

Tavern Hall Club Collection

Overview of the Collection

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Title: Tavern Hall Club

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Historical Note

The Tavern Hall Club was founded in 1911 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 location at 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. Lichtenthaler 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. It was the institutional sponsor of Boy Scout Troop 1, Kingston beginning in 1923. At the close of February 2004, the Tavern Hall Club was superseded by the Tavern Hall Preservation Society through incorporation as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the preservation of its meeting house.

Scope and Content

The records of the Tavern Hall Club include annual records, ledgers, financial records, meeting minutes, correspondence, receipts, 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 Club from its inception until its dissolution in 2004. The series is organized as follows:

Series I: Annual Records

Series II: Subject Files

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 Club collection.

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Subject Terms

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

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

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

South Kingstown (R.I. : Town) -- History -- 20th Century.

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

Contents Listing

Series I: Annual Records

The Annual Records Series contains records that were organized in bound volumes, three-ring binders, large envelopes, or simply held together by rubber bands and other fasteners. Many of these records were kept by the secretary of the Tavern Hall Club and organized chronologically. With the exception of the bound volumes, these records have been removed from their original containers and rehoused in archival folders. Unless there was a clear thematic organization of the materials, the records were organized chronologically within their original groupings to retain their initial context. Unless otherwise noted, the contents of each folder include diverse records such as annual logs of each year, meeting minutes, correspondence, programs, and treasurer reports.

Box	Folder	Volume	Title	Date
1		Book 1, 1911-1917	Secretary's Book	1911-1917
1		Book 2, 1913-1922	Log Book	1913-1922
1		Book 3, 1915-1944	Log Book	1915-1944
2	1	Book 4, 1922-1924	Part 1	June-December 1922
2	2	Book 4, 1922-1924	Part 2	January-May 1923
2	3	Book 4, 1922-1924	Part 3	June-December 1923
2	4	Book 4, 1922-1924	Part 4	January-May 1924
2	5	Book 4, 1922-1924	Part 5	June-December 1924
2	6	Group 5, 1925-1927	Part 1	January 1925-January 2, 1926
2	7	Group 5, 1925-1927	Part 2	1926-1934
2	8	Book 6, 1936-1951	Part 1	1936-1938, n.d.
2	9	Book 6, 1936-1951	Part 2	1944
2	10	Book 6, 1936-1951	Part 3	1945
2	11	Book 6, 1936-1951	Part 4: Correspondence	1945
2	12	Book 6, 1936-1951	Part 5	1946
2	13	Book 6, 1936-1951	Part 6	1947-1951
2	14	Book 7, 1937-1939	Part 1	January-February 1937, n.d.
2	15	Book 7, 1937-1939	Part 2	March-May 1937
2	16	Book 7, 1937-1939	Part 3	June-October 1937
2	17	Book 7, 1937-1939	Part 4	November-December 1937
2	18	Book 7, 1937-1939	Part 5	1938
2	19	Book 7, 1937-1939	Part 6: Correspondence	1937-1939, n.d.
2	20	Book 7, 1937-1939	Part 7	1939
2	21	Book 8, 1938-1942	Part 1: Member and Committee Lists	1938-1939
2	22	Book 8, 1938-1942	Part 2	December 1939-June 1940
2	23	Book 8, 1938-1942	Part 3	July-December 1940
2	24	Book 8, 1938-1942	Part 4	1941, January 1942
3	25	Book 9, 1942-1951	Part 1	1942
3	26	Book 9, 1942-1951	Part 2	1943
3	27	Book 9, 1942-1951	Part 3	1944

3	28	Book 9, 1942-1951	Part 4	1945-1946
3	29	Book 9, 1942-1951	Part 5	1947
3	30	Book 9, 1942-1951	Part 6	1948
3	31	Book 9, 1942-1951	Part 7	1949
3	32	Book 9, 1942-1951	Part 8	1950-1951, n.d.
3	33	Book 10, 1945-1947	Part 1	1945
3	34	Book 10, 1945-1947	Part 2	1946
3	35	Book 10, 1945-1947	Part 3	1947
3	36	Book 11, 1954-1961	Part 1	1953
3	37	Book 11, 1954-1961	Part 2	1954
3	38	Book 11, 1954-1961	Part 3	January-December 5, 1955
3	39	Book 11, 1954-1961	Part 4	December 15, 1955- December 1956
3	40	Book 11, 1954-1961	Part 5	1957
3	41	Book 11, 1954-1961	Part 6	1958
3	42	Book 11, 1954-1961	Part 7	1959, 1961
3	43	Book 12, 1954-1958, 1981	Part 1	April 11, 1954(?)- January 3, 1955
3	44	Book 12, 1954-1958, 1981	Part 2	January 15, 1955- December 8, 1956
3	45	Book 12, 1954-1958, 1981	Part 3	1957-1958, 1981
4	46	Book 13, 1958-1962	Part 1	1958-1959
4	47	Book 13, 1958-1962	Part 2	1960
4	48	Book 13, 1958-1962	Part 3	1961-1962
4	49	Group 14, 1962-1966	Part 1	1962
4	50	Group 14, 1962-1966	Part 2	1963
4	51	Group 14, 1962-1966	Part 3	1964
4	52	Group 14, 1962-1966	Part 4	1965-January 1966
4	53	Group 15, 1965-1971, n.d.	Part 1	1965
4	54	Group 15, 1965-1971, n.d.	Part 2	1966
4	55	Group 15, 1965-1971, n.d.	Part 3	1967
4	56	Group 15, 1965-1971, n.d.	Part 4	1968
4	57	Group 15, 1965-1971, n.d.	Part 5	1969
4	58	Group 15, 1965-1971, n.d.	Part 6	1970
4	59	Group 15, 1965-1971, n.d.	Part 7	1971, n.d.
4	60	Book 16, 1970-1976	Part 1	1970
4	61	Book 16, 1970-1976	Part 2	1971
4	62	Book 16, 1970-1976	Part 3	1972
4	63	Book 16, 1970-1976	Part 4	1973
4	64	Book 16, 1970-1976	Part 5	1974
4	65	Book 16, 1970-1976	Part 6	1975
4	66	Book 16, 1970-1976	Part 7	1976

5	67	Book 17, 1979-1983, n.d.	Part 1	1979, n.d.
5	68	Book 17, 1979-1983, n.d.	Part 2	1980
5	69	Book 17, 1979-1983, n.d.	Part 3	1981
5	70	Book 17, 1979-1983, n.d.	Part 4	1982
5	71	Book 17, 1979-1983, n.d.	Part 5	1983
5	72	Book 18, 1985-1990, n.d.	Part 1	1985-1987
5	73	Book 18, 1985-1990, n.d.	Part 2	1988
5	74	Book 18, 1985-1990, n.d.	Part 3	1989
5	75	Book 18, 1985-1990, n.d.	Part 4: Programs	1989
5	76	Book 18, 1985-1990, n.d.	Part 5	1990, n.d.
5	77	Book 19, 1990-1992	Part 1	1991-1992
5	78	Book 19, 1990-1992	Part 2	1990
5	79	Book 19, 1990-1992	Part 3	1991-1992
5	80	Book 19, 1990-1992	Part 4	1992
5	81	Book 19, 1990-1992	Part 5	1990-1991
5	82	Book 19, 1990-1992	Part 6	1991
5	83	Book 20, 1990-1992	Part 1	1990
5	84	Book 20, 1990-1992	Part 2	1991
5	85	Book 20, 1990-1992	Part 3	1992
5	86	Book 21, 1990-1993	Part 1	1990
5	87	Book 21, 1990-1993	Part 2	1991
5	88	Book 21, 1990-1993	Part 3	1992
5	89	Book 21, 1990-1993	Part 4	1993
6	90	Book 22, 1992-1995, n.d.	Part 1: Programs	1993-1995
6	91	Book 22, 1992-1995, n.d.	Part 2	1992
6	92	Book 22, 1992-1995, n.d.	Part 3	1993
6	93	Book 22, 1992-1995, n.d.	Part 4	1994
6	94	Book 22, 1992-1995, n.d.	Part 5: Stationary	n.d.
6	95	Book 23, 1994-1996	Part 1: Programs	1995-1996
6	96	Book 23, 1994-1996	Part 2	1994-1995
6	97	Book 24, 1995, n.d.	Miscellaneous	1995, n.d.
6	98	Book 25, 1995	Miscellaneous	1995
6	99	Book 26, 1995-1996	Miscellaneous	1995-1996
6	100	Book 27, 1995-1998, 1987-1993, n.d.	Part 1: Board Meetings	1997

6	101	Book 27, 1995-1998, 1987-1993, n.d.	Part 2: Postcard Notices	1997-1998
6	102	Book 27, 1995-1998, 1987-1993, n.d.	Part 3: Meeting Notes	1997
6	103	Book 27, 1995-1998, 1987-1993, n.d.	Part 4: Membership	1997
6	104	Book 27, 1995-1998, 1987-1993, n.d.	Part 5: Dues	1997
6	105	Book 27, 1995-1998, 1987-1993, n.d.	Part 6: Miscellaneous	1987-1998
6	106	Group 28, 1998-2004	Part 1	1998-1999
6	107	Group 28, 1998-2004	Part 2	2000
6	108	Group 28, 1998-2004	Part 3	January-March 2001
6	109	Group 28, 1998-2004	Part 4	April-December 2001
7	110	Group 28, 1998-2004	Part 5	January-April 2002
7	111	Group 28, 1998-2004	Part 6	May-December 2002
7	112	Group 28, 1998-2004	Part 7	2003
7	113	Group 28, 1998-2004	Part 8	2004
7	114	Book 29, 2001-2002	Miscellaneous	2001-2002
7	115	Book 30, 2002-2003	Part 1	2002
7	116	Book 30, 2002-2003	Part 2	2003
7	117	Book 31, 2002-2004	Part 1	2002
7	118	Book 31, 2002-2004	Part 2	2003-2004
7	119	Book 32, 2003-2004	Part 1	January-August 2003
7	120	Book 32, 2003-2004	Part 2	September 2003-2004

Series II: Subject Files

The Subject Files Series contains materials compiled by various members of the Tavern Hall Club. It includes materials related to the organization's operations, properties, and history. The types of material present include booklets, bound volumes, committee reports, correspondence, legal paperwork, membership documents, meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, programs, and stationary. These files have been organized alphabetically by theme or type of document and then chronologically.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
8	1	Annual Booklets	1983-1984, 1986
8	2	Annual Booklets	1990-1991
8	3	Committees and Reports of the Nominating Committee	1922-2003
8	4	Correspondence: Acquisition of the Lucca House	1918-1919
8	5	Correspondence: Membership	1920-2001, n.d.
8	6	Correspondence: Miscellaneous	1919-1956
8	7	Correspondence: Miscellaneous	1957-2002, n.d.
8	8	Correspondence: Property	1984-1985, 1988-1989, 1993-1994, 2001

8	9	Correspondence: Rented Apartments	1955, 1965, 1977-1985, 1993-1994
8	10	Correspondence: Rented Apartments	2001-2004, n.d.
8	11	Institutional History: Annual Logs	1958:
8	12	Institutional History: Artwork	2003
8	13	Institutional History: Constitutions and By-Laws	1969-2001, n.d.
8	14	Institutional History: Early History	1986, n.d.
8	15	Institutional History: Lists of Presidents	1955, 1987, 1990
8	16	Institutional History: State Government and Legal Documents	1975-1976
	17	Institutional History: State Government and Legal Documents (in Oversize)	1914, 1919, 1986, 1998
8	18	Membership: Membership Lists	1921, 1957, 1966, 1987, 1993-1994, 1996, 2003-2004, n.d.
8	19	Membership: Membership Nomination Lists	1933-1937
8	20	Minutes and Agendas: Executive Committee Meetings	1992-1999
	21	Minutes and Agendas: Executive Committee Meetings (in Oversize)	1993
8	22	Minutes and Agendas: Executive Committee Meetings	2000-2001
8	23	Minutes and Agendas: General Meetings	2003, n.d.
9	24	Newspaper Clippings	1982-1988, n.d.
9	25	Programs	1944-1954, 1963, 1965
9	26	Programs	1971-1978
9	27	Programs	1980-1988
9	28	Programs	1993-1999
9	29	Programs	2000-2004
9	30	Property: Agreement with E.S. Hodge Co.	1919
9	31	Property: Boy Scouts of America Trusteeship	1927, 1955, 2001-2003, n.d.
9	32	Property: Building Renovation	2003
	33	Property: Exterior Drawings (in Oversize)	n.d.
9	34	Property: House Rules	n.d.
9	35	Property: Lucca House Research	1872-1998, n.d.
9	36	Property: Miscellaneous	1950, 1956, 1983, 1989-1990, 1993-1995, n.d.
9	37	Property: Proposed Apartment Renovation	1994
9	38	Property: Report on New Building Proposal	1919
9	39	Property: Tenant and Landlord Handbooks	1986, 2000, n.d.
9	40	Property: Tenants	2001-2002
9	41	Song Sheets	n.d.
9	42	Stationary and Letterhead	n.d.
10		Book 33: Lists of Presidents (1911-1961) and Member Lists (1911-1958)	n.d.

10	Book 34: Constitution, By-Laws, Member Signatures	1919-1920, 1922, 1932-1933, n.d.
11	Membership Cards and Member Information Cards	1975-1990

Series III: Financial Records

The Financial Records Series contains materials related to the financial history of the Tavern Hall Club. It includes ledgers, bank documents, receipts, treasurer reports, checkbooks, insurance information, tax slips, and other miscellaneous reports and documents. Many materials were grouped together, and this order has been maintained when necessary to provide context for receipts and bills. Other than the 1930-1960 Treasurer's Day Book, which is placed in a separate box at the beginning of the series, the series is arranged alphabetically by type of document and then chronologically. However, utility bills and receipts are simply grouped together by quarter of year, which are then organized chronologically.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
12		Treasurer's Day Book	1930-1960
13	1	Annual Projections	1924, 1996, 1999
13	2	Annual Report	1998-2003
13	3	Bank Documents, Industrial National Bank	1973-1974
13	4	Bank Documents, Pettaquamscutt Credit Union	1971-1974
13	5	Bequests	1991
13	6	Bonds	1975-1985
13	7	Boy Scouts of America	n.d.
13	8	Building Expenses	1923-1924
13	9	Building Expenses	1949
13	10	Building Expenses	1953-1957, 1959, n.d.
13	11	Building Expenses	1961-1962
13	12	Building Expenses	1974-1975
13	13	Building Expenses	1976-1983
13	14	Building Expenses	1994
13	15	Building Expenses	1993-1995
13	16	Building Expenses	1996-1997
13	17	Building Expenses	1998-2000
13	18	Building Expenses	2001-2003
13	19	Checkbook	1948-1949
13	20	Checkbook	1952-1954
13	21	Checkbook	1954-1955
13	22	Checkbook	1957-1958
13	23	Checkbook	1961-1962
14	24	Checkbook	1968
14	25	Checkbook	1969-1970
14	26	Checkbook	1971
14	27	Checkbook	1981-1983

14	28	Checkbook	1986
14	29	Checkbook	1987
14	30	Checkbook	1988
14	31	Checkbook	1992-1995
14	32	Checkbook	1992-2004
14	33	Checkbook	1995-1998
14	34	Checkbook	1998-2001
15	35	Checkbook	2000-2004
15	36	Donations	1992-2001, n.d.
15	37	Furnishings	1923-1924, 1954, 1961-1962, 1997- 2000, n.d.
15	38	Income and Expenses	1999, 2003
15	39	Insurance	1949-1985
15	40	Insurance	1994-2004
15	41	Insurance/Bonds	1997-2004
15	42	Kingston Hill Store Statements	1923, 1949, 1953, 1955
		Ledger--Oversize	1960-1962
15	43	Ledger	1963-1964
15	44	Ledger	1965
15	45	Ledger	1966
15	46	Ledger	1967
15	47	Ledger	1968
15	48	Ledger	1969
15	49	Ledger	1970
15	50	Ledger	1971
15	51	Ledger	1972
15	52	Ledger	1973
15	53	Ledger	1974-1983
15	54	Ledger	1975-1976
15	55	Loan	1984-1992
15	56	Membership Dues	1949, 1953, 1964
	57	Membership Dues (in Oversize)	1960-1967
15	58	Membership Dues	1991, 1994-1997, 1999, 2003-2004
16	59	Miscellaneous	1923-1993
16	60	Miscellaneous	n.d.
16	61	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	1923-1949
16	62	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	1952-1953
16	63	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	1954-1955
16	64	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	1956-1957
16	65	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	1961-1962
16	66	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	1972-1973
16	67	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	1974-1975
16	68	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	1976-1978
16	69	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	1979-1980

17	70	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	1981-1982
17	71	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	1983-1984
17	72	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	1992-1995
17	73	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	1996-1997
17	74	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	1998-1999
17	75	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	2000-2001
17	76	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	2002-2004
17	77	Miscellaneous Expenses and Receipts	n.d.
17	78	Mortgage	1976
18	79	Mortgage Payments	1976-1981
18	80	Mortgage Payments	1982-1984
18	81	Profit-Loss Statements	1993, 1995-2000
18	82	Program Expenses	1949, 1953-1957, 1962
18	83	Program Expenses	1974-1975
18	84	Program Expenses	1976-1984
18	85	Program Expenses	1991, 1993-1999
18	86	Program Expenses	2000-2004, n.d.
18	87	Rental Commission Bills	2001-2003, n.d.
18	88	Rented Apartments	1949, 1953, 1974
18	89	Rented Apartments	1977-1985
18	90	Rented Apartments	1993-2002, n.d.
18	91	Taxes/Federal	1975, 1995-1998, 2000-2001
18	92	Taxes/Federal	2002-2003
18	93	Taxes/Kingston Fire District	1923, 1953, 1962, 1974-1982, 1993- 1998, 2001, 2003
18	94	Taxes/State of Rhode Island	2003
18	95	Taxes/Town of South Kingstown	1949-1984
18	96	Treasurer Reports	1920-1924, 1936
18	97	Treasurer Reports	1964-1967, 1974
18	98	Treasurer Reports	1980-1989
18	99	Treasurer Reports	1992-2003
19	100	Utilities	1920, 1923
19	101	Utilities	1948-1949
19	102	Utilities	1952-1955
19	103	Utilities	1956-1957
19	104	Utilities	1961-1962
19	105	Utilities	1971-1973
19	106	Utilities	1974-1975
19	107	Utilities	1976-1977
19	108	Utilities	1978
19	109	Utilities	1979-1980
19	110	Utilities	1981-1982
20	111	Utilities	1983-1984

20	112	Utilities	1993-1995
20	113	Utilities	1996
20	114	Utilities	1997
20	115	Utilities	1998-1999
20	116	Utilities	2000-2001
20	117	Utilities	2002-2004
20	118	Utilities	n.d.