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**ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION,
NEW HAVEN AND SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT BRANCH**

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Introduction

The English Speaking Union is a worldwide, independent, non-profit, educational and cultural organization, dedicated to strengthening friendship among English speaking people. Each branch is supported entirely by the dues and contributions of its members. The New Haven and Southern Connecticut Branch was the 80th local branch to be formed.

A meeting of the organizing committee of the proposed New Haven and Southern Connecticut Branch was held on January 18, 1977 at 178 Bishop Street in New Haven. At this time plans were made for the inaugural meeting to be held on January 20, 1977. The proposed officers for a term of one year were: President Robin W. Winks, Vice President John A. Logan, Jr., Treasurer Henry P. Brightwell, Jr., Secretary Mrs. Beekman C. Cannon, and Program Chairman John C. Reily.

Programs for members include noted speakers on related topics, trips to places of special interest, social occasions to welcome foreign visitors, and holiday festivities.

Study Fellowships for High School teachers are provided for a summer course at a British university each year. The Walter Hines Page Scholarship was established in 1924 by the English Speaking Union of the Commonwealth to enable a British teacher to visit the United States to study a specific aspect of the educational system.

The material in this collection was given to the New Haven Colony Historical Society in 2005 by the Branch.

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The New Haven Branch dissolved in 2010. The last President, Gilbert Hogan, presented the remaining archives of the organization to the Whitney Library in 2011.

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