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Urbana Half Century Club Records

COLLECTION 6

Champaign County Historical Archives

Creator/Corporate name: Urbana Half Century Club.

Inclusive Dates: 1881-2006.

Physical Description: 2 boxes, (1.6 linear feet).

Provenance:

Items in this collection were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

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.

Biographical/Historical Note:

The Urbana Half Century Club was organized and chartered by the state of Illinois in 1883 as "Children of the Pioneers" to commemorate the foundation of the city by their parents' generation in 1833.

Meetings were held annually until the club's disbandment in 1910. In 1923, the club was reorganized to include those who had resided in the Champaign-Urbana area for at least fifty years.

Scope and Content Note:

The Urbana Half Century Club collection contains materials related to the organization and operation of the club as well as items related to programming and club activities. Materials range in date from 1881-2006 and include a register book, meeting minutes, photographs and negatives, membership lists, treasurer's reports, not for profit annual reports, newspaper clippings and ephemera.

Arrangement:

Records within this collection retain original order; ephemeral items are arranged by decade.

Subjects Terms:

Half Century Club (Urbana, Ill.)

Urbana (Ill.)—Societies, etc.

First settlers

Pioneers

Container List:

Box 1

Folder 1: Old Settlers' Register Book (1881-1933 register of guests); list appears in the back of the *Pioneers of Champaign County* book

Folder 2: Register of Members, 1951-1959

Folder 3: Cassette tapes

Folder 4: Frank Corray "Champaign County Fair Association," (1992)

Folder 5: Tom Kacich "Fifty Questions about the last 50 years in Champaign-Urbana" (1999)

Folder 6: History of the Half Century Club (1980) [Loose-leaf binder]

- Folder 7: Minutes and Membership books, 1924-47 and 1948-53
- Folder 8: Negatives, 1980
- Folder 9: Photo album, 1973
- Folder 10: Photo album, 1983-1990s
- Folder 11: Treasurer's Book, 1951-1982
- Folder 12: Annual Meeting Minutes, programs, and miscellaneous, 1998-2006
- Folder 13: Invitation and Address Lists, 1990-2003

Box 2

- Folder 14: Officers, 1944-1980 (incomplete)
- Folder 15: Not for profit corporation annual reports, 1957
- Folder 16: Not for profit corporation annual reports, 1978-1981
- Folder 17: Not for profit corporation annual reports, 1983-1992
- Folder 18: Half Century Club booklet and clippings, 1947
- Folder 19: Certificate of Incorporation, 1948

Miscellaneous items, including clippings, annual programs, mailing lists

- Folder 20: 1940s
- Folder 21: 1950s
- Folder 22: 1960s
- Folder 23: 1970s
- Folder 24: 1980s
- Folder 25: 1990s
- Folder 26: 2000s
- Folder 27: Song sheets