

Longan Study Club Collection (SC135)

Introduction

The Longan Study Club Collection contains materials relating to the purpose, function, and activities of the club. This collection includes minutes of meetings, financial records, the club constitution and articles of incorporation, correspondence, photographs, and other materials.

Descriptive Summary

Title: Longan Study Club Collection

Dates: 1900-1983

Size: 4.5 linear feet, 34 folders (23 of these folders are book boxes labeled as folders)

Collection Number: SC135

Donor Information

Majority found in collection. See collection folder for specific donor information.

Citation Note

Longan Study Club Collection (SC135), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrative Information

Related Collections: Additional information on the Longan Study Club may be found in Missouri Valley Special Collections. The majority of the annual programs and yearbooks for the Longan Study Club from 1902 through 1982 have been bound and classed under the call number 095.2 L84, and may be viewed in the Missouri Valley Room. These programs and yearbooks contain membership rosters, official minutes, bylaws, and brief historical sketches of the club.

Biographical/Historical Sketch

The Longan Study Club was founded in 1900 by Emma Lard Longan and incorporated in 1902. Longan was the wife of Kansas City school superintendent George Longan, an author, a suffragist, and an activist for women's education. Members of the club would meet to discuss topics such as parliamentary law, history, art, current and public affairs, and philanthropic activities. The Longan Study Club was an active member organization of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and was also involved with the Missouri Girls Town residential facility. The club officially closed in 1982, but some of its members continued to hold meetings through 1983.

Scope and Content Note

The collection is arranged into four series according to type of material, and therein chronologically where possible.

Series 1: Minutes and record books, 1920-1983

This series contains meeting minutes, rosters of members and officers, lists of visitors and assets, information on dues and spending, news, as well as descriptions of discussions, elections, and event planning. Also included is a notebook that was kept as an attendance log from 1975 to 1983.

Series 2: Financial ledgers, 1953-1982

This series includes financial ledgers that were kept by club treasurers. These ledgers list disbursements, receipts, dues and donations, balances, and audits. A small bank deposit book from 1947 is located in Series 4.

Series 3: Constitution, Articles of Incorporation, and club histories, 1900-1982

This series contains a scrapbook copy of the Longan Study Club constitution and its bylaws. Also included are copies of the club's Articles of Incorporation, as well as correspondence relating to passing an amendment to the articles. Additionally, this series contains historical sketches on the club's activities from 1900 through 1980. The historians' reports for 1966-1982 and 1967-1976 originally contained items such as annual historian reports, news clippings, correspondence, newsletters, and a treasurer's report from 1982 that were inserted in the middle of the volumes, but not bound or attached to the pages. These items have been removed from the volumes and placed in folders 25 and 26 for preservation reasons.

Series 4: Miscellaneous materials, 1947-1975 and n.d.

Items in this series include a small bank deposit book, programs, pages of meeting minutes, news clippings, 18 photographs of unidentified club members, ephemera, sheet music, and a set of 13 wooden blocks that was used by Emma Lard Longan in the early years of the club for the study of parliamentary law.

Collection Inventory**Series 1: Minutes and record books, 1920-1983**

- f. 1 Minutes, December 1920 - April 1924
- f. 2 Minutes, May 1924 - February 1927
- f. 3 Minutes, March 1927 - March 1930
- f. 4 Minutes, April 1930 - June 1932
- f. 5 Minutes, October 1932 - May 1935
- f. 6 Minutes, October 1935 - May 1939
- f. 7 Minutes, October 1939 - May 1942

- f. 8 Minutes, October 1942 - May 1946
- f. 9 Minutes, October 1946 - May 1949
- f. 10 Minutes, June 1949 - July 1951
- f. 11 Minutes, September 1951 - December 1953
- f. 12 Minutes, December 1953 - June 1956
- f. 13 Minutes, October 1956 - May 1959
- f. 14 Record book and minutes, August 1959 - March 1963
- f. 15 Record book and minutes, June 1970 - May 1973
- f. 16 Record book and minutes, June 1973 - May 1975
- f. 17 Attendance log, October 1975 - May 1983

Series 2: Financial ledgers, 1953-1982

- f. 18 Treasurer's book, February 1953 - May 1958
- f. 19 Treasurer's book, June 1958 - August 1964
- f. 20 Treasurer's book, 1981 - 1982

Series 3: Constitution, Articles of Incorporation, and club histories, 1900-1982

- f. 21 Constitution, bylaws, and amendments, 1953-1954, 1959
- f. 22 Historians' reports, 1966-1982
- f. 23 Historians' reports, 1967-1976
- f. 24 Club history, 1900-1966
- f. 25 Materials from Historians' reports, 1966-1982, p. 48-49
- f. 26 Materials from Historians' report, 1967-1976, p. 68-69
- f. 27 Correspondence regarding amendment to Articles of Incorporation, 1926 and 1967
- f. 28 Articles of Incorporation and amendment materials, 1926 and 1967
- f. 29 Articles of Incorporation and amendment materials, 1926 and 1967

Series 4: Miscellaneous materials, 1947-1975 and n.d.

- f. 30 Deposit book, program, and minutes, 1947, 1956, and 1972-1973
- f. 31 News clippings, convention program, and yearbook contest rules, 1970-1975 and n.d.
- f. 32 Photographs and ephemera, 1959-1975 and n.d.
- f. 33 Sheet music, 1963 and 1967
- f. 34 Set of blocks, n.d.

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