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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 395 LARTHS Club – Bowling Green, Kentucky

3 ½ boxes. 44 folders. 277 items. 1929-2010. Originals, photographs, and photocopies.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The LARTHS Literary Club was organized in 1925 with five charter members: Emma Lowe, Jewell Mueth, Lucille Robinson, Pauline Smith, and Nina Venable. It was the outgrowth of the Spinx Club, a study/social club they had enjoyed in high school. Herman Lowe named the club by using the first letter of each subject the club planned to study: Literature, Art, Religion, Travel, History and Science. Each member serves as a hostess and gives a program annually. The club meets semi-monthly from September until June and typically has a spring luncheon and a Christmas party.

COLLECTION NOTE

The records of the LARTHS Literary Club are divided into three series. Series I contains the organization's minutes, which are incomplete. Annual attendance sheets are generally found with the minutes of the September meeting each year. Minutes generally include information about the program, financial information, those in attendance, news about members, and the identity of the hostess and program presenter. Loose items placed with the minutes have been kept as the club secretary placed them.

Series II consists of the Club's yearbooks. This series too is incomplete. Second copies of yearbooks have been retained for posterity. The yearbooks include the membership list, dates and topics for programs, and the officers' names. A number of the program covers were designed by art teacher Lou Toomey. The 1938-1939 yearbook cover features an original drawing of the Warren County Courthouse by Arlene Rawlins.

Series III contains other administrative papers including copies of the constitution and by-laws, a few financial records, correspondence, historical information, news clippings, notes from programs, photographs, and a linoleum cut which was probably used for printing a special cover at one time. The photographs include snapshots of some early club members as well as the 60th anniversary party held in 1985.

SHELF LIST**SERIES 1**

BOX 1	Minutes	1936-1985	19 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Minutes	1936-1938	1 item
Folder 3	Minutes	1938-1940	1 item
Folder 4	Minutes	1940-1942	1 item
Folder 5	Minutes	1942-1944	1 item
Folder 6	Minutes	1944-1948	1 item
Folder 7	Minutes	1948-1950	1 item
Folder 8	Minutes	1950-1953	1 item
Folder 9	Minutes	1960-1961	1 item
Folder 10	Minutes	1962-1964	1 item
Folder 11	Minutes	1964-1967	1 item
Folder 12	Minutes	1967-1969	1 item
Folder 13	Minutes	1969-1971	1 item
Folder 14	Minutes	1971-1973	1 item
Folder 15	Minutes	1973-1975	1 item
Folder 16	Minutes	1975-1978	1 item
Folder 17	Minutes	1978-1981	1 item
Folder 18	Minutes	1981-1983	1 item
Folder 19	Minutes	1983-1985	1 item

BOX 2	Minutes	1985-2004	7 items
Folder 1	Minutes	1985-1986	1 item
Folder 2	Minutes	1986-1987	1 item
Folder 3	Minutes	1987-1989	1 item
Folder 4	Minutes	1989-1991	1 item
Folder 5	Minutes	1994-1995	1 item
Folder 6	Minutes	1995-1997	1 item
Folder 7	Minutes	2002-2004	1 item

SERIES 2

BOX 1	Yearbooks	1929-2010	94 items
Folder 1	Yearbooks	1929-1950	15 items
Folder 2	Yearbooks	1950-1960	10 items
Folder 3	Yearbooks	1960-1970	19 items
Folder 4	Yearbooks	1970-1980	18 items
Folder 5	Yearbooks	1980-1990	11 items
Folder 6	Yearbooks	1990-2000	9 items
Folder 7	Yearbooks	2000-2010	12 items

SERIES 3

BOX 1	Administrative Papers	1937-2003	157 items
Folder 1	Constitution and by-laws	1949	3 items
Folder 2	Financial records	1947-2002	6 items
Folder 3	Correspondence	1938-2002	38 items

Folder 4	Correspondence	n.d.	15 items
Folder 5	Research notes for a history of the LARTHS Club and undated minutes	n.d.	18 items
Folder 6	News clippings – Obituaries and information about members	1944-1991	15 items
Folder 7	News clippings and miscellaneous	1950-1997	5 items
Folder 8	Notes from programs given by members	1966-2001	19 items
Folder 9	Notes from programs given by members	n.d.	5 items
Folder 10	Photographs	1985-2003	32 items
Folder 11	Carved linoleum master for a LARTHS Club folder	1937	1 item

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Bowling Green, Kentucky

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Clubs – Bowling Green

Rawlins, Arline McLean (Perkins), 1899-1962 – Relating to II,B1,F1

Societies – Bowling Green

Toomey, Louise Christie, 1909-2002 – Relating to II,B1; III,B1,F11

Women – Societies and clubs

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