

UTOPIAN LITERARY CLUB (ATLANTA, GA.)
Utopian Literary Club (Atlanta, Ga.)
records, 1927-2004 (bulk 1984-2003)

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Utopian Literary Club (Atlanta, Ga.)
Title: Utopian Literary Club (Atlanta, Ga.) records, 1927-2004 (bulk 1984-2003)
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 991
Extent: .75 linear feet (2 boxes)
Abstract: Records of the Utopian Literary Club in Atlanta, Georgia including minutes, programs, financial reports, photographs, the club constitution, and biographical files of members.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access

Unrestricted access.

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Related Materials in Other Repositories

[Utopian Literary Club records](#), Archives Division, Auburn Avenue Research Library on African-American Culture and History, Atlanta, Georgia.

Source

Gift of Zelma Payne, 2004.

Custodial History

Zelma Payne was the Utopian Literary Club's Keeper of Records.

Citation

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Appraisal Note

Acquired by Curator of African American Collections, Randall Burkett, as part of the Rose Library's holdings in African American culture and history.

Processing

Processed by Elizabeth Russey, October 21, 2004.

Collection Description**Biographical Note**

The Utopian Literary Club was founded in 1916 by a group of African American women in Atlanta, Georgia. Meeting for the simple purpose of "the mental advancement of its members," the Utopian Literary Club is primarily a social club that assembles regularly to discuss literature, listen to lectures and music, and debate current events. The organization also hosts an annual Christmas party and "Party for Friends," a social event opened to non-club members.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the records of the Utopian Literary Club in Atlanta, Georgia, from 1927-2004. The records include minutes, programs, financial reports, photographs, the club constitution, and biographical files of members. The majority of the material is from 1984 to the present, although some historical sketches of early club history are included. The annual yearbook is particularly detailed concerning club activities, listing yearly programs, officers, and the names and addresses of club members. Minutes and committee reports document the business of the Utopian Literary Club, although most are scattered and incomplete.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by document type.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Constitution, 1995
1	2	Correspondence, 1985-2003
1	3	Correspondence sent to club members, 1988-2003
1	4	Courtesy committee, 1992
1	5	Financial reports, 1981-2003
1	6	Handbook, [1995]
1	7	History of the club by Frankie V. Adams, 1974
1	8	Hostess schedules, 1992-2003
1	9	Membership list, undated
1	10	Member biographical file – Cooper, Ann Louise Nixon
1	11	Member biographical file – Funderburg, Rosemary Fitts
1	12	Member biographical file – Graham, Caroline Wilson
1	13	Member biographical file – Harper, Carrie Bell
1	14	Member biographical file – Harper, Marge Clark Few
1	15	Member biographical file – Jackson, Ruth Laetitia Thomas
1	16	Member biographical file – Johnson, Joyce
1	17	Member biographical file – McPheeters, Annie L.
1	18	Member biographical file – Payne, Zelma A.
1	19	Member biographical file – Robinson, Evelyn Ross
1	20	Member biographical file – Smith, Grace Burley Boggs
1	21	Member biographical file – Stewart, Isabel
1	22	Member biographical file – Walker, Frances Yvonne Ramsey
1	23	Minutes, 1984-1987
1	24	Minutes, 1988-1989
1	25	Minutes, 1994
1	26	Minutes, 1997
1	27	Minutes, 1999-2003
1	28	Party for Friends, committee report, 1988
1	29	Party for Friends, financial reports, 1984-2003
1	30	Party for Friends, invitations, 1999-2004
1	31	Party for Friends, programs, 1979-1995
1	32	Party for Friends, programs, 1996-2004
1	33	Photographs, club members [with short biographies], undated
1	34	Photographs, club members, undated
1	35	Photographs, club meeting at Spelman College with Beverly Daniel Tatum, January 16, 2003

- 1 36 Photographs, Guest speakers, Mary Shye Scott and Betty Cook
- 1 37 Photographs, Guest speakers, Darryl McGhee and G. Johnson Hubert
- 1 38 Photographs, Party for Friends 60th Anniversary Party
- 1 39 Photographs, Party for Friends Luncheon featuring the Clark Atlanta Players,
March 2003
- 1 40 Photographs, unidentified people
- 1 41 Proclamation, "Utopian Literary Club Party for Friends Day," Fulton County,
Georgia, March 31, 2001 [photocopy]
- 1 42 Program topics, 1919-1982
- 1 43 Program, "Ragtime to Pop," April 18, [?]
- 1 44 Program, "Spelman College Jazz Ensemble, [undated]
- 1 45 Program, 75th Anniversary Celebration, March 30, 1991
- 1 46 Program, Christmas program, December 19, 1991
- 1 47 Program, Adele Logan Alexander, "Ambiguous Lives, Free Women of Color in
Rural Georgia," February 1, 1992
- 1 48 Program, 80th Anniversary Celebration, March 30, 1996
- 1 49 Program, club meeting, January 21, 1999
- 1 50 Program, Carmen Green, "Directions of Upper Class African Americans in
Contemporary Romance Novels," 2001
- 1 51 Program, Tananarive Due, "The Black Rose, The Story of Madame C.J. Walker,"
March 30, 2001
- 1 52 Program, Ira Harrison, September 14, 2001
- 1 53 Program, Cynthia Watts, September 29, 2001
- 1 54 Program, club meeting (William A. Clement, speaker), February 21, 2002
- 2 1 Yearbook, 1927 [photocopy]
- 2 2 Yearbook, 1979-1980
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