Tourist Club

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Provenance


Scope and Content

This collection contains records from the Lebanon Tourist Club. These records include minute books, correspondence, and programs. Many newspaper clippings regarding club meetings were glued to pages in the minute books. Series VI contains an almost complete set of annual programs from 1896-2016.

Series

I. Minute Books, 10 vols., 1916-1997
II. Cash Book, 1 vol., 1956-1980
III. History
IV. Constitution
V. Correspondence
VI. Programs
VII. Miscellaneous (includes notes, a napkin from the 60th Anniversary celebration, brochures from places visited (the Lily Center, Conner Prairie, and the Benjamin Harrison Home), and a 1926 National Tuberculosis $5 Health Bond)

Background

The Tourist Club is a women’s social club in Lebanon. Organized October 4, 1895, its charter members included Jennie Ralston, wife of future Indiana governor Samuel Ralston. The club’s original focus was the study of history; it later added literature and then, during World War I, added current events and world cultures to its program.

Sources

“Four Clubs of the Nineties Active Today.” Lebanon Reporter, September 30, 1941.

Access Restrictions: None

Related Holdings: Photographs: Clubs/Organizations/Societies; Vertical Files: Tourist Club
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