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## **Guide to the Townsend Club of Schenectady Records, 1937-1943 (2006.2.20)**

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### Scope and Content Note:

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### Organization History:

In 1933, Dr. Francis E. Townsend wrote a letter to a California newspaper advocating the establishment of a government-sponsored old age pension plan. The response was immediate and overwhelmingly favorable. This led to the establishment of "Townsend Clubs" all across the country and eventually to the Social Security Act of 1937.

The home office was located in Chicago, Illinois. All chapters were assigned a number, Schenectady being No. 1. There was both male and female membership. The club met at 6 Mynderse Street in Schenectady. The Ladies Auxiliary Committee formed November 1943, composed from the various clubs of Schenectady.

Officer/council elections were held yearly. Officers elected in 1940 were: Mr. Berical (President); Mr. Shafer (First Vice President); Mrs. Stophilbeen (Second Vice President); Mrs. Sellick (Secretary); Mrs. Warner (Treasurer); Mrs. Lawyer (Membership); Mr. Passage (Publicity and Extension); Mrs. Schlansker (Social); Mrs. Adams (Program); Mrs. Berical (Public Relations); Mrs. Hopensitz (Ladies Auxiliary); Mr. Hicks (Finance).

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Item/Box/Folder Listing:

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>
1	N/A	Meeting Minutes January 19, 1937 – December 27, 1938
1	N/A	Meeting Minutes October 3, 1939 – December 26, 1939
1	N/A	Meeting Minutes January 3, 1939 – September 26, 1939
1	N/A	Meeting Minutes January 2, 1940 – November 12, 1940
1	N/A	Meeting Minutes November 19, 1940 – December 30, 1941
1	N/A	Meeting Minutes January 6, 1942 – December 29, 1942
1	N/A	Meeting Minutes January 5, 1943 – December 28, 1943 with June 1, 1943.
1	N/A	Receipts and Expenditures November 22, 1935 - December 14, 1937
1	N/A	Receipts and Expenditures December 12, 1936 – August 11, 1936 with new member names and addresses
1	N/A	Receipts and Expenditures January 15, 1938 – January 2, 1940
1	N/A	Receipts and Expenditures January 1, 1940 – January 1, 1942 including Convention and Flower Fund