BACKGROUND ON PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE (NORTHAMPTON, MASS.)

People's Institute of Northampton, Massachusetts was an outgrowth of the Home Culture Club established in 1887 by George W. Cable. It met in members' homes for the purpose of helping working people spend their evenings in valuable reading and discussion, and for furthering the culture of the home as well as the individual. The organization also sponsored flower garden competitions, an evening school for adults, a school for the household arts, an after school play program for children, a Golden Age club, and a day camp. Photocopied records include Board of Directors minutes, Directors' reports, and correspondence.

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The records, photocopies of records held by People's Institute, include Board of Directors minutes, 1896-1970; Directors' reports, 1933-1942; and correspondence, 1965-1970.

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