



Guide to the Lyrick Club Records UR000913

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Creator:	Lyrick Club
Title:	Lyrick Club Records
ID:	UR000913
Date [inclusive]:	1909-1966
Physical Description:	3 Linear Feet (1 OS)
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English.
Abstract:	<p>The Lyrick Club was formed in 1909 as a social group of young men who served as ushers at the Lyceum Theatre and Garrick Theatre at the time. The name comes from a combining the names of the two theatres. Club rooms existed on the Lewis Block on Griswold Street where the Guardian Building now stands. A summer cottage was also maintained on Lake St. Clair. Club members continued to meet until about 1917 as life began to pull them in different directions, including serving in the armed forces during World War I. The death of one of the members, Walter Jordan, in 1942 inspired the original members to hold a yearly reunion beginning in 1943 and continuing until the early 1960s. The Lyrick Club collection includes one scrapbook of photographs and memories of club gatherings in its early years, especially at their lake cottage. Photographs show the boys' friendship filled with fun and antics, as well as a few photographs of boys with their units while serving in World War I. The rest of the collection contains notes, documentation, and planning materials for the reunions that began in 1943. This includes one scrapbook and six reunion notebooks. Additionally, there is one folder of correspondence from the 1960s between some club members and Ferd DeLonge, the member who created and maintained the material in this collection.</p>

Citation Style

"Lyrick Club Records, Box [#], Folder [#], Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University"

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History

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Arrangement

This collection is located in one box, but is not necessarily arranged in a particular order.

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Acquisition

The Lyrick Club Records were donated to the Walter P. Reuther Library on December 22, 1978 by Carl Graul's daughter, Jane A. Warrick, via Kent Keydal.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Shae Rafferty on February 1, 2019.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials."

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Controlled Access Headings

- Male friendship

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Scrapbook of memories in print and pictures, 1911-1917 and 1953-1961	Box 1	Item 1

Correspondence - Ferd DeLonge, 1961-1965	Box 1	Folder 2
Reunion notebooks, 1954-1960	Box 1	Item 4-9
Sermon, February 22, 1953	Box 1	Folder 10
Scrapbook of reunions, 1943-1966	Box 1	Item 3