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Summary Information

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Historical Note

The XV Men's Club is a fifteen member invitation-only Little Rock group established on January 7, 1904. The founders of the club were Harmon L. Remmel, Carl Voss, Charles Ferguson, and Charles McKee. XV was modeled after a similar club then operating in Pine Bluff. XV Club members wear tuxedos to fifteen dinners each year, smoke ceremonial cigars, and abstain from alcohol. Their schedule includes a long summer break for the months of June, July, August, and September. In October, the XV Club begins a new series of sessions. Each member hosts one meeting a year, usually at his house but on special occasions at a restaurant. Each dinner is attended by a speaker drawn from the membership who delivers a well-researched address on a topic of their choice. The event is to be, in the words of one founder, "cultured but not too cultured, literary but not too literary, political but not too political, scientific but not too scientific, funny but not too funny, serious but not too serious." The first educational topic, discussed at an XV meeting on January 18, 1904, was the Panama Canal. Traditionally, wives are invited to attend the first session in October, which is called "Ladies' Night." However, minutes from the 100th anniversary meeting indicate an awareness that recently women have been guests at occasions other than Ladies' Night and that at some time a woman might be elected to join the XV Club.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains papers of the Little Rock XV Club and are primarily a letter, rooster, minutes and papers presented to the Club between 1931 and 1945.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Correspondence

1945: September 12: J.M. Moore, Little Rock, Arkansas to R.M. "Bob" Foster, Jr., Little Rock, Arkansas

Other

December 1931: Meeting Minutes, XV Club of Little Rock

Undated: Roster of XV Members

Undated: "Admission of Arkansas to the Union"

1944: "The Framing of the Constitution of the United States"

Undated: "Hocus Pocus in Politics"

Undated: "The Reign of the Demagogue"