



## Hull History Centre: Records Relating to West Hull Ladies' Musical Union

decided to vote on whether to continue as a society but with a majority vote of 12 to 9 and with a small adjustment to the calendar of the season, the society continued. The direction of the choir was discussed again in 1996 when due to the running costs the November and February concerts were cancelled.

In 2000 the Union celebrated 75 years with a grand concert at the Young People's Institute in George Street followed by a buffet supper, but despite some newcomers to the society, overall numbers continued to decrease. Following a change in rehearsal venue to Bricknell Avenue in autumn 2005, numbers dwindled even more. At the 2006 Annual General Meeting there was an open forum to discuss the future of the West Hull Ladies' Musical Union and a debate as to whether to continue as a musical union or a choir. The decision was made to continue as a choir.

When the secretary, Mrs Sue Rowe resigned in June 2006, Mrs Jean Ward Skerrow who had been a member of the union for 60 years and held the office of President for three terms; 1972-1975, 1985-1986 and from 1995 onwards, also decided the time had come to resign. Together they had battled to keep the union together for many years but it was clear that the lack of members and a president to take over meant that the society could no longer continue. The final meeting was held on the 4th September 2006 at the home of Mrs Ann Spur and after 81 years of operation the final concert took place at The Lees Rest Houses in Hull in November 2006.

**Custodial History:** The records were deposited by Valerie Skerrow, a member of the choir for 60 years and their President for three terms; 1972-1975, 1985-1986 and 1995-2006.

**Description:** Includes minutes of meetings, photographs and programmes

**Extent:** 2 boxes

**Access Conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

<b>C DSWH/1</b>	<b>Minutes of meetings &amp; annual reports</b> 6 volumes, 1 bundle	<b>16 Nov 1925- 4 Sep 2006</b>
C DSWH/1/1	Minutes of meetings 1 volume	16 Nov 1925- 29 Apr 1935
C DSWH/1/2	Minutes of meetings 1 volume	9 Sep 1935- 28 Apr 1958
C DSWH/1/3	Minutes of meetings 1 volume	19 May 1958- 2 Mar 1967
C DSWH/1/4	Minutes of meetings 1 volume	1 May 1967- 10 Apr 1975
C DSWH/1/5	Minutes of meetings 1 volume	13 May 1975- 27 Jan 1986
C DSWH/1/6	Minutes of meetings 1 volume	14 Jun 1986- 25 May 1994

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C DSWH/1/7	Minutes of meetings 1 bundle	27 May 1994- 4 Sep 2006
<b>C DSWH/2</b>	<b>Items relating to members</b> 1 volume, 1 bundle	<b>1927-1994</b>
C DSWH/2/1	Members Register Includes a typewritten history of the Union from inception to 1952 1 volume	1927-1938
C DSWH/2/2	Member's Cards Members card for each session detailing the officers, the syllabus of concerts and any other events taking place during the year. Includes 1948-1949; 1974-1975; 1983-1985; 1985-1986; 1992-1994 1 bundle/7 items	1948-1994
<b>C DSWH/3</b>	<b>West Hull Ladies' Musical Union Concert Programmes</b> 3 bundles	<b>1949-1994</b>
C DSWH/3/1	Concert Programmes Programmes for concerts held on 21 Apr 1949; 3 Nov 1949; 8 Dec 1949; 26 Oct 1954; session 1977; 8 Mar 1984; 10 May 1984; 6 Dec 1984; 7 Mar 1985; 25 Apr 1985 1 bundle/11 items	1949-1985
C DSWH/3/2	Concert Programmes Programmes for concerts held on 10 Oct 1985; 12 Dec 1985; 6 Mar 1986; 24 Apr 1986 (includes a ticket to the concert) 1 bundle/7 items	1985-1986
C DSWH/3/3	Concert Programmes Programmes for concerts held on 10 Oct 1991; 2 Dec 1991; 27 Feb 1992; 23 Apr 1992; 11 Jul 1992; 2 Dec 1992; 22 Apr 1993; 10 Jul 1993; 14 Oct 1993; 1 Dec 1993; 21 Apr 1994 1 bundle	1991-1994

<b>C DSWH/4</b>	<b>Concert Photographs</b> 1 volume	<b>1928-1964</b>
C DSWH/4/1	Concert Photographs Scrapbook containing photographs of the members of the Union at concerts, suppers and dances, outings, and presentations made to individual members including Mrs Winifred Ashton, Mrs C G Newlove and Mrs T H Prince. Some individuals are named. Includes a number of newspaper cuttings to accompany the photographs. The majority of the photographs are copyright of the Hull Daily Mail. 1 volume	1928-1963