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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 393 LADIES Literary Club – Bowling Green, Kentucky

5 boxes. 50 folders. 176 items. 1885-2002. Originals, photocopies, photographs.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The Ladies Literary Club is the oldest women's club in Bowling Green. It was organized in March, 1880 after a local teacher, Mrs. T. Sumner Stevens, conceived the idea of a women's counterpart to the XV Club, a recently formed men's club.

The club was formed for the study and discussion of literary, cultural and historical topics at twice-monthly meetings. A year's worth of programming on a particular theme is planned in advance. Membership was originally limited to twelve but over the years has risen to twenty.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of the existing minute books of the Ladies Literary Club of Bowling Green, Kentucky, together with club correspondence, programs and miscellaneous materials, including historical sketches. The items in the collection have been organized into four series. Series I contains minute books commencing in 1885 (the first minute book has not survived), together with loose papers contained therein. Series II contains annual published lists of programs. Series III contains correspondence, and Series IV contains miscellaneous material and historical sketches about the club, usually produced on significant anniversaries of its formation.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1		**1 item**
Folder 1	Inventory	1 item

SERIES I MINUTES

Box 1	**Minutes**	**1885-1914**	**11 items**
Folder 1	Minute book	1885-1896	1 item
Folder 2	Loose items from 1885-1896 minute book	n.d.	1 item
Folder 3	Minute book	1896-1904	1 item
Folder 4	Loose items from 1896-1904 minute book	n.d.	1 item
Folder 5	Minute book	1904-1906	1 item
Folder 6	Minute book	1907-1911	1 item
Folder 7	Minute book	1911-1912	1 item
Folder 8	Minute book	1912-1913	1 item
Folder 9	Loose items from 1912-1913 minute book	n.d.	2 items
Folder 10	Minute book	1913-1914	1 item

Box 2	**Minutes**	**1915-1946**	**24 items**
Folder 1	Minute book	1915-1920	1 item
Folder 2	Minute book	1920-1925	1 item
Folder 3	Loose items from 1920-1925 minute book	1925	2 items
Folder 4	Minute book	1925-1930	1 item
Folder 5	Loose items from 1925-1930 minute book	1925-1930	7 items
Folder 6	Minute book	1930-1936	1 item
Folder 7	Loose items from 1930-1935 minute book	1932-1933	1 item
Folder 8	Minute book	1935-1940	1 item
Folder 9	Loose items from 1935-1940 minute book	1935-1941	2 items
Folder 10	Minute book	1941-1946	1 item

Folder 11	Loose items from 1941-1946 minute book	1941-1942	6 items
Box 3	**Minutes**	**1946-1985**	**38 items**
Folder 1	Minute book	1946-1952	1 item
Folder 2	Loose items from 1946-1952 minute book	1946-1953	9 items
Folder 3	Minute book	1953-1955	1 item
Folder 4	Minute book	1955-1961	1 item
Folder 5	Loose items from 1955-1961 minute book	1957-1960	3 items
Folder 6	Minute book	1961-1965	1 item
Folder 7	Loose items from 1961-1965 minute book	n.d.	1 item
Folder 8	Minute book	1965-1971	1 item
Folder 9	Loose items from 1965-1971 minute book	1965-1971	17 items
Folder 10	Minute book	1975-1979	1 item
Folder 11	Minute book	1979-1985	1 item
Folder 12	Loose item from 1979-1985 minute book	1985	1 item
Box 4	**Minutes**	**1985-2004**	**21 items**
Folder 1	Minute book	1985-1990	1 item
Folder 2	Loose items from 1985-1992 minute book	n.d.	1 item
Folder 3	Minute book	1990-1996	1 item
Folder 4	Loose items from 1990-1996 minute book	1989-1992, n.d.	7 items
Folder 5	Minute book	1999-2004	1 item
Folder 6	Loose items from 1999-2004 minute book	2000-2003	10 items

SERIES II PUBLICATIONS

Box 1	**Programs**	**1921-2003**	**12 items**
Folder 1	Programs	1921-1930	10 items
Folder 2	Programs	2001-2003	2 items

SERIES III CORRESPONDENCE

Box 1	**Correspondence**	**1887-2002**	**50 items**
Folder 1	Correspondence	1887-1944	12 items
Folder 2	Correspondence	1945-1965	24 items
Folder 3	Correspondence	1989-2002	14 items

SERIES IV MISCELLANEOUS

Box 1	**Miscellaneous**	**1905-2002**	**19 items**
Folder 1	Historical sketches	1905, 1920	2 items
Folder 2	Historical sketches	1930-1940	6 items
Folder 3	Historical sketches	1955, n.d	2 items
Folder 4	Historical sketches	1980	2 items
Folder 5	Miscellaneous brochures & information	1997-2002	7 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Cabell, Ellen Douglas (Patteson), 1854-1926 III,B1,F1
Clubs – Bowling Green
Herdman, Virginia (Meyler), d. 1960 – Relating to I,B3,F5
McCormack, Corinne (Crenshaw), 1847-1932 III,B1,F1
Moore, Cleo (Bryan), d. 1957 – Relating to I,B3,F5
Obenchain, Lida (Calvert), 1856-1935 III,B1,F1
Poetry I,B2,F3&5
Rodes, Sally, d. 1947 – Relating to I,B3,F2
Societies – Bowling Green
Women – Societies and clubs

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