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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 460 BOWLING Green, Kentucky Musical Fund Society

1/2 box. 5 folders. 8 items. 1872-1910. Originals and typescript.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The Bowling Green Musical Fund Society was established in 1872 for “the cultivation of music and the social enjoyment of its members.” Within two years the organization’s membership had climbed to 75 members, who paid annual dues of \$10 for men and \$5 for females. This must have been considered burdensome, because two years later they cut the dues in half. By 1874 the group had “a splendid Piano, and other Musical Instruments, and a fine collection of music—and all paid for.” However, by 1874, the Society reported a debt of \$125. Membership waned and the club went dormant; it re-activated in 1886 for “the mutual enjoyment and advancement of the musical culture in our community.” The renewed interest was short lived. On 25 November 1910 several of the Society’s founding board members met and resolved to sell the piano and “all other property of the said society” thus ending the organization’s history.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of a small archive of material from the Bowling Green Musical Fund Society. Folder 2 contains the constitution and by-laws of the organization as well as some amendments to the by-laws. It also contains two (one-sided) newsletters informing members about the society’s business, 1872-1874. The Society’s minute book, 1872-1910 can be found in Folder 3; the minutes are chiefly for 1872-1874 and then skip to 1885-1886 and then to 1910. A typescript copy of the minute book is located in Folder 4. The financial records of the club date from 1872 to 1873 and include detailed membership accounts for members as well as a cash journal for the same years.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Bowling Green Musical Fund Society	1872-1910	10 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Governing documents and newsletters	1872-1874	5 items
Folder 3	Minutes	1872-1910	2 items
Folder 4	Minutes (typescript of minutes in Folder 3)	1872-1910	1 item
Folder 5	Financial records	1872-1873	1 item

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

MSS BOWLING Green, Kentucky Musical Fund 1872-1910
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Minutes, financial records, governing documents and miscellaneous items of the Bowling Green Musical Fund Society, which was established in 1872 for "the cultivation of music and the social enjoyment of its members."

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