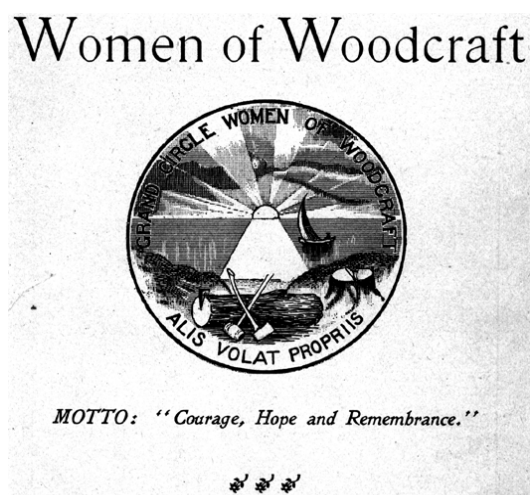


## Castlewood Circle #328 - Women of Woodcraft



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### Note (Abstract)

These are the records of Castlewood Circle #328 (Castle Rock, Colorado), Women of Woodcraft, 1900-1938. The records include *Minutes, 1900-1938*, documenting monthly business, projects, events and concerns; *Clerks Record Books, 1900-1930*, recording the financial makeup of the society; copies of the *Pacific Echo*, the newsletter of Women of Woodcraft (later Neighbors of Woodcraft); forms and applications, rule books for the society, and also several copies of Ritual and Service books from 1899-1926.

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### Processing Information

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### Arrangement

This collection is arranged alphabetically by subject, chronologically within subject headings. The second record carton contains oversized items (plaques and scrapbooks) arranged by size.

## Historical Note

1900 Dec. 18 - First meeting of Castlewood Circle #328 (Castle Rock, Colorado).

The first officers were:

Guardian Neighbor	Lucy L. Jones
Past Guardian	Ada Montgomery
Banker	Rosa Woltzen
Clerk	Neonta Todd
Magician	Mary B. Triplett
Captain of Guards	Stella D. Goodyear
Attendant	Mamie Wolf
Inner Sentinel	Martha Wolfenberger
Outer Sentinel	Charles W. Todd
Managers	Arthur L. Benton
	Mary B. Triplett
	Ada Montgomery

1901 Jan. - A reception given by Stella Goodyear for the benefit of "Woodcraft"; \$7.00 was raised.

1903 Apr. 7 - Castlewood Camp (Castle Rock, Colorado), Woodmen of the World offered Castlewood Circle a rental proposition for their "new hall over the bank." The price would be \$3.00 for 2 meetings per month or \$5.00 for 4 meetings, plus 25 cents for gas "should our meetings, dances, or entertainments hold later than midnight." These terms were accepted.

Sept. 1 - A committee was created to visit members and urge them to attend meetings regularly.

Sept. 15 - Castlewood Circle #328 was granted a 60 day special dispensation by the Grand Guardian of Women of Woodcraft to try and "arouse members and solicit new ones."

Dec. 1 - Castlewood Circle #328 asked for an extension of the dispensation.

Dec. 15 - The Circle wrote to ask the Grand Guardian for an organizer to "stir us up in general and to fill us with new enthusiasm."

1904 Mar. 1 - Mrs. Susie Brennan, Women of Woodcraft organizer, spoke at the Castlewood Circle #328 meeting.

Apr. 5 - The Circle gave a joint entertainment (stereopticon and musical) with the Castlewood Camp, Woodmen of the World at Woltzen's Hall.

1906 Apr. 28 - Castlewood Circle #328 received a communication from the Grand Clerk regarding the "San Francisco disaster."

June 9 - Another communication was received concerning the "San Francisco disaster." The members discussed sending \$5.00 to the relief fund, but decided to wait.

Dec. 8 - "Poverty Social" held by the Circle. Committees were:  
 Refreshment: Neighbors Adela Adams, Ellen Potter, and Anna Hillburger.  
 Entertainment: Neighbors Nora Ellison, Daisy E. Burke, and Ethel H. Jones.  
 Advertising: Neighbors Minnie C. Sturdevant, Lucy L. Jones, and Margaret Sharp.

1909 Oct. 2 - Resolution of Condolence sent to Neighbor Anna C. Colgin.

1913 May 6 - Mary J. Burke and Lucy L. Jones were elected representative and alternate to the District Convention in Denver, Colorado.

1918 May - The Circle voted not to have District Circle meetings.

1919 July - The Circle noted that the hall they were renting was in bad condition and decided to speak to Mr. Troutfelter about having it cleaned.

Sept. - It was noted in the meeting minutes that Mr. Troutfelter had replied that he could not clean the hall.

1920 - The Circle began looking for a new hall in which to hold their meetings.

Nov. 17 - The Circle was unable to locate a hall they could afford. They wrote to Women of Woodcraft to receive a dispensation to hold meetings in members homes until they could secure a hall.

1920 Nov. 17 - The Circle bought a \$10.00 bond for the Woodcraft home in California.

1921 July 19 - The Clerk (Lulu White) reported having had a talk with several neighbors of Arapahoe Circle who wanted Castlewood Circle to rent a hall so that "they might meet with us so we could see their team work. After discussing this it was moved and carried that Castlewood Circle could see no benefit they could derive from such a joint meeting and the Clerk was instructed to write Arapahoe Circle that we would be unable to entertain them at this time."

1922 Apr. 4 - The Circle received a letter from Neighbor Grace Champion of Denver asking them to make something to be raffled or sold at the next District Convention. The circle replied that they could not contribute because their Circle was too small.

1925 Dec. 15 - Bills allowed for the month were: To Adela J. Adams for Bankers services for quarter ending Dec. 31, \$4.00; To Minnie Sturdevant for Clerks services, \$7.50.

1927 Nov. 15 - The Circle discussed renting Livingston Hall, the Managers were instructed to see Mr. Livingston about the hall and also a piano.

1928 Jan. 17 - It was decided not to rent Livingston Hall.

July 17 - "Arapahoe Circle of Littleton initiated Otilie Oltmans into the mysteries of Woodcraft for Castlewood Circle."

Aug. 21 - "It was decided to meet at the I.O.O.F. [International Order of Odd Fellows] hall for a time."

1929 July 2 - "It was moved and carried that we meet at neighbors homes as we did before we met at the hall."

1930 May 6 - A communication was received from the Past Grand Guardian, Thurza Wintermeyer, stating that there was to be a joint meeting at Elizabeth, May 16th; Castlewood Circle were to be guests.

Dec. 3 - It was moved and seconded that the Circle donate five dollars to the Fireman's Christmas Fund."

1931 Aug. 4 - "Our representative to the District Meeting [Emma Misner] gave her report and at this meeting was elected District Manager. The Circle gave her the special honors."

1931 Oct. 2 - "It was moved and carried that the Circle rent Neighbor [Clara B.] Jones' large room for \$2.00 per month."

1932 Apr. 5 - Communication from the Grand Secretary, J.L. Wright, stating that the Grand Circle had forwarded the Benefit Fund warrants to Joseph Burke and Lessie Potter Callahan.

1934 Feb. 6 - Letters of sympathy were sent to Neighbors Bertha Ellis and Hope Ellis. The Circle decided to pay one months' dues for these members instead of sending flowers for the funeral.

1935 Aug. 6 - "The Grand Guardian granted us a special dispensation until the first of Jan 1936 for three for a quorum instead of five."

1937 Feb. 2 - "As Neighbor Clara B. Jones said she intended to drop Woodcraft; it was decided to have the Circle's dishes taken to Neighbor [Adela] Adams for the present time."

June 1 - "The Delegate and Alternate [Helen Shull and Anna Prescott] decided not to attend the District meeting."

1938 Dec. 6 - This is the last meeting we have minutes for. For the last year of minutes, only three members attended.

## Controlled Access Headings

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## Scope and Content

This collection documents the life of Castlewood Circle # 328 (Castle Rock, Colorado), Women of Woodcraft. The records portray the financial and social makeup of the Circle, events they sponsored, and activities they took part in. The *Clerk's Record Books* hold information about membership, finances, and some biographical information about the members. This information includes family members, occupation of the member, address, and date of initiation. Correspondence is mainly form letters from the Grand Circle, Women of Woodcraft, though there are a few letters directly to the Castlewood Circle. The *Minutes* document monthly meetings. They included information about events the circle sponsored meetings with other local circles, and problems encountered by the circle. There are two copies of the *Pacific Echo* the newsletter put out by the Women of Woodcraft, these include news from other circles in the organization, though none from Castlewood Circle #328. The records also include a biennial report for 1925-1927, Women of Woodcraft, and bylaws and amendments for the Castlewood Circle #328 for 1901, 1902 and 1913.

## Adjunct to Descriptive Data (Related Material)

Woodmen of the World. Pacific jurisdiction Executive council. Proceedings - 1897. With Woodmen of the World. Pacific jurisdiction. Proceedings of the...session of the head camp. V. 1-4, 1890-1896. Held at the Denver Public Library, Western History and Genealogy Department, 10 West 14th Pkwy., Denver, Colorado 80204. Call No: C366 W858p, v. 1-4.

**Subordinate Components (Box/Folder list)**  
**The Women of Woodcraft, MSS-002**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	.A	Women of Woodcraft (Neighbors of Woodcraft) Castlewood Circle #328-collection papers	n.d.
1	1	Biennial report, Women of Woodcraft	1925-1927
1	2	Bylaws and amendments	1901, 1902, 1913
1	3	<i>Clerk's record book</i>	1900-1912
1	4	<i>Clerk's record book</i>	[ca. 1912-1930]
1	5	Condolence resolutions	n.d.
1	6	Correspondence	1920-1939
1	7	Forms, applications and installation certificates	n.d.
1	8	Juvenile department rules, Neighbors of Woodcraft plans, Literature, Colorado House rules.	n.d., 1903-1927
1	9	<i>Minutes</i>	1901-1910
1	10	<i>Minutes</i>	1910-1928
1	11	<i>Minutes</i>	1928-1938
1	12	<i>Pacific Echo</i> newsletter	1925 & 1938
1	13	Ritual and service books, password card, membership ribbon.	1899-1926

# Appendix A

## Index of members names

### Castlewood Circle #328, Women of Woodcraft, 1900-1938

Adams, Adela J.	Ellison, Charles E.	Lamb, Anna
Adams, Ethel Estella	Ellison, Mary L.	Lambert, Iva Pearl
Adams, Minnie	Ellison, Nora E	Legault, Anna R.
Anderson, Victoria	Farrell, Charlotte	Lewis, Mildred Hortense
Ball, Flora G.	Fetherhof, Minnie	Lewis, Ruth Marie
Barrett, Ida M.	Findling, Amanda	Lipps, Mary M.
Barz, Mrs. Harry	(Arapahoe Circle)	Livingston, S.E.
Beauvais, Edward C.	Finnegan, Minnie	Lopek, [Pam]
Beauvais, Emma J.	Fischer, Lizzie M.	Lowell, Christian
Beeman, Harriett (Davis)	Fitch, Carrie	Lowell, Maude
Benton, Arthur L.	Freed, Ellen E.	Maas, Elizabeth
Benton, Martha B.	Gardiner, Edythe	MacGregor, Jean Stewart
Black, Neighbor	Garland, Bertha (Pine	Manning, Myrtle
(Arapahoe Circle)	Grove Circle)	McConnell, Clara G.
Bowen, Minnie A.	Garrison, Samantha A.	McKelvey, Nina B.
Burke, Daisy E.	Givens, Elizabeth	Mead, Ethel Estelle
Burke, Joseph	Goodyear, Stella D.	Memmen, Gretchen E.
Burke, Mary J.	Hambitzer, Mary	Misner, Emma
Cabell, Viola L.	Harris, Julia Anna	Montgomery, Ada G.
(Highlands Ranch Circle)	Hathaway, Maria	Morgan, Emma Mae (Pine
Cameron, Mary F.	Heath, Rebecca	Grove Circle)
Campbell, Ruth F.	Herzog, Clarissa U.	Norris, Cora
Carr, Florence Hope (Ellis)	Higginson, Essie M.	Noyes, Theodora Irene
(see: Ellis, Florence Hope)	Hilburger, Anna	Oltmans, Otilie E.
Chase, Ruby M.	Hill, Bessie	Owens, Mabelle
Clark, Ella	Hoffman, Cora L.	Parker, Myrtle
Colbert, Nellie M.	Hoffman, Ed	Pearson, Mellie E.
(Gooding)	Honnold, Victoria E.	Pedego, Myrtle
Colgin, Anna C.	Hooper, Irene W.	Peight, Elizabeth
Colgin, George	House, Mildred L.	Phillips, Alice L.
Cox, Flora	Hubka, Sarah Ella	Potter, Ellen E.
Crippin, Lena B.	Hubka, William	Prescott, Anna L.
Dakan, Martha Florence	Jennings, Pearle W.	Priddy, Jennie E.
Davis, Harriet	Johnston, Ema	Priddy, William
Day, Eva Sader	Johnston, Fay E.	Priest, Sarah J.
Dillon, Winifred	Jones, Clara	Quinn, Margaret
Downing, Effie A.	Jones, Ethel H.	Ritter, Gladys B.
Ellis, Bertha I. (Triplett)	Jones, Lucy L.	Schultz, Bertha Barz
Ellis, Elias R.	Jones, Mary J.	Schultz, Elizabeth Marie
Ellis, Florence Hope (See:	Jones, Rebecca	Scott, Hazel M.
Carr, Florence Ellis)	Kaempfer, Minnie	Scott, Martha E.
Ellis, Klo (Hamilton)	Karns, Reda F.	Seaton, Mary Alice
Ellis, Leonard	Kendall, Vettie	Sharp, Evelyn L.W.
Ellis William J.	Kroeger, Antonia Lilly	Sharp, May

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Shull, Helen Sarah  
Shultz, Elizabeth Marie  
Smith, Dora Alice  
Smith, Edna  
Spitzer, Marie  
Spitzer, Ruby P.  
Steinsma, Ida Bell  
Stoll, Alma B.  
Strange, Della A.  
Stream, Nellie A.  
Sturdevant, Minnie C.  
Sturdevant, Ulric  
Thompson, Aldena  
Todd, Charles W.  
Todd, Neonta E.  
Towne, Alma S.  
Triplett, Hattie L.  
Triplett, Mary B.  
Vosler, Effie  
Vosler, Mary  
White, Lulu  
Wilcox, Bonnie G.  
Williams, Ethel Estelle  
Wintermeyer, Thurza  
(Denver Circle)  
Wolf, Mamie  
Wofensberger, Martha  
Woltzen, Rosa B.  
Woodhouse, Albert