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## CLIO CLUB RECORDS 1878–2008

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### COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	5 manuscript boxes, 2 color photograph folders, 5 black and white photograph folders, 1 oversized manuscript box
COLLECTION DATES:	1878-2008
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NOTES:

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Clio Club of Indianapolis was formed by a group of fifteen women in 1878 as the Conservation Club #3. It was the second club for women in Indianapolis.

The group changed their name in the 1880s to become the Friends History Club. They were federated in March of 1894. They again changed their name in 1889 when they took on the name, Clio Club. The name Clio was chosen because of the group's interests in literature. Mythology tells that Clio was the name of a muse in poetry and history.

This was a group of Quaker women who were committed to social and literary advancement. The active membership was limited to 35. The group was instrumental in the organization of the Indianapolis Local Council of Women in 1891.

At their meetings the ladies presented papers and discussed issues in history, societal problems, and literature.

The group was dissolved in 2008.

### Sources:

Information derived from the materials in the collection.

Verification of dates was from the Indiana State website. <[www.in.gov/library/fa\\_index/fa\\_by\\_letter/c/1471.html](http://www.in.gov/library/fa_index/fa_by_letter/c/1471.html) >

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Series one includes historic information about the Clio Club of Indianapolis. It also includes official paperwork such as the constitution and financial paperwork. The constitution of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs is also included.

Series two is comprised of meeting minutes from 1937-1994 (it is not a complete run). The earlier minutes are hand-written and in bound volumes where the others are typed and loose documents. The second part of this series is made up from roll books from 1901-1992. These are hand-written books.

Series three includes a number of Clio Club programs. The first section has the yearly programs from 1908-2007. These are not contiguous with many of the years missing. The second part of this series is comprised of the individual meeting programs. The last bit of this series is other documents from meetings.

Series four includes papers, about a variety of topics from birth control to Native Americans, which were presented at meetings. Also, it includes some other types of presentations from meetings. This series is organized chronologically.

Series five includes the correspondence with the Clio Club. The folders are arranged chronologically as the topics vary greatly. There are a number of letters and cards written to the club discussing membership and about the club joining larger club organizations. The majority, however, are letters to the club from members who have moved away or are otherwise unable to attend meetings. These letters tell of some of their memories about the club.

Series six is four issues of the Clio Magazine from 1909, 1913, 1915, and one that is undated. These are hand-made items.

Series seven contains photographs from different times in the club's history.

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