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**Manuscript Group 151  
Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) Chapter C Collection**

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**1 box, 1 linear foot**

**Historical Note**

The Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) is one of the pioneer international societies for women. It was originally organized by seven students on January 21, 1869 at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. PEO has grown in membership in the United States and Canada. Its mission is to promote educational opportunities for women. PEO Chapter C was organized in Indiana, Pennsylvania, at Indiana State Normal School (ISNS) in 1926 and the By-Laws were adopted in 1932 after ISNS had become Indiana State Teachers College.

**Scope and Content**

The PEO Chapter C Collection contains meeting minutes dating back to 1926. Other folders, photographs, and scrapbooks are associated with diversity initiatives in Indiana, Pennsylvania, including Habitat for Humanity, the Committee for Social Expansion, Westminster Foundation, the Wesley Fellowship, and the United Ministry.

**Provenance**

The PEO Chapter C collection was donated by Ruth Riesenman in 2010.

**Restrictions**

None.

**Processor**

The collection was processed and organized, and this finding aid was created by Harrison Wick in 2012.

**Series List**

**Series I: By-Laws, Officers, and Meeting Minutes**

**Series II: Oversized Memorabilia, Ledgers, and Scrapbooks**

**Contents Description**

**Series I: By-Laws, Officers, and Meeting Minutes**

**Box 1 Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) Chapter C (19 folders)**

1. Meeting Minutes and Membership, 1926-1940
2. Meeting Minutes and Membership, 1940-1946
3. Meeting Minutes and Membership, 1946-1951
4. Meeting Minutes and Membership, 1951-1957
5. Meeting Minutes and Membership, 1957-1962
6. Meeting Minutes and Membership, 1962-1966
7. Meeting Minutes and Membership, 1966-1970
8. Meeting Minutes and Membership, 1970-1974
9. Meeting Minutes and Membership, 1974-1976
10. Meeting Minutes and Membership, 1976-1982
11. Meeting Minutes and Membership, 1982-1987

12. Meeting Minutes and Membership, 1987-1993
13. Meeting Minutes and Membership, 1993-1997
14. Meeting Minutes and Membership, 1997-1999
15. Meeting Minutes and Membership, 1999-2002
16. Meeting Minutes and Membership, 2002-2013
17. Membership, 2013-2022
18. Publication: *The P.E.O. Record*
  - a. *The P.E.O. Record*, July 1954
  - b. *The P.E.O. Record*, June 1985
  - c. *The P.E.O. Record*, February 1986
  - d. *The P.E.O. Record*, April 1986
  - e. *The P.E.O. Record*, January 1988
  - f. *The P.E.O. Record*, January-February 1990
19. Legal Size Folder:
  - a. Photocopy of Photograph from the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chapter C, PEO, Indiana Country Club – May 15, 1976 (members identified)
  - b. Photocopy of PEO Chapter C Photograph, identified members, no date

**Series II****Box 1 Oversized Box (black case)**

1. Voting Ballot Box (wooden) used to vote for members (circa 1900s)

**Series II****Box 2 Ledgers and Scrapbooks (3 items)**

1. General Enrollment Book: P.E.O. Sisterhood, 1926-2012 (initiation)
2. Scrapbook (orange), 1979-1990
3. Scrapbook (blue), 1991-2008