

**Kingston Public Library: Local History Room**  
**Pamphlet Collection**  
**May 16, 2006**

**First Parish Church Women's Alliance**  
**Bulk dates: 1901 - present**  
**Pamphlet Collection, PC-38**

8 boxes (45 linear inches)

**Historical sketch:** The First Parish Church Women's Alliance was established in 1901. Its purpose is "to quicken our religious life and to bring us into closer acquaintance, cooperation, and fellowship." Membership is open to "all liberal Christian women." Through out the years Alliance members have met once or twice a month for service work or for programs. Service work includes writing and sending packages to those in need, including soldiers during wartime. Programs include travel talks, talks on notable people, nature and book reviews, and more. Each meeting includes a tea hosted by a different Alliance member. Also at each meeting the Alliance Benediction is read:

That the world may be a little better,  
A little purer, a little sweeter  
For our having lived in it  
Is our hope and our prayer.

**Scope and content:** This Collection contains meeting minutes and programs which provide a history of the Alliance. Minutes often include membership lists and annual reports. Books of expenditures also may include member lists. Of note in this collection are the photographs, including one of the Second Meeting House and a notebook containing autographs of notable abolitionists including autographs and inscriptions of William Lloyd Garrison and Frederick Douglas.

**Box and folder list:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Item</b>
1	1	Meeting minutes 1901 and 1909 – 1914
	2	Meeting minutes 1915 – 1919
	3	Meeting minutes 1919 – 1921
	4	Meeting minutes 1922 – 1927
	5	Meeting minutes 1927 – 1938
	6	Meeting minutes 1938 – 1943
	7	Meeting minutes 1943 – 1944
2	1	Meeting minutes 1946 – 1950
	2	Meeting minutes 1950 – 1953
	3	Meeting minutes 1954 – 1955
	4	Meeting minutes 1955 – 1958
	5	Meeting minutes 1958 – 1962
	6	Meeting minutes 1962 – 1963
3	1	Meeting minutes 1963 – 1964
	2	Meeting minutes 1965 – 1968
	3	Meeting minutes 1968 – 1971
	4	Meeting minutes 1971 – 1975
	5	Acknowledgements by organizations donated to by Women's Alliance 1973 – 1974

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	6	Receipts and correspondence regarding gifts given and donations made
4	1	Book of expenditures 1929 – 1948
	2	Book of expenditures 1948 – 1962
	3	Book of expenditures 1963 – 1968
	4	Check book 1940 – 1944
	5	Check book 1944 – 1947
	6	Check book 1948 – 1950
	7	Check book 1950 – 1954
5	1	Yearly programs 1902 – 1910
	2	Yearly programs 1911 – 1920
	3	Yearly programs 1921 – 1930
	4	Yearly programs 1931 – 1940
	5	Yearly programs 1941 – 1950
	6	Yearly programs 1951 – 1960
	7	Yearly programs 1961 – 1970
	8	Yearly programs 1971 – 1980
	9	Yearly programs 1981 – 1990
	10	Yearly programs 1991 – 2000
6	1	Mary W. Drew Sewing Group, report of 1953 – 1954, 1954 – 1955
	2	Education Committee, report
	3	Book of dinner menus November 17, 1955 – July 25, 1959
	4	Gleaners programs 1959 – 1977
	5	Christmas feast notes 1965 – 1969, 1972 – 1985, 1988 - 1990
	6	Talk given as a retrospective of the first 50 years of the Alliance, given on January 18, 1951; program for Alliance 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	7	Booklet: Services and Hymns for Alliance Meetings
	8	Play programs: Fashions in Love, December 2, 1932 and the Old Peabody Pew: dramatized by Kate Douglas Wiggin: from her book of the same Title (8 copies)
	9	Unitarian practices: A pocket guide to Unitarianism and the proposed budget and statement for the Unitarian-Universalist Women's Federation 1974 - 1975, Plymouth Alliance branch program 1939 - 1940
	10	First Parish Church information (includes programs, notes on suppers given, membership information, etc)
7	1	Book: Adamson's land book;
	2	Book: DeNormandie's attendance book
	3	Book: 1877 services for worship
	4	Book: autographs (includes index)
	5	Pew sale receipts / tax receipts
	6	Photographs

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8    Sound recordings (6) of unknown topics

**Acquisition:** Placed on permanent loan in 2006 to be reviewed every five years by both the Women's Alliance and the Kingston Public Library Local History Room.

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**Processing note:** Volunteers Dorothy Garfield and Jan Guidoboni processed and boxed this collection. Archivist Carrie Elliott prepared the finding aid.