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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]
Repository	Special Collections Research Center 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

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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 leading 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

The Monthly Letter of the Limited Editions Club, 1929-1949

Box 2

Folder 1

The Monthly Letter of the Limited Editions Club, 1959-1962

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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