

McLean County Museum of History

Clio Club Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1895-2023
RESTRICTIONS:	None
PROVENANCE:	
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	See also <i>Clio Club</i> by Florence Evans A collection of six essays reviewing the history of the Clio Club (a literary club), organized in 1895 in Bloomington, Ill., written in 1930, 1940, 1945, 1973, 1987 and 2009.

Brief History

In 1895, the idea for a literary club took root at the home of Nannie Orme Dyson. Nannie was the daughter of Colonel William McCullough and widow of Brigadier General William Ward Orme.

The club was name after Clio, Greek muse of history. Club members have studied history as well as a variety of other subjects over the century of their existence. Only World Wars I and II disrupted regular meetings in lieu of volunteer work towards war efforts.

Originally chartered with sixteen members, the club was later expanded to twenty-five members.

Scope

This collection includes minutes, constitutions, annual program booklets, member-prepared club histories, newspaper articles, photos, etc.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Histories

Histories prepared by members.

- 1.1 By Florence B. Evans, Nov 1920. 1p typescript plus photocopy.
- 1.2 By Susan Evans, 1925. 12 pp manuscript.
- 1.3 By Florence Evans, Dec 1930. 14pp manuscript. Plus 13pp typescript which includes the handwritten material and about 5 more pages.
- 1.4 By unidentified, 4 of 5pp manuscript, 1930.
- 1.5 By Nan Morgan Evans, 1930 to 1940, 1 p typescript plus photocopy.
- 1.6 By Nan M. Evans, May 1946. 4 pp typescript.
- 1.7 By Floy Fleming, Oct 1954. 1 p typescript plus photocopy.
- 1.8 By Edith Kuhn & Jo Holton, 1971. 2 pp carbon of typescript.
- 1.9 By Edith Kuhn, 1972. 15 typed notecards.
- 1.10 "Edwardian Tea" Clio Club's 80th Anniversary," by Virginia B. Evans, May 1975. 4 pp typescript.
- 1.11 By Virginia Evans, Sep 1987. 3 pp typescript.
- 1.12 By Mickey McKinzie, 1941-1987. 2 pp typescript.
- 1.13 By Ginny Dunn on "Clio's 100th Anniversary," Apr 1995. 1 p typescript. 2 copies.
- 1.14 By Ginny Dunn and covering 1987-1995 history. 5 pp manuscript.
- 1.15 Packet of photocopies of six essays written in 1930, 1940, 1945, 1973, 1987 and 2009. Typescript. Copy of same in Museum library.

Folder 2: Constitution & By-Laws

- 2.1 Constitution & Bay-Laws, 2 pp typescript, 4 copies, no date.
- 2.2 "Clarification of Voting Procedure," May 1989. 1 pp typescript with annotation.
- 2.3 Constitution & Bay-Laws, May 1989. 4 pp typescript including Clarification of Voting Procedure. 4 copies.
- 2.4 Proposed changes to By-Laws, Aug 1999. 4 pp typescript.
- 2.5 Constitution & By-Laws, revised Sep 1999. 4 pp typescript.
- 2.6 Constitution & By-Laws, amended Sep 2008. 4 pp typescript.

Folder 3: Newspaper Articles

Pantagraph unless otherwise noted.

- 3.1 "Clio Club Anniversary Is Happily Honored," unknown newspaper, 1925.
- 3.2 "Clio's Programs Have Had Wide Variety," 12 January 1941.
- 3.3 "Come for tea," 11 May 1975. Edwardian tea. Original clipping and photocopy.
- 3.4 "Century celebration," captioned photo, 28 Apr 1995. 3 copies.
- 3.5 "The Clio Club History alive after 100 years," by James Keeran, 4 Jul 1995. Original clipping and photocopy.

Folder 4: Member Lists

Lists of various vintages, generally dating from earliest. One list covers 1895-2008 by year.

Folder 5: 100th Anniversary

- 3.6 "The Clio Club History alive after 100 years," *Pantagraph*, 4 Jul 1995. 2 copies.
- 3.7 Thank you notes following anniversary tea.
- 5.1 "Clio Club Committees – 1995," 1 p typescript.
- 5.2 "Some noteworthy events of the 1890s," 7 pp typescript, nd.
- 5.3 "Highlights in Life of Everett McKinley Dirksen," nd.
- 5.4 Untitled history of Franklin Park and its surroundings, nd. 3 pp typescript.

Folder 6: Photos: 100th Anniversary

- 6.1 18 photo prints of the event, March 1987.

Folder 7: Member Memorials

- 7.1 Nan M. Evans, comments by Edith Kuhn, Jan 1977. 1 p typescript and photocopy.
- 7.2 Virginia B. Evans presented Nan Morgan Evans as Clio Club's choice of "most memorable member," Mar 1987. 2 pp manuscript and 1p typescript.
- 7.3 Margaret Allemang, *Pantagraph* obituary, Dec 1995.
- 7.4 Memorial of Sarah "Sally" Leland Braid Rehtmeyer by Mickey McKinzie, 2008. 3 pp manuscript and photocopy of photo. Also enclosed are photocopies of Sally's wedding info from her daughter.

Folder 8: Miscellany

- 8.1 Summary of Officers, 1925-1948 ?
- 8.2 List of members 1895-1925 and Programs for same period.
- 8.3 List showing members, annual program topics, officers, etc. 9 pp.
- 8.4 "Bloomington/Normal's Literary History, 1879-1987" by Bloomington Public Library. Booklet, program, invitation.

Folder 9: Correspondence A

Invitation, thank yous, etc. Many 1975-1995.

Folder 10: Correspondence B

Acceptances for Edwardian Tea, May 1975.

Folder 11: Photos – Miscellaneous

Assorted group and event photos plus one of founder Nannie Orme Dyson.

Folder 12: Annual Programs, 1921-1940

Annual program booklets for 1895-96 through 1920-21 are bound and loose in the box.

- 12.1 1921-1922
- 12.2 1922-1923
- 12.3 1923-1924
- 12.4 1924-1925
- 12.5 1925-1931 -- taped together grouping
- 12.6 1927-1928
- 12.7 1928-1929
- 12.8 1929-1930
- 12.9 1930-1931
- 12.10 No copy: 1931-1932
- 12.11 1932-1933
- 12.12 1933-1934
- 12.13 1934-1935
- 12.14 1935-1936
- 12.15 No copy: 1936-1937
- 12.16 1937-1938
- 12.17 1938-1939
- 12.18 1939-1940

Folder 13: Annual Programs, 1940-1967

- 13.1 1940-1941
- 13.2 1941-1942
- 13.3 1946-1947
- 13.4 1947-1948
- 13.5 1948-1949
- 13.6 1949-1950
- 13.7 1950-1951
- 13.8 1951-1952
- 13.9 1952-1953
- 13.10 1953-1954
- 13.11 1964-1965
- 13.12 1965-1966
- 13.13 1966-1967

Folder 14: Annual Programs, 1967-1986

- 14.1 1967-1968
- 14.2 1968-1969
- 14.3 1969-1970
- 14.4 1970-1971
- 14.5 1971-1972

- 14.6 1972-1973
- 14.7 1973-1974
- 14.8 1974-1975
- 14.9 1975-1976
- 14.10 1976-1977
- 14.11 1977-1978
- 14.12 1978-1979
- 14.13 1979-1980
- 14.14 1980-1981
- 14.15 1981-1982
- 14.16 1982-1983, 2 copies
- 14.17 1983-1984
- 14.18 1984-1985
- 14.19 1985-1986

Folder 15: Annual Programs, 1986-2008

- 15.1 1986-1987
- 15.2 1987-1988
- 15.3 1988-1989
- 15.4 1989-1990
- 15.5 1990-1991
- 15.6 1991-1992
- 15.7 1992-1993
- 15.8 1993-1994
- 15.9 1994-1995
- 15.10 1995-1996
- 15.11 1996-1997
- 15.12 1997-1998
- 15.13 1998-1999
- 15.14 1999-2000
- 15.15 2000-2001
- 15.16 2001-2002
- 15.17 2002-2003
- 15.18 2003-2004
- 15.19 2004-2005
- 15.20 2005-2006
- 15.21 2006-2007
- 15.22 2007-2008

Folder 16: Annual Programs, 2008-2023

- 16.1 No copy: 2008
- 16.2 2009-2010
- 16.3 2010-2011
- 16.4 2011-2012
- 16.5 2012-2013
- 16.6 2013-2014

- 16.7 2014-2015
- 16.8 2015-2016
- 16.9 2016-2017
- 16.10 2017-2018
- 16.11 No copies: 2018 & 2019 & 2020
- 16.12 2021-2022
- 16.13 2022-2023

Folder 17: Available for Expansion

- 17.1 Abc

Loose Items

Minutes notebooks, often including attendance (roll call), treasurer's reports, occasionally annual program booklets, constitution & by-laws, etc.

- Bound, maroon: 1895-1910
- Bound, maroon: 1910-1925
- Bound, maroon: 1925-1937
- Bound maroon: 1937-1948
- Black, 3 ring: 1948-1953
- 3 ring, no binder: 1953-1962
- Unbound: 1963-1971
- Black, 3 ring: 1972-1985
- Black, 3 ring: 1985-1992

Annual programs, bound book:

- Bound, black- smaller: 1895-1896 through 1920-1921