

CATHARINE MERRILL CLUB RECORDS, CA 1986

Collection #
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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 4 items

COLLECTION DATES: ca 1986

PROVENANCE: Mrs. Ethel McIntosh, Indianapolis, IN, 22 May 1992

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: M 609 Merrill-Graydon family

ACCESSION NUMBER: 92.0529

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Catharine Merrill (1824-1900) was born in Corydon, Indiana, the eldest daughter of Samuel and Lydia Jane (Anderson) Merrill. Samuel Merrill was State Treasurer at the time, and in 1825 the family moved to Indianapolis

along with the State Treasury.

Catharine Merrill started a school for local children, and ran it for some years in association with her sister Mina. In 1855-1859 she took her younger siblings on a tour of Germany, and wrote a series of travel letters which were published in the *Indianapolis Journal*. In 1861 she did some nursing in Kentucky. Having gained more formal experience at teaching in a young ladies' school in Cleveland and in another in Crawfordsville, she began in 1869 to teach at Northwestern Christian University (now Butler). She retired in 1883. In 1896 she wrote an anonymous history of *The Soldier of Indiana in the War of the Union*.

Catharine Merrill was an active member of several clubs, including the Indianapolis Woman's Club and the Contemporary Club. The Catharine Merrill Club was founded in 1885 in her honor.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains four items: a yearbook, two club papers, and a color photograph.

The yearbook of the Catharine Merrill Club for 1986-1987 contains the year's programs and current members, a list of deceased members, and a list of past presidents.

One club paper, by Ann Mallett, is an "autobiographical" sketch of Caroline Scott Harrison, an early member. The other, by the donor, is about Catharine Merrill. The color photograph is a copy of T. C. Steele's portrait of Catharine Merrill, painted for the club in 1885.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Catharine Merrill Club (Indianapolis, Ind.)

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Catharine Merrill Club (Indianapolis, Ind.)

Merrill, Catharine, 1824-1900--Portraits

Harrison, Caroline Lavinia Scott, 1832-1892

Women--Indiana--Indianapolis--Societies and clubs

ADDED ENTRIES: Steele, T. C. (Theodore Clement), 1847-1926

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