



Community Club records, 1917-1935 (bulk 1917-1919)
SCHS Call # 1128.00
Container 11/500

Creator: Community Club for Enlisted Men (Charleston, S.C.)

Description: 0.25 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical note: Charleston, S.C. organization founded in June 1917 by local women's clubs in order to establish and maintain a recreation center for soldiers, sailors and marines. In July 1917 the Club opened the doors of a house at 283 Meeting Street to provide a "home-like atmosphere" where enlisted men "could read, write their letters, get a good well-cooked meal at a nominal price and weekly entertainments." The Club operated in this location until May 1919, when the house was sold. Monies remaining in the Club fund were donated to the American Legion Post No. 10 of Charleston in 1935. The Club also restored the main hall of a building at 55 Society Street for the use of the Legion.

Scope and content: Records consist of minutes, correspondence, and other items.

Minutes (1917-1919) of meetings of the Community Club for Enlisted Men and its Executive Board concern the purchase, improvement and furnishing of a house at 283 Meeting Street in Charleston (S.C.); financial matters; contributions of money, services, and supplies; entertainments; daily operations of the Club; and other topics. Minutes of meetings in 1935 mainly concern the final disposition of Club funds, which were donated to the American Legion Post No. 10 of Charleston (S.C.).

Correspondence mainly concerns personnel matters and the final disposition of Club funds. Other items include the Club's constitution and by-laws; notes and a speech (1917) concerning the establishment of the Club; newspaper clippings; financial statements; lease (1917) of a house at 283 Meeting Street; president's annual report (n.d.) by Mrs. Julius E. Smith; lists of supporters; two petitions (March 1919) for the continuation of the Club's services, with eleven pages of signatures of enlisted men; and a visitors' book (1917-1918) containing lists of committee members and the signatures of military personnel and other guests of the Community Club for Enlisted Men.

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Search terms:

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Community Club for Enlisted Men (Charleston, S.C.) -- Records and correspondence.
Sailors -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

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World War, 1914-1918 -- War work -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
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Charleston (S.C.) -- Social life and customs.
South Carolina -- History.
Clippings.
Financial records.
Letters (correspondence)
Lists.
Minutes.
Petitions.
Reports.
Visitors' books.

Container description:

11/500/1-10 Community Club

Records, 1917-1919, 1935. Approx 100 items

U.S. Military men's club operated by Charleston women's clubs. Organizational papers, constitution, minutes (1917-1919) presidents and treasurers' report (1917-1919), subscribers lists (1917-1919), correspondence (1917-1919), papers of dissolution (1935) and club visitors book.