

C M. M. M. Club, Fayette, Missouri, Records, 1893-1989
4250 0.7 cubic feet (16 folders)

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INTRODUCTION

The records of the MMM Club of Fayette, Missouri, contain minute books, book lists, yearbooks, and other organizational materials for the club. The collection includes information related to individual meetings and the club's long term planning related to finances, membership, and future topics of discussion.

DONOR INFORMATION

The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Nannie May Hughes on 22 December 1994 (Accession No. 3049).

ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

The M. M. M. Club of Fayette, Missouri, was formed as a women's literary club. Every two weeks up to twenty members would meet to discuss the books assigned to each member. Members were also expected to occasionally present essays written on topics related to a broader theme chosen by club members for each year. Although originally intended as a secret society, the club quickly became publically known and club members were allowed to invite guests to participate in the day's discussions. The meaning of the initials "M. M. M.," however, remains a strictly guarded secret of the club.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records have been arranged into the following four series: **Minute Books**, **Book Lists**, **Yearbooks**, and **Miscellaneous**.

The **Minute Books** series has been arranged chronologically. This series contains notes taken from the club's first meeting in 1893 until 1963, but is missing the notes from 1899 to 1907 and from 1917. Each entry in the minute book contains the date of the meeting and the name of its hostess and any official business that was taken care of. Beyond these basics the scope of the notes kept in the minute books fluctuates as the club matures and depending on the secretary, although they also often include information on the essays presented during the meeting, observations on the weather, and hints at local gossip.

The **Book Lists** series contains the list of books assigned for members to read for each meeting from 1906 to 1916 and are arranged chronologically.

The **Year Books** series contains the yearly programs of the club from 1906 to 1989. The series is missing yearbooks from the years 1929 to 1931 as well as several individual years. The early year books list the year's chosen theme, the hostess of each meeting, the essays and presenters of each meeting, and often several quotations related to the year's theme. Later yearbooks do not have information on essays, but do give the hostess's name, the name of the club's officers for the year, and a roster of the club's members. The yearbooks are arranged chronologically.

The **Miscellaneous** series contains documents, correspondence, and newspaper clippings related to the club from 1893 to 1911.

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f. 3	1912
f. 4	1912-1913
f. 5	1913-1914
f. 6	1914-1915
f. 7	1910-1917
f. 8	1918-1922
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f. 11	1939-1963

Book Lists Series

f. 12	1906-1916
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Yearbooks Series

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f. 15	1932-1989

Miscellaneous Series

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