

The Women's Farm and Garden Association

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The Women's Agricultural and Horticultural International Union was established in 1899 after a group of women who had attended the International Conference of Women Workers in London in Jul 1899 decided that they would like to keep in contact. Initially the society had 22 members, producing the first leaflet in 1900. The name was changed to The Women's Farm and Garden Union in 1910, to the Women's Farm and Garden Association 1921 and in 1929 the society became incorporated.

The objectives of the Society were to unite all professional land workers and those interested in outdoor work for women into a strong central association, to help and advise land workers on all matters connected with their profession and to influence public opinion in everything concerning women workers on the land.

The society established several committees including the important Education Committee in 1910 which was responsible for administering examinations in practical gardening and poultry management for women. The society was also responsible for the establishment of the Women's National Land Service Corps in the First World War, aiming to replace the labour lost to enlistment and any possible disruption to supplies of food. This was taken over by the Board of Agriculture in 1917 forming the first Women's Land Army. The society was still involved as an agency to recruit labour. An outfit department was set up by the society in 1921 to enable women to buy smaller sized clothes from the society.

In 1922 the society bought a 98 acre farm with cottages at Wire Mill, Lingfield, Surrey to set up a small holdings colony, with 8 holdings initially occupied by 13 women.

The society established an office in 1917 at Baker Street in London, then moving to Park Street and on to Courtauld House, Byng Place, London in 1931, which had been given to the society by Miss K M Courtauld. A clubhouse was set up and used by members to stay in. Courtauld House was sold to the Quakers in 1963 and the society leased back office space that they needed. In 1978 the society moved out of London buying Lilac Cottage, Birch Green, Colchester, Essex, which was sold in 1983. The society then moved to Circencester, Gloucestershire.

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SR WFGA/A/1	COMMITTEE MINUTE BOOKS	1899-1987
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Contains the minutes of different committees and sub-committees in each volume with reports from the

- Ad hoc agricultural committee
- Annual meetings
- Appeal sub-committee
- Apprenticeship sub-committee
- Bursary committee
- Clothing sub-committees
- Council meetings
- Council of management
- Dance committee
- Emergency council
- Executive committee
- Extraordinary meetings
- General committee meetings
- General purpose and finance committee
- Investigation sub-committee
- Land outfit sub committee
- Land service sub-committee
- Luxmoore sub-committee on the Reconstruction of Agricultural and Horticultural Education
- Membership sub-committee
- Provisional education committee
- Publicity and publications committee
- Show committee
- Small holdings committee
- Special committee meetings accounts

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Includes minutes of the first committee meeting and accounts
(1 vol)

SR WFGA/A/1/2	Committee Minute Book	1915-1929
	Includes reports from the treasurer, the club, co-operative farms, the National Service Training Centre at Ringer's Farm, gardening department and the Small Holdings Scheme at Wire Mill, Lingfield, Surrey (1 vol)	
SR WFGA/A/1/3	Committee Minute Book	1929-1967
	Includes council minutes 1929-1947; annual general meeting minutes for 1930-1967; loose agenda for a meeting to be held on 27 Jun 1945; telegram advising of a the meeting and letter to Lady Tweedsmuir confirming her election as President in 1945 (1 vol)	
SR WFGA/A/1/4	Committee Minute Book (1 vol)	1949-1955
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SR WFGA/A/1/6	Committee Minute Book (1 vol)	1967-1969
SR WFGA/A/1/7	Committee Minute Book (1 vol)	1969-1974
SR WFGA/A/1/8	Committee Minute Book	1975-1981
	Includes loose committee minutes and telegram from Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother thanking the Women's Farm and Garden Association for the telegram they sent to congratulate her on the occasion of her 80 th birthday (1 vol)	
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SR WFGA/A/2/1	Minute book of the Executive Committee Includes reports from club sub-committee, small holding sub-committee and fund sub committee (1 vol)	Jan 1917-Feb1920
SR WFGA/A/2/2	Minute book of the Executive Committee Includes reports from club sub-committee, small holding sub-committee and fund sub committee (1 vol)	1920
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SR WFGA/A/3/1	Minute Books of the General Purposes and Finance Committee Includes reports from general purposes and finance committee, farm and garden club, publicity sub-committee, land outfit and AGM arrangements sub-committee (1 vol)	1920-1926
SR WGFA/A/3/2	Minute Books of the General Purposes and Finance Committee Includes reports from registration committee and conference minutes, with index and reports from various committees (1 vol)	1927-1949
SR WFGA/A/4	MINUTE BOOK OF THE TRAINING SUB-COMMITTEE	1915-1916
SR WFGA/A/4/1	Minute Book of the Training Sub-Committee Includes list of committee members and loose minutes for Oct 1916 (1 vol)	Jul 1915-Oct 1916

SR WFGA/A/5	MINUTE BOOK OF THE OFFICE COMMITTEE	1915-1920
SR WFGA/A/5/1	Minute Book of the Office Committee Contains loose papers relating to salaries and income and expenditure (1 vol)	Dec 1915-Jan 1920
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SR WFGA/A/6/1	Minute Book of the Show Committee Includes minutes of the club sub-committee (1 vol)	1918-1938
SR WFGA/B	Annual Reports	1918-1920
SR WFGA/B/1	Annual Report (1 vol)	1918-1919
SR WFGA/B/2	Annual Report (1 vol)	1919-1920

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SR WFGA/E/1/1	Journal of the Women's Farm and Garden Union (1 vol)	Feb 1920
SR WFGA/E/1/2	Journal of the Women's Farm and Garden Union (1 vol)	Mar 1920
SR WFGA/E/1/3	Journal of the Women's Farm and Garden Union (1 vol)	Apr 1920
SR WFGA/E/1/4	Journal of the Women's Farm and Garden Union (1 vol)	May 1920
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SR WFGA/E/3/1	Quarterly Leaflet of the Women's Agricultural and Horticultural International Union Issue 1-4 [English and French] (4 vols)	1900
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SR WFGA/G/4	File of photocopies of photographs Consists of photographs of unidentified groups of women working the land, the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visiting the Women's Farm and Garden Association at Courtauld House, butter making and the Queen visiting the Women's Farm and Garden Association Rose Show Tent at a show (14 docs)	n.d.[early twentieth century]
SR WFGA/G/5	File of photocopies of documents [from the Imperial War Museum] relating to the women	1916-1919

working on the land during World War I

Includes roll of honour of women who died working on the land, promotional material, terms and conditions of the Women's Land Army, newspaper cuttings, letters from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Women's Branch sent to Honorary Secretaries, Organising Secretaries and Travelling Inspectors, with a list of names and geographical areas of responsibility of these officers, subjects of the letters include wages paid, conditions and creches, notes from the organising secretaries dairy for 1917, a copy of the Report of the National Scottish Conference on Employment on the Land, copies of tests set for women workers including general labourers, waggoners, cowmans and tractor ploughing, statistics for women workers on employed on the land (67 docs)