



Busy Fifteen Club
Records, 1894-1978

Collection 9

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate Name: Busy Fifteen Club
Inclusive Dates: 1894-1978
Physical Description: 1 box (1 linear ft.)
Language: English

Provenance:

The Busy Fifteen Club records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

Access:

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Historical Note:

The Busy Fifteen Club was founded in 1894 by Nancy Johnson with the purpose of forming a society to work for the newly founded Deaconess Orphanage Home, later called Cunningham Children's Home. The first meeting took place in Nancy's home and the society's first work was to sew garments for the children of the Deaconess Orphanage Home. During the first four years of operation, the club was so busy—hence the name, “the busy fifteen”—it did not keep records or secretary's minutes. The club continued to provide charity work for women and children in the Champaign Urbana area until its dissolution in the mid-1970s.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains various club records including an early history written in 1925, membership information, yearbooks, treasurer's reports, program information, secretary's minutes, memorials, photographs, and a scrapbook.

Arrangement:

Items in the Busy Fifteen Club collection are arranged in folders according to record type. The collection also contains nine record books, a scrapbook, and an artifact that are not housed within folders.

Subject Terms:

Busy 15 Club
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Charities
Clubs – Records and correspondence.
Women – Societies and clubs.



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Container List:

Box 1

- Folder 1: Club history, 1925
- Folder 2: Membership records, 1895-1965
- Folder 3: Treasurer's reports, 1971-1978
- Folder 4: Yearbooks, 1922-1972
- Folder 5: Memorial resolutions and ephemera, bulk 1947-1971
- Folder 6: Souvenir program, 1954, 1969
- Folder 7: Newspaper clippings, bulk undated
- Folder 8: Photograph negatives, undated
- Record book 1: Secretary's minutes, 1898-1910
- Record book 2: Secretary's minutes, 1911-1917
- Record book 3: Secretary's minutes, 1917-1920
- Record book 4: Secretary's minutes, 1921-1930
- Record book 5: Secretary's minutes, 1930-1942
- Record book 6: Secretary's minutes, 1942-1951
- Record book 7: Secretary's minutes, 1951-1971
- Record book 8: Secretary's minutes, 1971-1977
- Record book 9: Memorial resolutions, 1898-1971
- Scrapbook 1: 1894-1969
- Artifact 1: Gavel