal organizations -- Michigan -- Upper Peninsula
- Women -- Societies and clubs -- Michigan -- Hancock
- Hancock (Mich.)
- Advertisements
- Correspondence
- Financial records
- Ledgers (Account books)
- Membership lists
- Minutes
- Receipts (Financial records)

Collection Inventory

Rebekahs. Holly Rebekah Lodge No. 310

Administrative records

Title/Description	Instances	
Advertisements, undated	box 1	folder 1
Blank forms, undated	box 1	folder 2

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Certificates, 1906-1932	box 1	folder 3
Copper Country Odd Fellows Association bylaws, 1915	box 1	folder 4
Daily journal of proceeding, 1927	box 1	folder 5
Meeting minutes, 1897-1914, 1929-1936	box 3	volume 1-3
Petitions, 1912	box 1	folder 6
Photograph, unidentified, undated	box 1	folder 7
Rebekah degree ode list, undated	box 1	folder 8
Roll of officers, 1908-1918, 1918-1927	box 4	volume 4-5
Reports, rough drafts, 1930-1932	box 1	folder 9
Semi-annual and annual reports, 1911-1917	box 1	folder 10

Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
Business letters, 1917, 1927-1932	box 1	folder 11
Correspondence, undated	box 1	folder 12
Empty envelopes, 1912, 1928-1932	box 1	folder 13
Letters, dues, 1928-1932	box 1	folder 14
Letters, miscellaneous, 1918-1932	box 1	folder 15
Letters, official, 1928-1931	box 1	folder 16
Miscellaneous noted, 1914, 1930	box 1	folder 17
Thank you notes, 1913-1932	box 1	folder 18

Financial records

Title/Description	Instances	
Accounts, 1933-1934	box 1	folder 19
Bank statements, 1919	box 1	folder 20
Business receipts, 1916-1932	box 1	folder 21
Cash book, 1917-1922	box 4	volume 6
Cash receipts, 1913-1916	box 4	volume 7
Checks, 1919-1932	box 1	folder 22
Deposit slips, 1919-1934	box 1	folder 23
Dues, 1897-1911	box 4	volume 8
Dues, 1910-1917	box 5	volume 9

Dues, 1916-1936	box 5	volume 10
Handwritten budget notes, 1928-1932	box 1	folder 24
Miscellaneous bank notes, 1913, 1926-1932	box 1	folder 25
Receipt books, 1929-1939	box 1	folder 26
Receipt books, 1937-1941	box 1	folder 27
Treasurer's cash book, 1898-1916	box 5	volume 11

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Woman's Benefit Association. Sylvian Review No. 79

Administrative records

Title/Description	Instances	
Advertisements, undated	box 2	folder 1
Combined membership record and ledger, 1927-1930	box 6	volume 1
Combined membership record and ledger, 1931-1933	box 6	volume 2
Notice of approval, 1914-1928	box 2	folder 2
Roll call of officers, 1932-1935	box 2	folder 3

Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, undated	box 2	folder 4

Financial records

Title/Description	Instances	
Balance sheets, 1934-1935	box 2	folder 5
Bank note, 1937	box 2	folder 6
Bank statements, 1932-1937	box 2	folder 7-8
Cash book, 1929-1930	box 5	volume 12
Checks, 1934	box 2	folder 9
Dues, 1933	box 2	folder 10
Monthly cash book, 1933	box 6	volume 3
Report of audits, 1930-1932	box 6	volume 4
Report of audits, 1934-1935	box 6	volume 5
Report of audits, 1935-1937		

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