

# Tavern Hall Preservation Society Collection

## Overview of the Collection

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## Historical Note

The Tavern Hall Preservation Society was founded in 2004 when it replaced the former Tavern Hall Club (1911-2004). As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, the Tavern Hall Preservation Society aims to preserve the Tavern Hall Club's meeting house, the Elisha R. Reynolds House, using its space for education and historic preservation purposes. The Society has continued the Tavern Hall Club's institutional sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 1, Kingston, since it began in 1923, and is now one of the oldest continuously operating troops in America.

The Tavern Hall Club was founded to foster understanding and cooperation between the people of the Village of Kingston and the community of students, faculty, administrators and staff at Rhode Island State College (now the University of Rhode Island). The name of the club was derived from the location which the club met from 1911 to 1919: Joseph Reynolds' Tavern. The club was first registered as a corporation with the Secretary of State of Rhode Island on March 23, 1914 with its charter president, Robert A. Lichtenthaeler and the charter board of directors Frank H. Bills, Wilbur E. Dove, George E. Merkle, Lawrence S. Crosby, and Roy B. Cooley as signatories. The Tavern Hall Club found its permanent residence in 1919 when it purchased the Elisha Reynolds House (also known as the Lucca House) in Kingston. Although the club initially only admitted male members, the membership voted unanimously to amend the constitution to admit women as full members in 1994. In 1996, the club elected its first woman president, Elizabeth L. Indeglia. The Tavern Hall Club served the community for nearly a century by providing educational programs and social activities for residents of Kingston.

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## Scope and Content

The records of the Tavern Hall Preservation Society include financial records, meeting minutes, correspondence, programs, institutional documents, and materials related to the property holdings of the organization. The collection is an accumulation of materials that were collected by Executive Committee members of the Tavern Hall Preservation Society. The collection is added to on an annual basis and is organized chronologically with similar materials grouped together under each year by subject:

- Boy Scouts Materials
- Building Preservation and Care
- Building Inspection
- Building, Lead Paint Training and Research

Building Preservation and Care  
Correspondence (General)  
Events, General Washington in Little Rest  
Financial Records  
Grant Applications and Correspondence  
Incorporation/Certificate and Articles  
Incorporation/Dissolution of the Tavern Hall Club  
Incorporation/Miscellaneous  
Letterhead (THPS)  
Meeting Records  
Membership Lists  
Newspaper Clippings  
Programs  
Receipts  
Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference  
Secretary's Notes

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### **Administrative Information**

Access: Members of the Tavern Hall Preservation Society or any other qualified persons doing personal or scholarly research are permitted to utilize materials from the Tavern Hall Preservation Society collection. Restrictions apply to records containing identifying membership information; however, certain information from these records may be made available at the researcher's request.

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Provenance: This collection is an accumulation of records and materials that were collected by Executive Committee members of the Tavern Hall Preservation Society from 2004 to the present.

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### **Subject Terms**

Tavern Hall Preservation Society (Kingston, R.I.).

Tavern Hall Club (Kingston, R.I.) -- History

South Kingstown (R.I. : Town) -- History.

Kingston (R.I. : Town) -- History.

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### **Related Materials**

Researchers interested in this collection may also wish to consult the following resources in the South County History Center holdings:

Subject Vertical Files

Photograph Collection – Kingston Village

Tavern Hall Club Collection

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**Contents Listing**

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1	7	Incorporation/Dissolution of the Tavern Hall Club	2004
1	8	Incorporation/Miscellaneous	2004
1	9	Meeting Records	2004
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