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Brownson Circle records

Dates: 1917-1975

Creator: Brownson Circle (1917-1975)

Extent: 3.0 linear feet

Level of description: Folder

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Administration Information

Restrictions: None

Copyright: Consult archivist for information.

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Provenance: Unknown. The collection was in the Loyola University Chicago Archives & Special Collections prior to 1980.

Separations: No separations.

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Administrative History

The Brownson Circle was organized in 1917 as a literary club by women in Rogers Park and received its certificate of incorporation on December 31, 1917. The club was named for Orestes A. Brownson, philosopher, essayist, and reviewer, and its mission was to interpret and promote good literature and to engage in works of charity. The main philanthropy of the Brownson Circle was an annual scholarship to Loyola University. Other activities included sponsoring creative writing classes in poetry and short story and participating in civic drives, especially for the March of Dimes and Tuberculosis, and conducting war work during the World War I and World War II. The Brownson Circle was a subscriber to the Park Ridge School for Girls, Trail Rangers, Veterans Bureau, Cancer Research, Blind Babies Fund, and the Mission of Our Lady of Mercy. The Brownson Circle was dissolved on May 26, 1975.

Scope and Content

The Brownson Circle records consist of 3.0 linear feet spanning the years 1917 to 1975 and include histories, meeting minutes, annual reports, yearbooks, photos, and poetry books.

Series

Series 1: Histories, 1952, 1956, Undated. Box 1

Series 1 contains a general histories of the club and a history of the Brownson Scholarship.

Series 2: Yearbooks, 1919-1974. Boxes 1-2

Series 2 consists of the published yearbooks for the club. Yearbooks contain information membership information, lists of organizations that the club was affiliated with, a biography of Orestes A. Brownson, the stated purpose and by-laws of the club, and information on the governing board and committees of the club.

Series 3: Governance, 1917-1975. Boxes 2-6

Series 3 includes board and regular meeting minutes, articles of incorporation, tax exempt certificates, and citations and other certificates.

Series 4: Photographs and Publications, 1947, 1975, Undated. Box 6

Series 4 contains photographs of members taken in 1975, a book of poetry by Julia Howard Hayden, and a book of poetry by the Brownson Circle poetry class.

Series 5: Memorabilia, Undated. Box 6

Series 5 contains sample stationary, the type stamp used on the stationary and the club's embosser.

Subjects:

Brownson Circle
Brownson, Orestes A.
Philanthropy
Women's clubs
Literary Clubs
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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Series 1: Histories, 1952, 1956, Undated			
1	1	Mission and History	1956, Undated
1	2	Brownson Scholarship History	1952
Series 2: Yearbooks, 1919-1974			
1	3	Yearbooks	1919-1930
1	4	Yearbooks	1931-1940
1	5	Yearbooks	1941-1950
1	6	Yearbooks	1951-1960
2	1	Yearbooks	1961-1974
Series 3: Governance, 1917-1975			
2	2	Certificate of Incorporation	1917
2	3	Tax Exempt Certificate	1939
2	4	Event Invitations	1966
2	5	Citations and Certificates	1952, 1966, 1967
2	6	Brownson Circle's Annual Philanthropy Benefit	1967
2		Ledger: Regular and Board Minutes	1917-1921
2		Ledger: Board Minutes	1919-1923
2		Ledger: Board Minutes	1923-1928
2		Ledger: Board Minutes	1929-1933
2		Ledger: Board Minutes	1934-1936
3		Ledger: Board Minutes	1936-1944
3		Ledger: Board Minutes	1944-1948
3		Ledger: Board Minutes	1948-1959
4		Ledger: Board Minutes	1960-1975
4	1	Board & Annual Meeting Minutes; Program Information	1967-1973
4		Ledger: Regular Meeting Minutes	1921-1929
4		Ledger: Regular Meeting Minutes	1929-1938
5		Ledger: Regular Meeting Minutes	1938-1948
5		Ledger: Regular Meeting Minutes	1948-1957
5		Ledger: Regular Meeting Minutes	1957-1975
5	1	Annual and Committee Reports	1966-1967
6	1	Annual and Committee Reports	1968-1969
6	2	Annual and Committee Reports	1969-1970
6	3	Annual and Committee Reports	1970-1971
6	4	Annual and Committee Reports	1971-1972
6	5	Annual and Committee Reports	1972-1973
Series 4: Photographs and Publications, 1947, 1975, Undated			
6	6	Brownson Circle Members photographs	1975

6	7	Hayden, Julia Howard "Father"	Undated
6	8	Brownson Circle Poetry Class "Poems"	1947-1948

Series 5: Memorabilia, Undated

6	9	Brownson Circle stationary	Undated
6	10	Brownson Circle Type Stamp	Undated
6	11	Brownson Circle Embosser	Undated