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Collection Summary

Title: Gridiron Club Records

Span Dates: 1885-1988

ID No.: MSS60228

Creator: Gridiron Club (Washington, D.C.)

Extent: 42,850 items

Extent: 110 containers

Extent: 49.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Journalistic organization founded in 1885. Correspondence, writings, club records, membership books, autograph albums, dinner programs and menus, financial records, newspaper clippings, printed matter, scrapbooks, slides, photographs, and other records relating primarily to the club's annual dinner hosting members of the press, the president, and other elected officials and political figures.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

Organizations

Gridiron Club (Washington, D.C.)

Subjects

Journalism--Societies, etc.

Journalists--United States.

Political satire, American.

Politicians--United States--Anecdotes.

Presidents--United States--Anecdotes.

Statesmen--United States--Anecdotes.

Places

United States--Officials and employees--Anecdotes.

United States--Politics and government--Anecdotes.

Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

Provenance

The records of the Gridiron Club, journalistic organization founded 1885, were given to the Library of Congress by J. Alexis Shriver and Henry F. Ashurst in 1943 and by the Gridiron Club via James Free, club historian, between 1981-1986.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1981 and expanded in 1987. The finding aid was revised in 2013.

Transfers

Audio and video recordings have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of the Gridiron Club Records.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of the Gridiron Club in these papers and in other collections in the custody of the Library of Congress is reserved. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division for further information.

Access and Restrictions

The records of the Gridiron Club are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Gridiron Club Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the Gridiron Club, a journalistic organization founded in 1885 whose members represent major newspapers, news services, news magazines, and broadcast networks, span the years 1885-1988. The collection consists of correspondence, writings, membership books, autograph albums, dinner programs and menus, financial records, newspaper clippings, printed matter, scrapbooks, slides, photographs, and other records relating primarily to the club's annual dinner hosting members of the press, the president, and other elected officials and political figures. The dinners feature satirical pieces and musical skits by members of the club and remarks of a humorous or self-deprecatory nature by the president and representatives of each political party.

The records are organized into two series with overlapping dates: [Series A](#), 1886-1981 and [Series B](#), 1888-1985. The interrelated series reflect an arrangement that was affected at the time of processing by restrictions that once existed on parts of the collection.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in two series:

- [Series A, 1885-1981](#)
- [Series B, 1888-1985](#)

Description of Series

Container

BOX 1-99

Series

Series A, 1885-1981

Correspondence, writings, membership books, autograph albums, dinner programs and menus, financial records, newspaper clippings, printed matter, writings, scrapbooks, photographs, and other records relating primarily to the club's annual dinner.

Arranged by type of file or material.

BOX 100-110

Series B, 1888-1985

Correspondence, membership books, dinner programs and menus, newspaper clippings, printed matter and books, scrapbook, photographic slides, and other records relating primarily to the club's annual dinner.

Arranged by type of file or material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1-99	Series A, 1885-1981 Correspondence, writings, membership books, autograph albums, dinner programs and menus, financial records, newspaper clippings, printed matter, writings, scrapbooks, photographs, and other records relating primarily to the club's annual dinner. Arranged by type of file or material.
BOX 1	Chronological file
BOX 1	1885-1898
BOX 2	1898-1899
BOX 3	1899-1900
BOX 4	1900-1901
BOX 5	1901-1903 (2 vols.)
BOX 6	1903-1904
BOX 7	1905
BOX 8	1906
BOX 9	1907
BOX 10	1908 (1 vol. and 1 folder)
BOX 11	1909 (1 vol. and 1 folder)
BOX 12	1910
BOX 13	1911 (1 vol. and 1 folder)
BOX 14	1912
BOX 15	1913 (1 vol. and 1 folder)
BOX 16	1914 (1 vol. and 1 folder)
BOX 17	1915
BOX 18	1916 (1 vol. and 1 folder)
BOX 19	1917-1918 (2 vols.)
BOX 20	1919-1920 (2 vols.)
BOX 21	1921
BOX 22	1922
BOX 23	1923-1924 (2 vols.)
BOX 24	1925-1926 (2 vols.)
BOX 25	1927

Series A, 1885-1981

Container	Contents
BOX 26	1928
BOX 27	1929 (1 vol. and 1 folder)
BOX 28	1930
BOX 29	1931
BOX 30	1932
BOX 31	1933
BOX 32	1934
BOX 33	1935
BOX 34	1936
BOX 35	1937
BOX 36	1938
BOX 37	1939
BOX 38	1940
BOX 39	1941
BOX 40	1942-1944 (4 folders)
BOX 41	1945-1946 (6 folders)
BOX 42	1946-1948 (6 folders)
BOX 43	1949-1950 (5 folders)
BOX 44	1951-1954 (5 folders)
BOX 45	1954-1957 (4 folders)
BOX 46	1958-1959 (2 folders)
BOX 47	1960-1961 (2 vols. and 2 folders)
BOX 48	1962-1963 (2 vols. and 2 folders)
BOX 49	1964 (1 vol. and 1 folder)
BOX 50	1965 (1 vol. and 1 folder)
BOX 51	1966 (1 vol. and 1 folder)
BOX 52	1967 (1 vol. and 1 folder)
BOX 53	1968 (1 vol. and 1 folder)
BOX 54	1969 (1 vol. and 1 folder)
BOX 55	1970
BOX 56	1971

Series A, 1885-1981

Container	Contents
BOX 57	1972
BOX 58	1973
BOX 59	1974 (1 vol. and 1 folder)
BOX 60	1975
BOX 61	1976
BOX 62	1977
BOX 63	1978-1979 (2 vols.)
BOX 64	1980
BOX 64	Miscellaneous loose material
BOX 65	Dinner programs
BOX 65	1914 (2 folders)
BOX 65	1917
BOX 65	1919-1920 (3 folders)
BOX 65	1924 (2 folders)
BOX 66	1925-1929 (10 folders)
BOX 67	1929-1933 (8 folders)
BOX 68	1934-1937 (8 folders)
BOX 69	1938-1945 (8 folders)
BOX 70	1946-1948 (6 folders)
BOX 71	1949-1950 (3 folders)
BOX 71	1952-1954 (4 folders)
BOX 71	1956-1957 (2 folders)
BOX 72	1959-1966 (8 folders)
BOX 73	1867-1972 (8 folders)
BOX 74	1975
BOX 74	1979-1980 (2 folders) (2 folders)
BOX 74	Miscellaneous, 1848-1976, undated
BOX 74	Early correspondence, Ben Poore, 1848-1861
BOX 74	Manuscripts
BOX 74	Transcripts of early records (2 folders)
BOX 75	"The President Speaks Off the Record" (1976)

Series A, 1885-1981

Container

Contents

BOX 75	Text (6 folders)
BOX 76	(7 folders)
BOX 77	Photographs (3 folders)
BOX 77	Music (2 folders)
BOX 78	Financial, 1906-1971 (3 folders)
BOX 78	Menus and seating charts
BOX 79	Membership books, (15 vols.) 1891-1957 (15 vols.)
BOX 80	Miscellaneous
BOX 80	Souvenir booklist and publications (24 items)
BOX 81	Bound albums
BOX 81	Annals, compiled by Rudolph Kauffmann, 1885-1905
BOX 82	Photograph and invitation album, 1908 dinner, Frank O. Lowden (2 vols.)
BOX 83	Autographs
BOX 83	1896
BOX 84	1909-1933
BOX 85	1971
BOX 86	Albert Miller scrapbooks
BOX 86	1885-1895
BOX 87	1895-1898
BOX 88	1898-1905
BOX 89	1905-1909
BOX 90	1909-1912
BOX 91	1912-1917
BOX 92	1917-1924
BOX 93	1924-1929
BOX 94	Menus
BOX 95	Miscellaneous
BOX 95	Printed matter (2 items)
BOX 96	(3 items)
BOX 97	(2 items)
BOX 97	Clippings (2 folders)
BOX 98	Photographs and illustrated material
BOX 98	W. E. Curtis album, 1891
BOX 99	Assorted material
BOX 100-110	Series B, 1888-1985 Correspondence, membership books, dinner programs and menus, newspaper clippings, printed matter and books, scrapbook, photographic slides, and other records relating primarily to the club's annual dinner.

Series B, 1888-1985

Container Contents

Arranged by type of file or material.

BOX 100	Early files, correspondence, 1888-1908
BOX 101	Chronological file
BOX 101	1949, 1953, 1955
BOX 101	1980-1981
BOX 101	1982
BOX 101	1983-1984
BOX 101	1985, undated
BOX 101	Correspondence
BOX 101	1925
BOX 101	1948
BOX 101	1949, Jan.-May
BOX 101	1949, June-Dec.
BOX 101	1950, 1952-1953
BOX 102	1955-1956
BOX 102	1957
BOX 102	1958-1959
BOX 102	1960-1962
BOX 102	1963
BOX 102	1964
BOX 102	1965-1967
BOX 102	1968-1969
BOX 103	1970, 1972, 1978
BOX 103	1981-1982
BOX 103	1983-1984
BOX 103	1985
BOX 103	Undated
BOX 103	History
BOX 103	Nomination speeches, 1981-1984, undated
BOX 103	Speeches, 1957-1981, undated
BOX 104	Dinner programs
BOX 104	1949, May 21
BOX 104	1949, Dec. 10
BOX 104	1950, May 13
BOX 104	1952, Dec.
BOX 104	1953, Apr. 11
BOX 104	1953, Dec. 12
BOX 104	1954, Dec. 11
BOX 104	1955, May 7
BOX 104	1956, May 12
BOX 104	1957, Mar. 2
BOX 104	1958, Mar. 16
BOX 104	1959, Mar. 14
BOX 104	1960, Mar. 12
BOX 104	1961, Mar. 11
BOX 104	1961, Dec. 2

Series B, 1888-1985

Container	Contents
BOX 104	1962, Mar. 17
BOX 104	1963, Mar. 9
BOX 104	1965, Mar. 20
BOX 104	1966, Mar. 12
BOX 105	1967, Mar. 11
BOX 105	1968, Mar. 9
BOX 105	1969, Mar. 15
BOX 105	1970, Mar. 14
BOX 105	1981, Mar. 28
BOX 105	1981, Dec. 5
BOX 105	1982, Mar. 27
BOX 105	1982, Dec. 4
BOX 105	1983, Mar. 26
BOX 105	1983, Dec. 3
BOX 106	1984, Mar. 24
BOX 106	1985, Mar. 23
BOX 106	1985, Dec. 7
BOX 106	Miscellany
BOX 106	Glen Perry scrapbook (3 folders)
BOX 107	(1 vol.)
BOX 108	(1 folder)
BOX 108	General
BOX 109	Books
BOX 109	<i>The First 100 Years</i> , by James Free
BOX 109	<i>The Gridiron Club . . .</i> (compiled by the club)
BOX 109	<i>Hoover after Dinner</i> (addresses delivered at the club)
BOX 109	Slides
BOX 110	Clippings (3 folders)
BOX 110	Envelopes