Guide to the Limited Editions Club Collection 1929-1980
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Descriptive Summary

Identifier ICU.SPCL.LTDEDSCLUB

Title Limited Editions Club. Collection

Date 1929-1980

Size 2.5 linear feet [4 boxes]

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University of Chicago Library
1100 East 57th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract Founded in 1929, the Limited Editions Club published illustrated fine-press books on a subscription basis. This collection contains newsletters, prospectuses, catalogs, and a variety of other publicity and promotional material that the Limited Editions Club sent to its members.

Information on Use

Access
Open for research. No restrictions

Citation
When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Limited Editions Club. Collection, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Historical Note
Founded in 1929 by George Macy, the Limited Editions Club published illustrated fine-press books for subscribers, in editions of 1500. Their publications tended to be classic titles, and featured the work of leadings illustrators and designers. After Macy’s death in 1956, the firm remained family owned until 1970. It changed hands several times until it was sold in 1979 to its current owner, the investor Sidney Shiff. Since that time, the Limited Editions Club has become best known for lavish artist’s books and portfolios.

Scope Note
This collection contains newsletters, prospectuses, catalogs, and a variety of publicity ephemera that the Limited Editions Club sent to its members. Most of the material relates to the period of time in which the Limited Editions Club was led by its founder, George Macy.
Much of this material was originally sent to Limited Editions Club member Harold H. Swift, a major donor to the University of Chicago.

**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**

- Macy, George
- Swift, Harold Higgins, 1885-1962
- Limited Editions Club
- Fine books
- Limited editions

**INVENTORY**

- **Box 1**
  - Folder 1-5
- **Box 2**
  - Folder 1
  - Folder 2
    - A Shakespeare Commentary, ca. 1939
- **Box 2**
  - Folder 3
    - Correspondence and publicity material, 1929-1949
- **Box 2**
  - Folder 4-5
    - Catalogues and prospectuses, 1929-1940s
- **Box 3**
  - Folder 1-3
    - Catalogues, prospectuses and publicity material, 1950s-1980
- **Box 3**
  - Folder 4
    - Publicity material, undated
- **Box 4**
  - The Monthly Letter of the Limited Editions Club, bound, 1931-1932
- **Box 4**
  - Record of proceedings, 1950