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**POETS' CORNER INC.  
MATERIALS, CA. 1941–1956**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript folder; 1 bound volume

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1941–56

PROVENANCE: Yesterday's Books, Richmond, IN; November 2000

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001.0073

NOTES:

## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

Poets' Corner, Inc. was founded by Olive Inez Downing in Indianapolis in 1942. Downing also served as the club's first president. The club promoted poetry and had monthly meetings. It featured various speakers and sponsored Riley Red Rose Day, a poetic tribute to Riley held at his tomb in Crown Hill every year. For a time, the club housed a collection of rare books at its headquarters.

Sources:

*Indiana Authors and their books, 1917–1966*. Crawfordsville, Indiana: Wabash College, 1974. <http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/inauthors/welcome.do?brand=ia-books>

Susan Lennis, "Roses are Red, Violets are Swell..in Hoosierland Poets are Alive and Well," *Indianapolis Star*, February 9, 1975, 8–10.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains a Poets' Corner scrapbook filled with the autographs of those who attended club events from 1941 to 1954. Also in the collection are materials originally laid in the scrapbook, including news clippings, notes, a membership card, and a poem.

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Poets' Corner materials, ca. 1952–56

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