

# WOMAN'S NATIONAL FARM & GARDEN ASSOCIATION - TRI-COUNTY BRANCH and NEW YORK DIVISION COLLECTION

## OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.  
Folklife Center  
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Tri-County Branch, Woman's National Farm & Garden Association
- Title:** Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, Tri-County Branch  
AND New York Division Collection
- Dates:** 1920 – 2010 (open)
- Abstract:** Woman's National Farm & Garden Association was organized in 1914. The goals of the organization "have always been to encourage women to cooperate in furthering agricultural and horticultural interests throughout the country and to form a closer bond between rural and urban women."
- Quantity:** 17.5 cubic feet
- Identification:** Archives & Manuscripts: Organizations

## HISTORICAL NOTE

Woman's National Farm & Garden Association is a national association with international ties. The aims of the WNF&G are: to stimulate interest in, and a love for, country life; to cooperate with government agencies for the improvement of rural conditions; to assist women on the farms and in the cities to a realization of their interdependence; to encourage members to concern themselves with national and world problems; to promote intelligent use of our natural resources and promote conservation; to provide scholarships for young women in agriculture, horticulture and related professions, to furnish members all possible opportunities for the marketing of handiwork and the products of the farm and garden. *Farm and Garden Magazine*, 1956).

Woman's National Farm & Garden Association was organized in 1914. The founder and first President was Mrs. Francis (Louisa Yeomans) King. Following the death of

her husband in 1927, Mrs. King purchased a historic home in South Hartford, Washington County, NY. The goals of the organization “have always been to encourage women to cooperate in furthering agricultural and horticultural interests throughout the country and to form a closer bond between rural and urban women.” (“Louisa King – A History of Farm and Garden” by Betty Monahan, in *Women’s National Farm and Garden Magazine*, Summer 1983, in Book 4).

The New York Division was founded in 1929, at Mrs. King’s Home, Kingtree, in South Hartford. The Tri-County branch (formerly the Washington [county] branch) was formed in 1953. After the demise of the Metropolitan Branch (New York City) in 1950, Tri-County became the headquarters of the New York Division.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

### INDEX TERMS

**Places:** South Hartford, Washington, NY

**Subjects:** Flower show  
Horticulture therapy

**Important People:** Branch Presidents:  
Washington Branch:  
1929: Mrs. Speers (Ida L.) Phillips  
1930: Mrs. Speers (Ida L.) Phillips  
1931:  
1932: Miss Ingalls

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1953: Mrs. Harry H. (Amy) McNeal  
1954: Mrs. Harry (Nettie) Smith  
1955: Mrs. Harry (Nettie) Smith  
1956: Mrs. Lloyd Friday  
1957: Mrs. Lloyd Friday  
1958: Miss Ethel Ingalls  
1959  
1960  
1961: Mrs. Olive Doty  
1962: Mrs. Alan Skellie  
1963: Mrs. Alan Skellie ? Mrs. Francis Terry?  
1964: Mrs. Francis (Dorothy) Terry

1965: Mrs. Francis (Dorothy) Terry  
 1966: Mrs. Francis (Dorothy) Terry  
 1967: Mrs. Olive Doty  
 1968: Mrs. Olive Doty  
 1969: Mrs. Fred McCauley  
 1970: Mrs. James (Margaret) Quinlan  
 1971  
 1972: Mrs. James (Margaret) Quinlan  
 1973: Mrs. James (Margaret) Quinlan  
 1974  
 1975  
 1976: Mrs. Glenn (Marion) McKibben  
 1977: Mrs. Glenn (Marion) McKibben  
 1978: Dale McKibben  
 1979: Dale McKibben  
 1980: Mrs. Hardin (Agnes) Gibson  
 1981: Mrs. Hardin (Agnes) Gibson

**Form/Genre:** Records, minutes, scrapbooks, photographs

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Preferred Citation:** Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, Tri-County Branch and New York Division Collection  
The Folklife Center at  
Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, NY.

**Accession Information:** Deposited by the Association, 2013.

**Processing Information:** Arranged by volunteer members of the Association, and described by Erica Gonyea 2013 - 2019

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

**Box 1:** Jean Getty; Sandy Hill 2011 -2013 minutes; 1986 – 2015 membership lists; Tri-County misc. clippings.

**Box 2:** Misc. clippings: Tri-County, NY Division, National.

**Box 3:** Division Scrapbooks 1958 – 1974, 1975-1980, 1986 – 1991, 1981 – 1985, 2 videos of the Diamond Jubilee, 1989.

**Box 4:** (large flat box) Division Scrapbooks 1976, 1977, 1978, 1981 – 1983; large old treasurer's ledger.

**Box 5:** Division Scrapbooks 1972, 1974 and 1939 – 1948.

**Box 6:** Kingstree, Mrs. King History; Tri-County: memorials, Yearbooks 1966 – 2012 (not inclusive), misc.

**Box 7:** Tri-County: minutes, membership lists, early clippings

**Box 8:** Tri-County: minutes, reports

**Box 9:** Tri-County: history, essay contest, photos, awards, Constitution and By-laws, minutes, Friendship

**Box 10:** Tri-County: 75 year Flower Show; scrapbooks 19911 – 1994, 1997 – 1999, 1999 – 2000, 1999, 2000 – 2003, 2002, 2005.

**Box 11:** Tri-County: Scrapbooks 1995 Founder's Day, 2001 – 2007, 2002 (2), 2004 (2) 2005, 2007

**Box 12:** Horticulture therapy 1992 – 2007; annual reports 1992 – 1998.

**Box 13:** Tri-County: early flower show booklets and scrapbooks, 1931 – 1998 (not inclusive)

**Box 14:** Tri-County: Flower show guest books. Civic Improvement award 1985.

**Box 15:** Tri-County: Flower show photo albums.

**Box 16:** Tri-County: Flower show albums 1979, 1998, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2009

**Box 17:** New York Division: minutes 1958 – 1970; Directories 1958 – 1996; National meetings New York Division reports 1988 – 2009.

**Box 18:** Tri-County Projects: cook book; Mrs. King's photo Greenhouse; Debbie's garden

**Box 19:** Branches: Cambridge, Sandy Hill, Queensbury, Taconic; New York Division and National newsletters

**Box 20:** New York Division: scrapbooks 1959 – 1964, 1988; other materials

**Box 21:** New York Division: scrapbook 1979 – 1880; National magazines 1944 – 2011 (not conclusive), meetings; Frysinger applications and info;

**Box 22:** New York Division: scholarships 2003 – 2010; misc. photos

Book of the history of WNF&G, A Chronicle: History of WNF&G, by Martha Nolan, donated to the Folklife Center and shelved in the reading room. Holden 635.082 Nolo.

**Artifacts:**

Historical Poster

Tea urn (copper)

Pennies for Friendship basket