

Leisure Hour Club Records, 1887-2013

Collection Summary

Reference Code:	MRQ, US.
Repository:	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
Call Number:	MSS 75
Creator:	Leisure Hour Club (Haverhill, Mass.)
Title:	Leisure Hour Club Records
Dates:	1887-2013
Size:	2.5 linear feet (5 boxes, 1 volume)
Language(s):	Collection materials are in English.
Abstract:	The Leisure Hour Club records document the administration and activities of this women's social organization from its inception in 1887 until 2013.

Organizational History

The Leisure Hour Club was founded in 1887 for "social and intellectual intercourse and advancement." On November 16th, twelve ladies met with Mrs. Caesar D. Cheney and organized the club. There was no president or vice-president; each member took a turn presiding over the meetings. Members researched a topic and presented their subject at the meeting. The first paper written and given at a meeting in 1887 was entitled "Russia." Membership was limited to 15. They met bi-weekly until about 1964.

At the first annual meeting in 1888 it was voted to increase the membership to 20 and at the first meeting that fall, popular "five minute talks" by member were introduced. In 1894, the club chose yellow as the club color. Occasionally the members took a trip to an interesting place. On April 5, 1899, it was voted to have an hourglass printed in gilt and black on their programs for the next year. The club donated money to charitable causes over the years.

The records end in 2013. In 2021, it is not known if the club is still active.

Arrangement

Series 1. Administrative, 1887-2011, undated

Subseries 1.1. Record Books, 1887-2011

Subseries 1.2. Other Administrative, 1895-1919, 1961-2011, undated

- Series 2. Programs and Members, 1889-2013, undated
 Subseries 2.1. Programs, 1889-2013, undated
 Subseries 2.2. Members, 1949, 1974-2011, undated
 Series 3. Financial, 1950-1988, 2005, undated

Scope and Content Note

The Leisure Hour Club records document the administration and activities of the organization from its inception in 1887 until 2013. It has been organized into three series. Series one contains administrative records. Subseries 1.1 contains record books and subseries 1.2 contains other administrative records such as news clippings, correspondence, history of the club, by-laws, a list of meeting leaders, and an engraved steel block with the image of an hour glass. Series two contains material about programs and members. Subseries 2.1 contains programs, invitations, photographs, speeches, a slide show on the founding members, lists, and agendas. Subseries 2.2 contains material about members, such as member lists, member cards, newsletters, obituaries, a presentation, memorial material, and an illustration of an hour glass. Series three contains financial records, including receipts, an account book, a check register, and a treasurer's report.

Administrative Information

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Related Collections:	None.
Separated Material:	None.
Conservation Notes:	Photographs were sleeved to protect them. Newspaper clippings were photocopied onto archival quality paper. Paperclips and staples were removed.
Subjects:	Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)

Haverhill (Mass.) – History
 Leisure Hour Club (Haverhill, Mass.)
 Programs
 Women – Massachusetts -- Haverhill
 Women -- Societies and clubs
 Women in charitable work

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Administrative, 1887-2011, undated

This series consists of two subseries: 1.1, Record Books; and 1.2, Other Administrative.

Subseries 1.1: Record Books, 1887-2011

This subseries contains record books, arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Record book, 1887-1934	1	1
Record book, 1934-1949	1	2
Record book, 1949-1967	1	3
Record book, 1967-1980	1	4
Record book, 1980-1990	2	1
Record book, 1994-2004	2	2
Record book, 2004-2011	2	3

Subseries 1.2: Other Administrative, 1895-1919, 1961-2011, undated

This subseries contains other administrative records such as news clippings, correspondence, history of the club, by-laws, a list of meeting leaders, and an engraved steel block with the image of an hour glass, arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
News clippings, 1895-1919, 1973-1976, 1987, 1993-1996	2	4
Correspondence, 1961-1995	2	5
History, 1962, 1987, undated	2	6
Correspondence, 1997-2011, undated	2	7
By-laws, 1964, 1966, 1975, 2002	3	1
Meeting leaders list, 2007-2010	3	2
Leisure Hour Club engraved steel block, undated	3	

Series 2: Programs and Members, 1889-2013, undated

This series consists of two subseries: 2.1, Programs; and 2.2, Members.

Subseries 2.1: Programs, 1889-2013, undated

This subseries contains programs, invitations, photographs, speeches, a slide show on the founding members, lists, and agendas.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Programs, 1889-1910	3	3
Programs, 1910-1940	3	4
Programs, 1940-1970	3	5
75 th Anniversary, speech, 1962	3	6
Programs, 1970-2000	3	7
Founding Members program and slide show, and handout (draft and final), 1980, 1983, 1987, 1999	3	8
Founding Members slide carousel, tape, DVD, undated	5	
100 th Anniversary, invitation, notes, speeches, lists, 1987	3	9
100 th Anniversary, photographs of dinner, April 1987	3	10
100 th Anniversary, photographs of tea, November 1987	3	11
Scrapbook, including profiles, 1987-2013	Volume 1	
Mystery ride invitations, 1996-1997	4	1
Women's Literary Union meeting, photographs, invitation, agenda, 1997	4	2
Programs, 2000-2011	4	3
115 th Anniversary, speech, 2002	4	4
115 th Anniversary, photographs, 2002	4	5
125 th Anniversary, invitation, photocopies of photographs, lists of attendees, 2012	4	6
Note about 50 th Anniversary in 1937, undated	4	7

Subseries 2.2: Members, 1949, 1974-2011, undated

This subseries contains member lists, member cards, newsletters, obituaries, a presentation, memorial material, an illustration of an hour glass, and an image of a sachet, arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Member lists, 1949, 1985-1988, 2000-2011, undated	4	8

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Member cards, 1974-1988	4	9
Newsletters, 1987	4	10
Obituaries, 1994-1999, 2010	4	11
United States history presentation, 1999	4	12
Memorial for Evelyn Shaw, 2001	4	13
Images of earliest members, undated	4	14
Illustration of an hour glass and image of a sachet, undated	4	15

Series 3: Financial, 1950-1988, 2005, undated

This series contains financial records such as receipts, an account book, a check register, and a treasurer's report, arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Receipts, 1950-1959, 1970-1988, undated	4	16
Account book, 1950-1964	4	17
Check register, 1970-1983	4	18
Treasurer's report, 2005	4	19