



Urbana Half Century Club
Records, 1881-2006

Collection 6

Champaign County Historical Archives

Compiled by: Archives Staff

Creator/Corporate Name: Urbana Half Century Club.

Inclusive Dates: 1881-2006

Physical Description: 2 boxes (1.6 linear ft.)

Language: English

Provenance:

The Urbana Half Century Club records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

Access:

These 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.

Historical Note:

The Urbana Half Century Club was organized and chartered by the state of Illinois in 1883 as “Children of the Pioneers” to commemorate the foundation of the city by their parents’ generation in 1833. Meetings were held annually until the club’s disbandment in 1910. In 1923, the club was reorganized to include those who had resided in the Champaign-Urbana area for at least fifty years.

Scope and Content Note:

The Urbana Half Century Club collection contains materials related to the organization and operation of the club as well as items related to programming and club activities. Materials range in date from 1881-2006 and include a register book, meeting minutes, photographs and negatives, membership lists, treasurer’s reports, not for profit annual reports, newspaper clippings and ephemera.

Arrangement:

Records within this collection retain original order; ephemeral items are arranged by decade.

Subject Terms:

Half Century Club (Urbana, Ill.)

Urbana (Ill.)—Societies, etc.

First settlers

Pioneers

Container List:

Box 1

Foler 1: Old Settlers' Register Book (1881-1933 register of guests); list appears in the back of the *Pioneers of Champaign County* book



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Folder 2: Register of Members, 1951-1959

Folder 3: Cassette tapes

Folder 4: Frank Corray "Champaign County Fair Association," (1992)

Folder 5: Tom Kacich "Fifty Questions about the last 50 years in Champaign-Urbana" (1999)

Folder 6: History of the Half Century Club (1980) [Loose-leaf binder]

Folder 7: Minutes and Membership books, 1924-47 and 1948-53

Folder 8: Negatives, 1980

Folder 9: Photo album, 1973

Folder 10: Photo album, 1983-1990s

Folder 11: Treasurer's Book, 1951-1982

Folder 12: Annual Meeting Minutes, programs, and miscellaneous, 1998-2006

Folder 13: Invitation and Address Lists, 1990-2003

Box 2

Folder 14: Officers, 1944-1980 (incomplete)

Folder 15: Not for profit corporation annual reports, 1957

Folder 16: Not for profit corporation annual reports, 1978-1981

Folder 17: Not for profit corporation annual reports, 1983-1992

Folder 18: Half Century Club booklet and clippings, 1947

Folder 19: Certificate of Incorporation, 1948

Miscellaneous items, including clippings, annual programs, mailing lists

Folder 20: 1940s

Folder 21: 1950s

Folder 22: 1960s

Folder 23: 1970s

Folder 24: 1980s

Folder 25: 1990s

Folder 26: 2000s

Folder 27: Song sheets