

# **Nether Providence Council of Republican Women records**

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Nether Providence Historical Society

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Nether Providence Historical Society
<b>Creator</b>	Nether Providence Council of Republican Women
<b>Title</b>	Nether Providence Council of Republican Women records
<b>Call number</b>	01
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1963-2006
<b>Extent</b>	3 linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The Nether Providence Township Council of Republican Women, a local branch of the Pennsylvania Federation of Republican Women, was founded in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, in 1963 and disbanded in 2005. The purposes of the organization were to promote the Republican Party and its candidates as well as to advance women in political knowledge and political activity. The bulk of the Nether Providence Council of Republican Women records, 1963-2005, is scrapbooks; also included are administrative and financial records, membership materials, event planning materials, newsletters, and framed certificates and awards.</p>

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## Biography/History

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The Nether Providence Township Council of Republican Women, a local branch of the Pennsylvania Federation of Republican Women, was founded in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, in 1963. Instrumental

in the founding of the local group was Agnes Park Sweeny (1888-1978), a social worker by profession and a committeewoman in the second ward of Nether Providence Township for 25 years. The Nether Providence Township Council of Republican Women disbanded in 2005.

The stated mission of the Pennsylvania Federation of Republican Women, also known as the Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women, as of 2014 is "to support and strengthen the Republican Party as well as to advance women in political knowledge and political activity through networking with Republican Party leaders at the local, county, state and national level." The Federation is comprised of local councils across the state. Organized in 1923, it is still active as of 2014 from its office in Harrisburg, PA.

### **Bibliography:**

Nether Providence Township Council of Republican Women. "25th Anniversary Luncheon & Fashion Show" program. March 23, 1988. Document found in collection.

Pennsylvania Federation of Republican Women. "Welcome to Our Home Page." Accessed July 1, 2014. <http://www.pfrw.org/index2.html>.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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The bulk of this collection is scrapbooks; also included are administrative and financial records, membership materials, event planning materials, newsletters, and framed certificates and awards.

The scrapbooks, organized chronologically from 1971 to 2005, consist of photographs, clippings, programs, invitations, meeting schedules, and ephemera. Administrative records include minute books spanning the life of the organization, 1963-2006; by-laws; correspondence, including correspondence with elected officials relating to issues of interest to the group; and various other files. Financial records consist mainly of financial ledgers from 1963 to 2000 and banking. In addition to a membership address book, which lists addresses and years active for each member, there are annual membership and officer lists in the administrative files. Documenting the activities of the Council, there are event planning materials, press releases, programs from Council events as well as Pennsylvania Federation conventions, and newsletters. Various framed certificates and awards round out the collection.

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## **Sponsor**

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## **Access Restrictions**

Contact Nether Providence Historical Society for information about accessing this collection.

## **Processing Information Note**

Summary descriptive information on this collection was compiled in 2012-2014 as part of a 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 Nether Providence Historical Society directly for more information.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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

- Nether Providence Council of Republican Women
- Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women
- Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )

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

- Delaware County (Pa.)

- Nether Providence (Pa.)

**Subject(s)**

- Political clubs
- Women--Political activity
- Women--Societies and clubs