

McLean County Museum of History

Longfellow Club Collection

Collection Information

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Brief History

The Longfellow Club dates to April 6, 1882 when Miss Alice Suddeth, assisted by Miss Mae Sherwin (principal of Franklin School), invited a small group of friends to her home to consider forming a club. That night the group elected officers and committees. They also had a program on Longfellow (who had died the month prior) and chose the club name.

Both literary papers and musical numbers were given during an evening's program. Meetings declined from twice monthly to once monthly in 1968. Club membership was limited to 33 persons to accommodate meeting in homes.

Scope Note

The collection includes club yearbooks, banquet programs, a constitution and member rosters.

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Folder 5: Banquet Programs

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Folder 6: Correspondence

6.1	Charles H. Snow; 1960
6.2	Charles H. Snow; 1964
6.3	Charles H. Snow; 1964

Folder 7: The Sunken Bell

7.1	List of charter members; 1882
7.2	Speech about The Sunken Bell; handwritten
7.3	Speech about The Sunken Bell; typed

Folder 8: Constitution & Minutes

8.1	Revised Constitution and Bylaws (1952); 7 copies
8.2	Meeting minutes; April 28, 1964

Folder 9: Member Lists

9.1	List of members; 1882-1958
9.2	Membership roster; 1964
9.3	History of membership; 1973-1984