



## Champaign County Historical Archives

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**Creator/Corporate name:** Carley Friendship Club

**Inclusive Dates:** 1924-1984

**Physical Description:** 3 boxes, (1.5 linear feet).

**Provenance:**

The Carley Friendship Club Records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives in December 2014.

**Access:**

The records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

**Historical Note:**

Founded on July 11, 1924, the Carley Friendship Club consisted of a group of women from the Champaign County area who gathered together for social engagements and charity work. They were associated with the Carley Chapel Methodist Church in Somer Township, Champaign County. The Carley Friendship Club held monthly meetings from their founding through the 1980s. Meetings included discussions of specific topics – e.g. Illinois history, or recent articles – and event planning. Events included yearly Halloween parties, picnics, and wiener roasts. The Club also sold rugs, blankets, and aprons to fund their operations. The Club’s charity work included distributing holiday gift baskets to families in need, as well as collecting money, food, and used clothing for the poor. The club also held wedding and baby showers for their members and members’ families, and gave gifts to newlyweds, newborns and to the families of the recently deceased. The Carley Friendship Club hoped to be socially uplifting for the women who attended, and to help the community at large. After 60 years the club disbanded, holding their last meeting on October 25, 1984.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection includes yearly programs, administrative records, meeting minutes, treasurer reports, a written club history, scrapbooks, correspondence, financial documents, games, handwritten notes and songbooks. Materials in the collection date from 1924-1984. Scrapbooks have been digitized for preservation.

**Separated Material:**

Photographs were removed to the “Carly Friendship Club” Photographs Envelope in the Local History Photographs series.

**Subjects Terms:**

Clubs

Women—Societies and Clubs



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Women--Societies and Clubs--Somerset Township

**Names:**

Brownfield, Lulu  
Carley Chapel Methodist Church (Somerset Township, Ill.)  
Carley Friendship Club  
Conerty, Anastasia  
Coon, Gladys  
Corray, Clara  
Fiscus, Alice  
Fiscus, Lillie  
Goss, Fanny  
Mills Leota  
Mills, Emma  
Perkins, Kate  
Saddoris, Mabel  
Shumate, Nellie  
Waters, Frieda  
Wrather, Opal  
Wycoff, Ella  
Yearsley, Jessie

**Container List:**

**Box 1**

Folders 1-18: Administrative Records, 1925-1984 (18 folders)

**Box 2**

Folders 19-25: Annual Programs, 1926-1984 (7 folders)

**Box 3**

Folder 26: Artifacts from Scrapbook no.1, undated  
Folder 27: Clippings, 1957-1970, and undated  
Folder 28: Constitution, 1930  
Folder 29: History of Carley Friendship Club, 1924-1956  
Folder 30: Membership, 1932-1957 and undated  
Folder 31: Membership Dues, 1931-1981  
Folder 32: Military Service Members Addresses, undated  
Folders 33-36: Notes of Appreciation, 1929-1983 (4 folders)  
Folder 37: Poetry, Prose, and Games, undated  
Folder 38: Song Books, undated  
Digital Files, Scrapbooks 1-3

**[See staff for access to digital scrapbooks. Please do not handle physical books.]**

Folders 39-40: Scrapbook 1, 1924-1977 (2 folders)



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Folder 41: Scrapbook 2, 1948 and undated

Folder 42: Scrapbook 3, Mission Scrapbook, 1939-1942