

Skimmers Club Records

(Mss. 4625) Inventory

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SUMMARY

Size	2 linear feet
Geographic Locations	Range 92:20-21
Inclusive Dates	1921-2005
Languages	English
Summary	This collection documents the activities of the Skimmers Club and contains: rules, bylaws, officer and member lists, treasurer's reports and meeting minutes, correspondence, scrapbooks, historical data, photos, articles, news clippings, and booklists.
Access Restrictions	None
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Formed in January 1927, the Skimmers Club was originally comprised of the wives of Louisiana State University faculty, and operated in the Baton Rouge, La. area as a social group and unofficial book club. Although the Skimmers' membership occasionally grew to 20, the club has traditionally limited itself to a maximum of sixteen persons. In addition to regularly reading and trading books, the club's activities included entertaining the members' husbands as well as themselves with special dinners, bridge, afternoon teas, outings, and luncheons. The club also participated in World War II service projects. Now comprised of residents throughout Baton Rouge, as well as faculty wives, the club continues its traditions of literary activities, luncheons, dinners, and outings.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Records consisting of the various aspects pertaining to the Skimmers Club such as: club activities, rules, bylaws, officer and member lists, treasurer's reports, meeting agendas and minutes, correspondence, scrapbooks, historical data, photographs, articles, news clippings, and booklists.

Photographs document the club activities such as luncheons, parties, outings, and club meetings that took place from 1988-2003. The news clippings document member bio-sketches, memorials and obituaries, human interest pieces, and club events such as: cooking and recipe, contests, and a wide variety of announcements. The booklists (1927-2005) consist of titles that members were reading and sharing with each other.

Removed from their original bindings, the scrapbooks have been maintained in their original chronological order and contain a variety of information documenting the club's activities from its inception such as: news clippings, photos, banquet invitations and napkins, guest lists, restaurant menus, bylaws, bulletins, correspondence, "Thank You" cards, and member memorials and obituaries. **Note: Scrapbooks 1-6 were previously photocopied onto archival paper and were retained with this collection due to the high acid content of the original scrapbook materials and their eventual deterioration. These duplicate items are indicated on the Container List portion of this inventory.**

INDEX TERMS

Women—Societies and Clubs
Book Clubs (discussion groups)—Louisiana—Baton Rouge

Clippings
Color photographs
Reports
Minutes
Articles
Scrapbooks
Correspondence

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u>			
<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
92:20	1	1	Club Activities (1962)
92:20	1	2	Rules, Bylaws, Officers, Members (1928-2005)
92:20	1	3-40	Treasurer's Report and Minutes (1928-1985)
92:20	1	41	Meeting Agendas (2003-2005)
92:20	1	42-43	Correspondence (1921-2004)
92:20	1	44-49	Scrapbooks (photocopied duplicates of 1-6)
92:21	2		Scrapbooks 1-4 (1946-1980)
92:21	3		Scrapbooks 5-6 (1980-1991)
92:21	4	1-4	Scrapbook 7 (1927-2003)
92:21	4	4-23	Scrapbook 8 (1928-1995)
92:21	4	24-30	Scrapbook 9 (1991-2000)
92:21	5	1	Historical data (undated)
92:21	5	2	Photographs (undated)
92:21	5	3	Articles (1993)
92:21	5	4-7	Booklists (1927-2005)