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Wellesley Historical Society

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**Title**

Wellesley Assemblies Collection

**Date**

1974-2004

**Extent**

0.25 linear feet, 1 half-size document box

**Name of Creator**

Wellesley Assemblies

**Historical Note**

The Wellesley Assemblies was a ballroom dancing club established in 1924 by a group of young Wellesley couples who wanted to have dance parties during the fall and winter season. Over the years the focus broadened to include other activities, including dining and the performance of skits.

Initially, the group met for black tie events were held at Wellesley College society houses; as the group grew, events were held at the Wellesley Inn, then the Holiday Inn (Grove Street, Newton). From the 1970s through the 1990s the group held events at Wellesley area country clubs.

Members “enjoyed getting together to imbibe a bit, dine, dance, and frolic, by way of irreverent skits, whose themes are sometimes inspired by the political fiascos of the day” (*Wellesley Assemblies, Commemorative 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History, 1924-1999*). These “thespian extravaganzas” were central to the group’s events; prizes were awarded for performance and costumes.

**Scope and Content Note**

This collection contains invitations and program flyers for the Wellesley Assemblies events. The materials date from 1974-2004. A brief history compiled by the organization, *Wellesley*

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*Assemblies, Commemorative 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History, 1924-1999*, can be found in Box 1, Folder 1.

### **System of Arrangement**

The collection comprises two series, with materials organized chronologically.

- I. History and Overview
- II. Event Programs

### **Library of Congress Index Terms**

Ballroom dancing  
Clubs  
Wellesley (Mass.)

### **Conditions Governing Access**

The Collection is open for research purposes by appointment only. Please contact the Wellesley Historical Society for more information.  
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### **Physical Access**

Some of the materials are fragile.

### **Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use**

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### **Languages and Scripts of the Material**

English

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

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### **Accruals**

The Historical Society may add materials to this collection in the future; however, no further accruals are currently expected.

### **Description**

DACS-compliant Finding Aid created in April 2019 by Alden Ludlow. Processing of this collection was made possible through a grant from the Wellesley Community Preservation Committee (CPC).

### **Bibliography**

*Wellesley Assemblies, Commemorative 75th Anniversary History, 1924-1999* (in collection)

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**Container List**

***I.* History and Overview**

**Box 1**

Folder 1: Wellesley Assemblies, 75th Anniversary History, 1924-1999

***II.* Event Programs**

**Box 1**

Folder 2: 1974-1979

Folder 3: 1980-1985

Folder 4: 1986-1989

Folder 5: 1990-1995

Folder 6: 1996-1999

Folder 7: 2000-2004