

Guide to the Stratford Club Records, 1893-2012

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

Stratford Club Records, 1893-2012

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Stratford Club

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 box ; 0.21 linear feet

Abstract:

This collection consists of very scattered records of The Stratford Club, formed in Concord, New Hampshire, to read and celebrate Shakespeare's plays. The records include iterations of the club's constitution, membership lists, and lists of the plays that were read and in which years.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Stratford Club Records were a gift of the Stratford Club on March 13, 2012.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Sandra L. Wheeler in August 2021. The finding aid was written by Sandra L. Wheeler in August 2021. This finding aid follows the standards set forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

The materials in this collection are paper based and have no special technical requirements for use.

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Collection Overview

Administrative Information:

The Stratford Club was formed in 1881 by a group of women who gathered to study English history in Concord, New Hampshire. They decided to narrow their focus to Shakespeare and his period, and first met in the homes of the members. The club was formally incorporated in 1896 and again in 1911. When the Fowler Library opened in Concord in 1888, a room was set aside for the use of the Shakespeare Clubs of Concord (there were ten different groups). In 1940, the city built a new library, which also had a Shakespeare Room that members could use. There were other activities from time to time as well: picnics, a 'field day,' and card parties.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The materials in this collection are from widely scattered dates and contain a variety of information on the Stratford Club. The printed by-laws and membership lists are the most constant presence, but there are also lists of when and where picnics were held, which plays were read when, and some early newspaper articles about the club.

Arrangement:

The Stratford Club records are arranged by subject and then chronologically.

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- Folder 1 Constitution, history, member lists, 1893-2012
- Folder 2 Incorporation documents, 1896, 1911, 1940
- Folder 3 Activities, plays read, 1883-2011
- Folder 4 Shakespeare Clubs (regional), 1877, 1894, 1896
- Folder 5 Shakespeare Room, Concord City Library, 1924, 1940, undated

Subject Terms**People:**

Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616

Organizations:

Concord Public Library (Concord, N.H.)
Stratford Club

Subjects:

Literature
Women--Societies and clubs

Locations:

Concord, NH