



Hibernian Society records, 1801-1982
SCHS 432.00

Creator: Hibernian Society (Charleston, S.C.)

Description: 4.75 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical note: Irish benevolent and social organization formally established in 1801. The Hibernian Society assisted Irish immigrants and their descendants. Hibernian Hall, located on Meeting Street in Charleston, S.C., was officially opened in January 1841.

Scope and content: Records chiefly consist of financial records and minute books. Financial records include treasurer's books, a cash book, and other account books. Minute books begin 1827 and go up into 1982, with some gaps.

Miscellaneous items include a constitution and rule book (1801-1889); visitor's registry (1889-1909); hall engagement books (1896-1923); membership rolls; a fair prize awards book (1891-1896); and a minute book (1887-1890) of the Builders and Dealers Exchange, a business organization.

Accession note: Hibernian Society; permanent loan.

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Financial records.
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Collection/series overview:

432.01	Financial Records
432.02	Minute Books
432.03	Miscellaneous Records

Container list:

BOX 1

432.01 *Financial Records*
432.01 (1801-1804) Treasurers book, 1801-1804
432.01 (1804-1816) Treasurers book, 1804-1816
432.01 (1816-1824) Treasurers book, 1816-1824

BOX 2

432.01 (1824-1826) Treasurers book, 1824-1826
432.01 (1857-1889) -01 Account book, 1857-1889
432.01 (1857-1889) -02 Cash book, 1857-1889

BOX 3

432.01 (1896-1902) Account book, 1896-1902
432.01 (1902-1909) Account book, 1902-1909
432.02 *Minute Books*
432.02 (1827-1847) -02 WPA Transcript of Minute book, 1827-1847
432.02 (1856-1874) Minute book, 1856-1874
432.02 (1881-1893) Minute book, 1881-1893
432.02 (1893-1901) Minute book, 1893-1901

BOX 4

432.02 (1915-1920) Minute book, 1915-1920
432.02 (1924-1928) Minute book, 1924-1928
432.02 (1928-1931) Minute book, 1928-1931
432.02 (1931-1933) Minute book, 1931-1933

BOX 5

432.02 (1934-1938) Minute book, 1934-1938
432.02 (1938-1948) Minute book, 1938-1948
432.02 (1948-1960) Minute book, 1948-1960

BOX 6

432.03 *Miscellaneous Items*
432.03.01 (1896-1897) Hall engagement book, 1896-1897
432.03.01 (1896-1923) Hall engagement book, 1896-1923
432.03.01 (1902-1903) Hall engagement book, 1902-1903
432.03.02 Visitors registry, 1889-1909

BOX 7

432.03.03-01 "Active Membership Roll," no date
432.03.03-02 [Membership roll], no date
432.03.04-01 Fair prize awards book, 1891-1896
432.03.04-02 Loose items removed from fair prize award book

432.03.05 "Alphabet Ledger C," no date
 432.03.06 [Name index], no date
 432.03.07 Information on "carved wooden flag pole"
 432.03.08 Minute book of the Builders & Dealers Exchange,
 1887-1890

OVERSIZE ITEMS (wrapped individually, not boxed)

432.01 (1826-1838) Treasurers book, 1826-1838
 432.01 (1838-1848) Treasurers book, 1838-1848
 432.02 (1827-1847) Minute book, 1827-1847-01 (transcript available, Box 3)
 432.02 (1901-1914) Minute book, 1901-1914
 432.03.09 Constitution and rules book, 1801-1889
 432.03.10-01 [Membership dues book], 1880s?
 432.03.10-02 [Membership book], no date

NOTES ON MINUTE BOOK, 1856-1874

March 17, 1863 (p. 70-71): "The Finance Committee of the Hibernian Society beg leave to report that in consequence of the peculiar situation of affairs the treasurer deemed it advisable to remove the books and papers of the Society to a safe place in the interior of the State..." The committee also recommended "the creation of a charity fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased members."

March 17, 1864 (p. 75): "The Treasurer is on duty on the coast...Several shells have recently entered our 'old familiar' Hall and considerable damage has been caused thereby, which at this time it is impracticable to have repaired. The enemy have succeeded in driving us from the building but your Committee fervently hopes that where the Society are next called upon to celebrate their anniversary it may be under the blessings of peace and prosperity..." (Finance Committee)

July 5, 1864 (p. 79): Notes the death of A. A. Allemong, former secretary of the Society. Allemong was killed in action at Petersburg, Virginia, in June 1864. He was mortally wounded on June 17 and died on June 20. "No truer braver purer victim has been offered on the altar of our independence."

There are no entries after January 3, 1865, until June 1865.

June 6, 1865 (p. 85) "The Members of the previous meeting were not produced on account of the disordered state of things resulting from the occupation of the City by federal troops."

Jan. 2, 1866 (p. 92): Report on the damage done to Hibernian Hall by federal shelling; includes specifications for repairs.

July 23, 1867: (p. 122-125) Memorial to former Society president James K. Robinson.

Numerous death notices of members are scattered throughout all the minute books.