

Bradford Shakespeare Club Records, 1893-1956

Collection Summary

Reference Code:	MRQ, US.
Repository:	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
Call Number:	MSS 73
Creator:	Bradford Shakespeare Club (Bradford, Mass.)
Title:	Bradford Shakespeare Club Records
Dates:	1893-1956
Size:	.417 linear feet (1 box)
Language(s):	Collection materials are in English.
Abstract:	The Bradford Shakespeare Club records document the activities and administration of this women's literary and social organization from 1893 to 1956.

Organizational History

The Bradford Shakespeare Club was a women's club founded on 22 July 1893 to "gain greater familiarity with the works of Shakespeare and to promote sociability and cordial relations among its members." The members met weekly from November to May 1. In the early years, each member had to recite a quotation from Shakespeare at the beginning of the meeting, then they read a play aloud, followed by a social hour. Over the years, membership grew and the club broadened its interests to include work for two world wars and civic projects. In the last record book, after April 1956, it states, "Voted not to take in new members. One or two more luncheon meetings and then the club ceased to exist as far as meetings went, but memory and friendship continued."

Arrangement

Series 1. Administrative, 1893-1956, undated

Scope and Content Note

The Bradford Shakespeare Club records document the activities and administration of the organization from 1893 to 1956. Series one contains the constitution and by-laws, record books, calendars, correspondence, an invitation, and news clippings.

Administrative Information

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Custodial History:	Unknown.
Acquisition Information:	The three records books were donated by the club. The rest of the material is from an unknown source.
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Related Collections:	None.
Separated Material:	None.
Conservation Notes:	Newspaper clippings were photocopied onto archival quality paper.
Subjects:	Bradford Shakespeare Club (Bradford, Mass.) Bradford (Haverhill, Mass.) – History Women – Massachusetts -- Bradford Women -- Societies and clubs

Collection Inventory

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This series contains administrative records such as the constitution and by-laws, record books, calendars, correspondence, news clippings, and an invitation, arranged chronologically.

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