

Associations Category

**THE MONDAY AFTERNOON CLUB
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Introduction

The Monday Afternoon Club Collection was donated to the Clark County Historical Society in January of 2004 by then-president, Mrs. Julie B. McGregor. The membership and board approved the donation at their regularly held meeting.

The collection consists of minutes, programs, membership information and two files of Woman's Town Club material. The collection fills one record size box and 34 file folders. The collection is arranged into four series, as follows:

- Series 1: Minutes
- Series 2: Programs
- Series 3: Members
- Series 4: Miscellaneous

There are no restrictions on the use of this material.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Monday Afternoon Club began in October 1893. Two of the original charter members, Mrs. Crowell and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, were members of the Chautauqua Literary Society, but decided they wanted to select their own topics for study rather than following a prescribed course. They invited four friends, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Ralph Hunt, Miss Mary Dunlap, and Miss Ella Lasley to join them. The six women organized and picked the name, "The Monday Afternoon Club." For the first two years they met every Monday afternoon, then every other week from October to May inclusive. By 1895 they had 13 active members.

Although the Constitution and By-Laws have changed to an extent over the years, the Club's stated object "shall be the mutual improvement of its members in literature, art, science, and the vital interests of the day." There seems to be only one basic criteria for membership: the willingness to participate in meetings and to serve as an officer if nominated. In the early years, members were expected to present papers on topics chosen around a yearly theme; it was rare to have a paid substitute make a presentation. The minutes for later meetings show that there were occasional guest speakers. Members met in each other's homes.

Important dates for the Club are:

Organized December 1, 1893

Federated (State) October 25, 1894

Federated (National) December 1896

The Club is still in existence, with 19 active and 12 associate members listed in the 2003-2004 program booklet.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The span years for this collection are 1894 to 2004. Meeting minutes and program booklets make up the bulk of the collection.

Series 1 begins with the Club's Constitution and By-Laws. These are followed by meeting minutes from 1911 to 1986. The minutes from 1911 to 1970 are contained in ledgers or three-ring binders. The minutes from 1970 to 1986 are loose in the folders. There are no records earlier than those beginning in 1911. It is unknown whether any exist. There is also a bankbook and an account book from 1899 to 1939 in this series. There are 10 folders in all.

Series 2 contains program booklets beginning in 1895 and ending in 2004. The decision was made to keep duplicates of the booklets for possible exhibition purposes. In addition there are six files with additional information about various meetings and one file of notes. The various meetings include the English Christmas Party, the German Party, a description of an October luncheon in 1905, a paper read in 1934 about the Club in the Gay '90's, and a February 1964 meeting. There are hand-written notes from the Nominating Committee for the October meeting in 1960.

Series 3 contains 8 files. The first three consist of a membership list and lists of active, inactive, and prospective members. The last five folders contain information on individual members, arranged alphabetically when possible.

Series 4 consists of one file concerning the Woman's Town Club, one containing WASSO booklets, and one that contains a clipping of uncertain connection to the Club.

SERIES AND FOLDER LISTING

Series	File	Description
1	1	Constitution and Revisions
	2	Minutes 1911-1918
	3	Minutes 1919-1932
	4	Minutes 1932-1950
	5	Minutes 1950-1970
	6	Minutes 1970-1974
	7	Minutes 1975-1983
	8	Minutes 1983-1986
	9	Account book 1899-1939
	10	Bankbook
2	1	Programs 1895-1900
	2	Programs 1900-1905
	3	Programs 1905-1910
	4	Programs 1910-1915
	5	Programs 1915-1930
	6	Programs 1930-1960
	7	Programs 1960-1980
	8	Programs 1980-2004
	9	English Christmas Party [1894]
	10	German program October 7, 1901
	11	October luncheon 1905
	12	Memories of the Monday Afternoon Club In the Gay '90's. Read May 28, 1934
	13	Nominating Committee Recommendations
	14	February 1964 meeting notes
	15	Handwritten notes
3	1	Membership lists
	2	New and prospective members
	3	Inactive members
	4	Alice Alexander
	5	Beatrice Barton Bayley
	6	Caro Bosca
	7	Robin's Kisses by Mary Stewart Dunlap
	8	Thank you- Marie
4	1	Woman's Town Club
	2	WASSO program booklets
	3	Clipping