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# Guide to the Friends in Council Records 1875-2006



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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Identifier** ICU.SPCL.FRIENDS

**Title** Friends in Council. Records

**Date** 1875-2006

**Size** 7.5 linear feet (14 boxes)

**Repository** Special Collections Research Center  
University of Chicago Library  
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Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**Abstract** The records of the Friends in Council include meeting minutes, constitutions and by-laws, annual programs for the club dating back to its inception, as well as various works produced by and about its members (papers prepared for meetings, histories of the club, and correspondence). The collection also contains some information relating to other Friends in Council groups, as well as national women's organizations.

## **Acknowledgments**

Preservation of this collection was supported with a generous gift from the University of Chicago Service League.

## **Information on Use**

### **Access**

Series I contains an audiocassette tape that is restricted due to reformatting and equipment requirements.

The remainder of the collection is open for research, with no restrictions.

### **Citation**

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Friends in Council. Records, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

### **Historical Note**

The Friends in Council of Chicago was a women's association, founded in 1875 and based in Hyde Park. Taking its title from a book by Sir Arthur Helps, its members were dedicated to the study of literature. Each year its members laid out a program of reading and study. For each meeting one member would host at her house, while another would present a paper she

had written on the topic for that day, which would then be discussed by the other members. Originally comprised of members from across the Chicago area, the Friends came to include primarily of the wives of prominent Hyde Park residents and faculty members of the University of Chicago.

## **Scope Note**

This collection contains three series, all arranged alphabetically. Series I, Administrative Materials, includes meeting minutes from 1875-2002; constitutions and by-laws; and reports from the secretary and treasurer. Series II, Membership Information and Activities, contains membership lists, membership biographies, correspondence, and a selection of the papers presented by members during their meetings. This series also includes the annual programs of the club, listing membership and paper topics for each year. Series III, History and Memorabilia, contains newspaper clippings, samples of announcements and luncheon placement cards, as well as information relating to other Friends in Council groups and national women's organizations. Box 14 contains oversized materials from Series III, including a photographic scrapbook, newspaper clippings and a certificate of incorporation.

## **Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

## **Subject Headings**

- Friends in Council
- Book clubs
- Women -- Societies and clubs -- Illinois
- Hyde Park (Chicago, Ill.)

## **INVENTORY**

### **Series I: Administrative Materials**

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 1-2**

Account book, 1969-1999

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 3-10**

Constitution and by-laws, 1895-1936

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 11**

Meeting minutes, audio cassette tape, 1989-1990

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 12**

Report of Secretary for the first two sessions up to June 6, 1876

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 13**

Report of the Treasurer of Friends in Council, 1879

**Box 1**

**Folder 14**

Summary of meetings, 1875-1880

**Box 1**

**Folder 15-16**

Records and minutes, 1875-1885

**Box 2**

**Folder 1-6**

Records and minutes, 1885-1906

**Box 3**

**Folder 1-4**

Records and minutes, 1906-1916

**Box 4**

**Folder 1-8**

Records and minutes, 1916-1929

**Box 5**

**Folder 1-6**

Records and Minutes of the Friends in Council, 1929-1945

**Box 6**

**Folder 1-11**

Records and minutes, 1946-2002

**Series II: Membership Information and Activities**

**Box 7**

**Folder 1-24**

Annual program, 1885-1911

**Box 8**

**Folder 1-14**

Annual program, 1911-1926

**Box 9**

**Folder 1-25**

Annual program, 1922-1954

**Box 10**

**Folder 1-32**

Annual program, 1954-1992

**Box 11**

**Folder 1-13**

Annual program, 1992-2006

**Box 11**

**Folder 14-17**

Correspondence, 1900-2005

**Box 11**

**Folder 18**

Correspondence, Year Book, 1958-2002

**Box 12**

**Folder 1**

Member biographies, 2003

**Box 12**

**Folder 2**

Membership list of Friends in Council of Chicago, 1875

**Box 12**

**Folder 3-7**

Papers, 1970-2005

**Box 12**

**Folder 8**

Write-up of annual subjects of readings, 1875-1920

**Series III: History and Memorabilia**

**Box 13**

**Folder 1**

Annual program of the Friends in Council of Quincy, IL, 1918-1919

**Box 13**

**Folder 2**

Bruce McKitterick Cole memorial service, program, 2005

**Box 13**

**Folder 3**

Certificate of Incorporation and by-laws, The General Federation of Women's Clubs, 1896

**Box 13**

**Folder 4**

"Chapter XII – Illinois" from History of Women Suffrage, undated

**Box 13**

**Folder 5**

Federation of Women's Clubs, Chicago and vicinity, calendar and directory, 1916

**Box 13**

**Folder 6**

"Friends in Council of Chicago, Looking into the Archives," 2005

**Box 13**

**Folder 7**

Luncheon Place Cards, late 19th-early 20th century

**Box 13**

**Folder 8**

Meeting announcement cards, undated

**Box 13**

**Folder 9**

Parliamentary Law and Rules of Procedure, 7th Edition by Mary Belle King Sherman, photocopy selection, 1916

**Box 13**

**Folder 10**

The Quadrangle Club Address List, March 1926

**Box 13**

**Folder 11**

Scrapbook, materials removed from, 1990s

**Box 13**

**Folder 12**

“Ten Years in the Friends in Council” by Mr. A.H. Tuthill, 1896

**Box 13**

**Folder 13**

“When Chicago Was Young” Chicago Sunday Tribune, June 30, 1935

**Box 5**

**Folder 1**

The Chicago Evening Post Literary Review, Friday, September 6, 1929

**Box 5**

**Folder 2**

Photographic scrapbook, 1980s-1990s

**Box 5**

**Folder 3**

Materials relating to incorporation, 1902-1905