

NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LIBRARY

Manuscripts

No. B64

Date processed: September, 1988

- I. Title St. Ambrose Music Club, Inc. Records, 1897-
 - II. The papers of St. Ambrose Music Club, Inc. deposited in the Library on June, 1987, by Anne H. Ockert as a gift.
 - III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 3
Approximate number of items: 900 (includes 16 volumes)
 - IV. Restrictions: None
 - V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.
 - VI. Press release was issued on
 - VII. Biographical note: Whitney Library was named repository for the archives of St. Ambrose Music Club, Inc. in June, 1987. The club was founded by a group of New Haven women in 1897 as a piano duet club called the Four-Hand Piano Club. Its founder and first President was Catherine Shepard Winchell (1841-1922); its purpose was "to develop the musical talent of its members and to stimulate interest in music in the city of New Haven." In 1898 the name was changed to St. Ambrose Music Club. It was incorporated in 1922, and is affiliated with the National and State Federations of Music Clubs. In 1929 the Club established the Catherine S. Winchell Scholarship for a worthy New Haven piano student at the Yale Music School. A few years ago this fund was transferred to the New Haven Foundation which continues to administer the scholarship for them. In 1928 the the total membership had grown to 184. Although the membership has dwindled members still continue to meet in 1988 with the meetings taking the form of Sunday afternoon musicals.
 - VIII. Analysis: Collection consists of 4 boxes and 1 oversize scrapbook. It is made up of minute books and scrapbooks. The minutes are complete from 1897 to 1981, except for 1904-1907 and 1919. The scrapbooks are complete from 1898 to 1980 except for the year 1935-36. The scrapbooks contain musical programs for their meetings, yearbooks, newspaper clippings and a few photographs. Scrapbooks from 1898 to 1963 are numbered I to VII and have been indexed. (Scrapbook IV, 1935-1936, is missing.) Where condition of some books was deteriorated the newspaper clippings were xeroxed and other papers removed to folders.
- N.B. 1996: It appears that the last annual meeting of the club was held in 1992 and that it was dissolved thereafter.

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C: President's Notebook, 1936-1938 (Mrs. Grant Blakeslee)	1 v.
D: Minute Books: 1897-1901, 1902-03 and 1908-1915, 1916-1918 (includes lists of members, 1918-1927)	3 v.
E: " " 1920-1945 1922-1929	2 v.
F: " " 1929-1947 1947-1963	2 v.
G: " " 1964-1981	1 v.
H: " " 1988-1992	1 v.
<u>BOX 2</u>	
Folder A: Catherine S. Winchell Scholarship Fund Financial Records, 1929-1944	14
B: Index to Scrapbooks I - V	19
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E: " " " " II(Oversize Item #1) Includes 4 photographs, 1925.	125
F. Photograph - Junior members, St. Ambrose Music Society 1923	1

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Folder A:	Scrapbook VI (Cont.) Yearbooks, 1938-1947	11
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OVERSIZE ITEM #1: Scrapbook II, 1924-1930