

Quaere Club Records, 1890-1973

Collection Summary

Reference Code:	MRQ, US.
Repository:	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
Call Number:	MSS 68
Creator:	Quaere Club (Haverhill, Mass.)
Title:	Quaere Club Records
Dates:	1890-1973
Size:	.834 linear feet (2 boxes)
Language(s):	Collection materials are in English.
Abstract:	The Quaere Club records document the activities, financial transactions, and administration of this literary and social organization from its inception in 1890 to 1973.

Organizational History

The Quaere Club was founded in November 1890 at the home of Mrs. Hattie G. Quimby with eight original members, for the purpose of "mutual improvement of its members." The group took its name from the Latin meaning "to enquire, to seek out." It was a literary and social group, meeting three times each month from October to June. The first officers were: Mrs. Mary A. Andrews, president; Mrs. Abbie A. Smith, vice president; Mrs. Hattie W. Emerson, secretary; and Mrs. Hattie G. Quimby, treasurer.

Membership increased over the years to 15. At each meeting, a member read a paper or gave a lecture on the subject of her choice. Another member read a short selection of timely interest from a magazine or newspaper, after which there was a brief discussion of current events followed by a social hour. In 1973, the club was still in existence.

Arrangement

Series 1. Administrative, 1895-1973, undated

Series 2. Financial Records, 1890-1950

Scope and Content Note

The Quaere Club records document the activities, financial transactions, and administration of the organization from its inception in 1890 to 1973. It has been arranged into two series. Series one contains record books, programs and news clippings. Series two contains the treasurer's account book.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation:	[Item Identification], Quaere Club Records, MSS 68, Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
Custodial History:	Unknown.
Acquisition Information:	Six secretary's books and the treasurer's book were donated in May 1959 by President Elizabeth P. Ross.
Processing Information:	Processed by Tamara Gaydos, 2021.
Access Rights:	Collection is open for research.
Phys. Access Restrictions:	None.
Tech. Access Restrictions:	None.
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Related Collections:	None.
Separated Material:	None.
Conservation Notes:	Newspaper clippings were photocopied onto archival quality paper.
Subjects:	Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.) Haverhill (Mass.) – History Quaere Club (Haverhill, Mass.) Programs Women – Massachusetts -- Haverhill Women -- Societies and clubs

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Administrative, 1895-1973, undated

This series contains administrative records such as record books, programs, and news clippings.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Topics by Miss Brainerd, 1895-1896, undated	1	1
Record book, 1898-1910	1	2
Record book, 1910-1922	1	3
Record book, 1922-1938	1	4
Record book, 1938-1944	2	1
Record book, 1944-1956	2	2
Record book, 1956-1958	2	3
Record book, 1959-1968	2	4
Programs, 1903-1942, 1951-1952	2	5
News clippings, 1903, 1965, 1973	2	6

Series 2: Financial, 1890-1950

This series contains the treasurer's account book.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Treasurer's account book, 1890-1950	2	7