

Pentucket Club Collection, 1889-1988

Collection Summary

Reference Code:	MRQ, US.
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Call Number:	MSS 37
Creator:	Pentucket Club
Title:	Pentucket Club Collection, 1889-1988
Dates:	1889-1988
Size:	0.626 linear feet (2 boxes)
Language(s):	Collection materials are in English.
Abstract:	This collection provides information about the history and development of the Pentucket Club, a gentlemen's club in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Organizational History

The Pentucket Club was a social club for gentlemen of Haverhill, Massachusetts. It was founded shortly after the end of the Civil War and was for many years a Knights Templars' organization. On 21 March 1889, it was incorporated. Membership was originally limited to 350, with strict rules for acceptance or expulsion. The Club originally met at the Masonic building before moving to the Bannister building, which was located at the corner of Merrimac and Bridget Street. Later they would move to their final location in the Duncan Mansion in 1895, located at the corner of Main and Summer Streets.

The Duncan Mansion was originally built for Moses B. Moody in 1819-1820; the architect was John Haviland. When the Pentucket Club bought the property, they added an addition where the old stables had been, installing bowling alleys, and billiard rooms. The billiard room was large enough to have eight tables. Also, inside there was a grand staircase that was added that led to the auditorium. In the auditorium was a grand room that could be used for assemblies, banquets, and various kinds of entertainment and shows. In addition, there were reception parlors and committee meeting rooms. Within the main building there were bedrooms that were used for times when members had troubles at home. Not much is known about the library and its books. After the additions, the Pentucket Club held its grand opening on 23 February 1895.

The Pentucket Club continued to exist into the 20th century. In October 1929, the Agawam Club merged with the Pentucket Club. By the late 1950s, membership was down. In May 1963, the Pentucket Club voted to sell the property to James Vasilakis of Atkinson, New Hampshire. Vasilakis, at the time, was the owner of the Lakeview Restaurant on Amesbury Road, near Kenoza Lake. He announced that he would open a restaurant on the premises, but nothing was ever done. The Club finally dissolved on 26 August 1970, under Chapter 180, Section 26A of Mass General Law. The site is now part of the Haverhill Public Library property.

Scope and Content Note

This collection provides information about the history and development of the Pentucket Club. It has been organized into eight series. Series one provides information about the history of the Club. Series two provides information about the governance of the Club including by-laws; officers and committees; annual and special meetings; and governing documents. Series three contains some correspondence while series four provides examples of entertainment listings, programming, and invitations. Several folders contain programs for minstrel shows, with performers in blackface. Series five provides information about members including William W. Thompson, John Grant Moulton, and includes Priscilla Ann Goodwin's membership card. Series six consists of newspaper clippings. Series seven contains photographs, a postcard, and a list. Folder 84 contains black and white photographs of performers in blackface.

Arrangement

Series 1: History and Information, 1975, undated [1979]

Series 2: Pentucket Club Governance, 1889-1964

Subseries 2.1: By-Laws, 1889, 1922, 1960

Subseries 2.2: Officers & Committees, 1902-1906

Subseries 2.3: Pentucket Club Annual Meeting, 1901, 1903

Subseries 2.4: Special Meeting, 1913

Subseries 2.5: Governing Documents, 1947, 1962, 1964

Series 3: Correspondence, 1964

Series 4: Entertainment Listings, Programming, & Invitations, 1889-1945, undated

Subseries 4.1: Entertainment Listings, 1899-1927, undated

Subseries 4.2: Programs, 1895-1937, undated

Subseries 4.3: Invitations, 1891, 1896, 1902-1945, undated

Series 5: Members Information, 1895, 1904-1915, undated

Subseries 5.1: William W. Thompson Membership Info, 1895, 1904

Subseries 5.2: John Grant Moulton Invitations, 1906- 1915

Subseries 5.3: Priscilla Ann Goodwin Membership Card, undated

Series 6: Newspaper Clippings, 1894-1988

Series 7: Photographs, undated

Series 8: Objects, 1909, 1961

Administrative Information

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Custodial History:	Found in collection.
Acquisition Information:	The majority of the collection was found in the collection. A set of photos from an event were donated by Robert Mills. The boot favor (folder 88) was donated by M. Hazel Cryam. "The Ogre" program (folder 28) was donated by Charles R. Yeaton in 1989.
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Related Material:	MSS 1, Agawam Club Collection, 1907-1980
Separated Material:	None.
Conservation Notes:	Staples and paper clips have been removed. Newspaper clippings were photocopied onto archival quality paper.
Subjects:	Agawam Club Blackface Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.) Clubs Goodwin, Priscilla Ann Haverhill (Mass.)—History Minstrel shows Moody, William Henry, 1853-1917 Moulton, John Grant Pentucket Club Photographs Thompson, William W.

Collection Inventory

Series 1: History and Information, 1975, undated [circa] 1979

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
"They Could Have Danced All Night" Essay, 1975	1	1
Pentucket Club History, undated [circa 1979]	1	2

Series 2: Pentucket Club Governance, 1889-1964

Subseries 2.1: By-Laws, 1889, 1922, 1960

By-Laws, 1889	1	3
By-Laws, Charter, House Rules & Officers [3 copies], 1909	1	4
By-Laws, Charter, House Rules & Officers [2 copies], 1922	1	5
Revised By-Laws, 1960	1	6

Subseries 2.2: Officers & Committees, 1902-1906

Officers & Committees, 1902-1906	1	7
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Subseries 2.3: Pentucket Club Annual Meeting, 1901, 1903

Pentucket Club Annual Meeting, 1901	1	8
Pentucket Club Annual Meeting, 1903	1	9

Subseries 2.4: Special Meeting, 1913

Pentucket Club Special Meeting, 1913	1	10
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Subseries 2.5: Governing Documents, 1947, 1962, 1964

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Pentucket Club Bond Letter, 1962	1	12

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Alcohol Club License Transfer, 1964	1	13
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Series 3: Correspondence, 1964

Correspondence, 1964	1	14
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Series 4: Entertainment Listings, Programing, & Invitations, 1889-1945, undated

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November Entertainments, 1902	1	16
December Entertainments, 1902	1	17
Entertainment Season, 1906-1907	1	18
Entertainment Season, 1925-1926	1	19
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John Grant Moulton Postcard, 1908	1	42
John Grant Moulton Postcard, 1909	1	43
John Grant Moulton Postcard, 1910	1	44
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Subseries 5.3: Priscilla Ann Goodwin Membership Card, undated

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