

PIERIAN STUDY CLUB RECORDS, 1926-1993

Collection #
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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 manuscript boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	1926-1993
PROVENANCE:	Mrs. R. G. Robbins, Carmel IN, 22 December 1993
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
RELATED HOLDINGS:	None
ACCESSION NUMBER:	1994.0353

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Pierian Study Club was founded in 1926 "to study literature and drama and to encourage an interchange of thought by papers and discourse and to promote original work and expression." Membership was limited to twenty

active members, and this meant that each member had to do something each year, since meetings were scheduled monthly from October through June. Dues were set at a dollar a year, and the club constitution provided that expenses should not outstrip the treasury.

Most members were married, and apparently most had jobs. Geographically most members lived on the north and east sides of Indianapolis, though there were a few from Southport and Franklin.

At first the club's programs were literary, with one speaker on current literature and another on some classic work, with discussion afterward. In later years programs were designed around themes like South America, U. S. history, and travel. Each year there was a President's Dinner, and also a picnic, sometimes with a program.

Through the years the club's meetings became less frequent, dwindling to four a year and then to three. The club was disbanded in 1993.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling two manuscript boxes, contains minutes, yearbooks, and historical recollections from the years 1926-1993. It is arranged chronologically within category.

In Box 1, Folders 1-9 contain historical material, the most detailed of which is a series of recollections done in 1951 for the club's twenty-fifth anniversary. In Folders 11-16 is a complete series of yearbooks, 1926-1993. A complete set of minutes is contained in Folders 17-18 of Box 1 and in Box 2.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box 1: Historical; Yearbooks; Minutes 1926-1943

Folder Contents

1	Historical
2	20th Anniversary program 1946
3-7	25th Anniversary recollections 1951
8	"Our window on the past" 1966
9	"Pierian March of Time in Retrospect" n.d.
10	Membership correspondence
11	Yearbooks-- 1926-1936
12	Yearbooks -- 1936-1946
13	Yearbooks -- 1946-1956
14	Yearbooks -- 1956-1966
15	Yearbooks -- 1966-1980
16	Yearbooks -- 1980-1993
17	Constitution, minutes 1926-1932

Box 2: Minutes 1945-1993**Folder Contents**

1	Minutes-- 1945-1955
2	Minutes -- 1955-1967
3	Minutes -- 1968-1983
4	Minutes -- 1984-1988
5	Minutes -- 1988-1993

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