



Charleston Club records, 1869-2003
SCHS Call # 1243.00
Containers 25/110-121

Creator: Charleston Club (Charleston, S.C.)

Description: ca. 9 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical note: The Charleston Club was founded as a social organization in 1852 by a number of prominent Charleston gentlemen. Its clubhouse, then on Meeting Street, provided an exclusive atmosphere for the convivial recreation of its members. After dissolving in 1866, the club was reorganized in 1881 and over the next seventy-seven years was housed in a succession of buildings in downtown Charleston. Since 1958 it has occupied the same address on East Bay Street.

Scope and content: Correspondence, minutes, constitution, bylaws, history, membership rosters, financial records, and inventories. Includes a record book (1 v., 1869-1881) of the South-Carolina Society (also called the Carolina Club) detailing voting on prospective members. More recent records (1962-2003) consist of minutes of the club's managing committee, and include the reports of various officers presented at annual meetings. Topics of discussion include the club's finances, repairs and renovations to the clubhouse, the admission of guests, and the club's regular "at home" meetings.

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Container listing:

- 25/110 Constitution, by-laws, club history, miscellany; and voting lists for the “Carolina Club” (1869-1889)
- 25/111 Miscellaneous records, 1927-1936 (correspondence, bills, etc.)
- 25/112 Misc. records, 1935-1940; and correspondence, 1938-1941
- 25/113 Correspondence, 1940-1947
- 25/114 Correspondence, 1947-1956
- 25/115 Correspondence, 1957-1969
- 25/116 Correspondence, 1970-1980
- 25/117 Oversize box: “Membership Materials & Accounts”
- 25/118 Ledgers for membership and expenses, 1930s-1960s
- 25/119a Meeting minutes, 1881-1912
- 25/119b Minutes, 1912-1957; and annual statements, 1950-1966
- 25/119c Managing Committee meeting minutes, 1967-2003; bar stock book, 1904-1919; and statements of sales, 1906-1911
- 25/120 Oversize box: “Financial Accounts”
- 25/121 Oversize box: “Finances & Stock Books”