

North Carolina Collection

Halcyon Club Records

Title:	Halcyon Club records
Inclusive Dates:	1858-2011, undated
Extent of Materials:	2 Hollinger boxes
Location:	Duke Storage
Date of Accession:	5/1/2012
Donor:	Halcyon Club
Processor:	Cale McCammon
Subject Headings:	Clubs — North Carolina — Durham
	Women — Societies and clubs
	Literature — Societies, etc.
Scope and Content:	<p>The Halcyon Club records consist of materials that tell the story of the club's evolution from its foundings by 12 Durham women in 1910 to its centennial in 2010-2011. These materials include original programs that list the day's discussion topics and the hostess of the meeting, copies of handwritten histories provided by three different members, club constitutions, articles, topic lists, poems, photos, and member profiles. Many of these items were compiled and used in the club's celebration of its centennial.</p>
Related Materials:	Women's Clubs of Durham Collection
Restrictions:	The collection is open for research
Biographical / Historical Note:	<p>Founded in 1910, the Halcyon Club was the third of the major women's literary clubs, after the Up To Date and Tourist clubs, to be established in Durham. The purpose of the club was "to promote interest in literary study and to further social enjoyment." The club held a luncheon meeting once a month, with each member responsible for entertaining the group once during the year. For each year, a central topic was chosen, ranging from "Studies in Southern Literature," "Our Own United States," "Career Women at Mid Century," "Women Who Made a Difference," and others that are both local and global in scope. Membership was capped at 30 members, not including daughters and daughters-in-law of members.</p>
Organization of Collection:	1. Papers, Articles, and Research Materials
	2. Programs, 1910-2007; some years not accounted for (for instance, the club did not meet during World War I)
	Box 1
	1. News Articles, 1910-2011
	2. Histories, 1931, 1952, 1994
	3. Constitutions, 1930s, 1952, 1967, 1975, 2008

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Container List:	4. Research Materials on Early Members, 1858, 1875, 1929, 1974-2001, undated
	5. Literature Written by Members, 1957-1999, undated
	6. The Halcyon Club Centennial Notebook, 2011
	Box 2
	1. Programs, 1910-1915
	2. Programs, 1915-1920, 1926-1930
	3. Programs, 1930-1939
	4. Programs, 1941-1950, undated
	5. Programs, 1950-1955
	6. Programs, 1955-1963
	7. Programs, 1963-1975
	8. Programs, 1975-1987, 1989-1991
	9. Programs, 1991-2007

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