

Octagon Club Records, 1909-1994

Collection Summary

Reference Code:	MRQ, US.
Repository:	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
Call Number:	MSS 70
Creator:	Octagon Club (Haverhill, Mass.)
Title:	Octagon Club Records
Dates:	1909-1994
Size:	.834 linear feet (2 boxes)
Language(s):	Collection materials are in English.
Abstract:	The Octagon Club records document the activities, financial transactions, and administration of this literary and social organization from 1909 to 1994.

Organizational History

The Octagon Club was formed on 15 October 1897 to “take up the study of Art.” The first officers were: Miss Harriet J. Brooks, president; Mrs. Alice K. Appleton, vice-president; and Miss Jennie A. Messer, secretary/treasurer. Initially there were seven members, which later increased to 15. Meetings were held in members’ homes, although they also had outings at historic places, art museums, and to the summer homes of members. It is not known when the club disbanded.

Arrangement

- Series 1. Administrative, 1940-1972
- Series 2. Programs and Essays, 1912-1994, undated
- Series 3. Other, 1909, 1973, undated

Scope and Content Note

The Octagon Club records document the activities, financial transactions, and administration of this literary and social organization. It has been arranged in three series. Series one contains three record books. Series two contains programs and some essays written by William E.

Emerson. Series three contains two news clippings and an undated black and white photograph of Octagon Club members.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation:	[Item Identification], Octagon Club Records, MSS 70, Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
Custodial History:	Material was acquired from creator.
Acquisition Information:	The record books were a gift of the Octagon Club. The photograph was a gift of Rosmand Ingalls Price Gowen in 1985. Some programs and a news clipping were a gift of Lula L. Eames.
Processing Information:	Processed by Tamara Gaydos, 2021.
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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. Paper clips and staples were removed.
Subjects:	Art--Study and teaching Black-and-white photographs Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.) Clubs Haverhill (Mass.) – History Octagon Club (Haverhill, Mass.) Programs Women--Societies and clubs

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Administrative, 1940-1972

This series contains three record books, arranged chronologically. Volumes 1 through 4 covering 1891-1940 were donated to the library, but are missing as of 2021.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Record book, 1940-1951	1	1
Record book, 1951-1957	1	2
Record book, 1957-1972	1	3

Series 2: Programs and Essays, 1912-1994, undated

This series contains programs and some essays written by William E. Emerson. His wife, Martha C. Emerson, contributed to the presentation on "Bells."

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Programs (unbound), 1912-1925	1	4
Programs, 1925-1950	1	5
Programs, 1950-1970	2	1
Programs, 1970-1990	2	2
Programs, 1990-1994	2	3
Essays by William W. Emerson, 1944-1946, undated	2	4

Series 3: Other, 1909, 1973, undated

This series contains two news clippings and an undated black and white photograph of Octagon Club members.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
News clippings, 1909, 1973	2	5
Photograph of members, undated	2	6