

# **Needlework Guild of America, Conshohocken Branch records**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Conshohocken Historical Society
<b>Creator</b>	Needlework Guild of America. Conshohocken Branch (Pa.).
<b>Title</b>	Needlework Guild of America, Conshohocken Branch records
<b>Call number</b>	14
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1918-2001
<b>Extent</b>	0.5 linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The Needlework Guild of America, a charitable organization that collects and distributes articles of clothing to the needy, was founded in Philadelphia in 1885. The Conshohocken Branch was organized in 1894 and disbanded around 1998. The Needlework Guild of America, Conshohocken Branch records, 1918-2001, consist of minutes, roll books, correspondence, and photographs.

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## Biography/History

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The Needlework Guild of America is a charitable organization that collects and distributes articles of clothing to the needy. It was founded in Philadelphia in 1885, and later incorporated in Pennsylvania in 1896.

"Since that time, NGA has helped many needy neighbors. [NGA has] also helped those in need during the Spanish-American War, the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake, World War I and II, Hurricane Andrew, Hurricane Floyd, and Hurricane Katrina. Today [the] organization is affiliated with over 170 non-profit

charities across the United States and distributes over 240,000 items each year. NGA has 33 Branches in ten different states, as well as National Headquarters located in Warminster, Pennsylvania. In July of 2011, [its] official name was changed to NGA ~ Needlework Guild of America."

The Conshohocken branch of the NGA was organized on September 17, 1894. It disbanded circa 1998.

**Bibliography:**

NGA. "About Us." Accessed February 24, 2012. [http://www.nga-inc.org/index\\_files/Page362.htm](http://www.nga-inc.org/index_files/Page362.htm)

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection consists of minutes, roll books, correspondence, and photographs. A detailed inventory is provided below:

90th and 95th Anniversary Photos, 1984-1989

Annual Ingathering meeting flyers, 1971-1986

Assorted letters regarding Needlework Guild business, 1976-1980

Assorted letters regarding Needlework Guild business, 1984-1996

Blank Membership Cards,

By-Laws, 1965

Copy of Certificate of Registration with Dept of State; expires 5/14/1993, -

Correspondence, 1966

Director's/Contributor's Records, 1997-2001

Minutes, 11/20/1918 to 4/4/1931

Minutes, 9/28/1932 to 11/11/1971

Meeting Minutes, 1972-2001

Needlework Meeting Minutes, 1983-1995

Roll Book, 1922 -11/13/1958

Roll Book, 1954 - 1976

## **Administrative Information**

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### **Sponsor**

This preliminary finding aid was created as part of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories. The HCI-PSAR project was made possible by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

### **Access Restrictions**

Contact Conshohocken Historical Society for information about accessing this collection.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Gift of members at time of the Guild's disbandment, circa 1998.

### **Processing Information Note**

Summary descriptive information on this collection was compiled in 2011-2012 as part of a pilot project conducted by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to make better known and more accessible the largely hidden collections of small, primarily volunteer run repositories in the Philadelphia area. The Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories (HCI-PSAR) was funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

This is a preliminary finding aid. No physical processing, rehousing, reorganizing, or folder listing was accomplished during the HCI-PSAR project.

In some cases, more detailed inventories or finding aids may be available on-site at the repository where this collection is held; please contact Conshohocken Historical Society directly for more information.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Archival Materials Note**

Brooklyn Historical Society: Needlework Guild of America Records, 1923-1967, Collection 1991.042.

## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Needlework Guild of America. Conshohocken Branch (Pa.).
- Needlework Guild of America.

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Conshohocken (Pa.)
- Montgomery County (Pa.)

### **Subject(s)**

- Charities
- Clothing and dress
- Sewing
- Women--Societies and clubs