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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 569 EQB Club – Bowling Green, Kentucky

4 boxes. 25 folders. 450 items. 1935-2018. Originals, photocopies, and photographs.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

In January, 1903, twelve young men met at the premises of E. Nahm and Company in Bowling Green, Kentucky and organized a literary club, which they named *Ecce Quam Bonum* (“Behold How Good”).

Members of the EQB Club, as it came to be known, are designated by numbers from one to twelve, and meet to discuss “literary, scientific, historical, political, and all ‘current topics,’” excluding those “having a sectarian bearing on the religion of any member of the Club.” The constitution stipulates twelve meetings per year (one cycle), with each member responsible for entertaining the Club once per cycle. Nominations to fill vacancies are made by majority vote and members elected by unanimous vote.

The Club’s traditions have included the wearing of dinner clothes to meetings (translated today as “business attire”), the greeting of arriving members by those present with a handshake “notwithstanding they may have seen each other a few minutes previously,” and dinners for club members and guests.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of the records of the EQB Club of Bowling Green, Kentucky from 1935 to 2018, with future additions anticipated. The collection consists of five series: Minutes, Financial, Publications, Correspondence, and Miscellaneous. The Miscellaneous series (Series V) contains historical data about the club, including a history prepared in 1930 and updated through 1938 by J. Lewie Harman, the Club’s historian. Harman included the Club’s constitution, a lengthy list of its discussion topics, presidents and member lists, biographical information about members, and anecdotes. Also included in Series V is a collection of excerpts from the minutes documenting humorous or memorable events (Box 1, Folder 3). An oversized scrapbook (Box 1, Folder 4) collects some of Harman’s drafts and data for the Club’s history.

SHELF LIST**BOX 1** **1 item**Folder 1 Inventory 1 item**SERIES I MINUTES****Box 1 Minutes** **1935-2005 18 items**Folder 1 Minutes 1935-1952 1 itemFolder 2 Minutes 1953-1983 1 itemFolder 3 Stray materials from 1953-1983 minutes 1955-1968 9 itemsFolder 4 Minutes 1974-1985 1 itemFolder 5 Minutes 1985-1987 1 itemFolder 6 Minutes 1987-1990 1 itemFolder 7 Minutes 1990-1997 1 itemFolder 8 Minutes 1997-1999 1 itemFolder 9 Minutes 1999-2003 1 itemFolder 10 Minutes 2003-2005 1 item**Box 2 Minutes** **2005-2014 5 items**Folder 1 Minutes 2005-2007 1 itemFolder 2 Minutes 2008-2009 1 itemFolder 3 Minutes 2010-2014 1 itemFolder 4 Minutes 2017-2018 2 items**SERIES II FINANCIAL RECORDS****Box 1 Financial Records** **1997-2003 20 items**

Folder 1	Financial records	1997-2003	20 items
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SERIES III PUBLICATIONS

Box 1	Publications	2009	1 item
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Folder 1	Souvenir book, "EQB – Christmas 2009"	2009	1 item
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SERIES IV CORRESPONDENCE

SUBSERIES 1 Correspondence

Box 1	Correspondence	1945-2009	47 items
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Folder 1	Correspondence	1945-2018	47 items
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SUBSERIES 2 Invitations

Box 1	Invitations	1984-2018	278 items
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Folder 1	Invitations	1984-1999	81 items
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Folder 2	Invitations	2001-2009	97 items
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Folder 3	Invitations	2010-2018	104 items
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SERIES V MISCELLANEOUS

Box 1	Miscellaneous	1936-2017	96 items
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Folder 1	Miscellaneous	1936-1997	9 items
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Folder 2	Photographs	n.d.	3 items
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Folder 3	Historical sketches and data	1930-2017	70 items
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Folder 4	Scrapbook (oversized) with historical data	1938	1 item
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Folder 5	Loose materials from scrapbook	1938-1957	13 items
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BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

MSS EQB Club – Bowling Green, 1935-2018
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