



Busy Fifteen Club Records

COLLECTION 9

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate name: Busy Fifteen Club

Inclusive Dates: 1894-1978.

Physical Description: 1 box, 1 linear foot.

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 Busy Fifteen Club was founded in 1894 by Nancy Johnson with the purpose of forming a society to work for the newly founded Deaconess Orphanage Home—later called Cunningham Children’s Home. The first meeting took place in Nancy’s home and the society’s first work was to sew garments for the children of the Deaconess Orphanage Home. During the first four years of operation, the club was so busy—hence the name, “the busy fifteen”—it did not keep records or secretary’s minutes. The club continued to provide charity work for women and children in the Champaign Urbana area until its dissolution in the mid-1970s.

Scope and Content Note: This collection contains various club records including an early history written in 1925, membership information, yearbooks, treasurer’s reports, program information, secretary’s minutes, memorials, photographs, and a scrapbook.

Arrangement: Items in the Busy Fifteen Club collection are arranged in folders according to record type. The collection also contains nine record books, a scrapbook, and an artifact that are not housed within folders.

Subjects Terms:

Busy 15 Club
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Charities
Clubs – Records and correspondence.
Women – Societies and clubs.

Container List

Box 1

Folder 1: Club history, 1925
Folder 2: Membership records, 1895-1965
Folder 3: Treasurer’s reports, 1971-1978
Folder 4: Yearbooks, 1922-1972
Folder 5: Memorial resolutions and ephemera, bulk 1947-1971



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- Folder 6: Souvenir program, 1954, 1969
- Folder 7: Newspaper clippings, bulk n.d.
- Folder 8: Photograph negatives, n.d.
- Record book 1: Secretary's minutes, 1898-1910
- Record book 2: Secretary's minutes, 1911-1917
- Record book 3: Secretary's minutes, 1917-1920
- Record book 4: Secretary's minutes, 1921-1930
- Record book 5: Secretary's minutes, 1930-1942
- Record book 6: Secretary's minutes, 1942-1951
- Record book 7: Secretary's minutes, 1951-1971
- Record book 8: Secretary's minutes, 1971-1977
- Record book 9: Memorial resolutions, 1898-1971
- Scrapbook 1: 1894-1969
- Artifact 1: Gavel

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