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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

Ms.1979.008

### Unit Date

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### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

This collection contains records--including correspondence, minutes, programs, financial records, scrapbooks, rosters, and bylaws--of the Blacksburg Music Club, an organization founded to promote the study of music among its members and to stimulate local interest through regularly scheduled musical programs. Also it includes materials from the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs and the National Federation of Music Clubs.

### Extent

2.5 Cubic Feet 5 boxes

### Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

## Administrative Information

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### **Source of Acquisition**

The Blacksburg Music Club Records were donated to Special Collections and University Archives in 1979.

### **Processing Information**

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### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Administrative History**

A musical appreciation club had been founded in Blacksburg, Virginia as early as 1904. That club was succeeded by the Music and Dramatic Club, founded in 1912 and disbanded around 1928. The Blacksburg Music Club was organized on October 24, 1931, with a goal "to promote the study of musical art among its members and to stimulate the interest in and appreciation of good music in the community." The club soon thereafter became affiliated with the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs and the National Federation of Music Clubs. Club meetings were held monthly from September through May, and programs were staged at various sites in the Blacksburg area and on the campus of Virginia Tech. The club worked closely with other local organizations, including the Blacksburg Concert Association, the Blacksburg Recorder Group, the VPI Glee Club, and the VPI Orchestra, and supported musical programs in local schools by donating money for two pianos, providing funds for special events, and donating the time of members for musical instruction. Perhaps the club's biggest accomplishment was the staging of two Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, *The Mikado* and *Pirates of Penzance* in 1958 and 1959, respectively. Due to an aging membership and decline in interest, the Blacksburg Music Club disbanded in 1971.

## **Scope and Content**

This collection contains records of the Blacksburg Music Club, an organization founded to promote the study of music among its members and to stimulate local interest through regularly scheduled musical programs. The collection includes such materials as correspondence, minutes, programs, newsletters, reports, financial records, membership rosters, constitutions and bylaws, scrapbooks, and printed materials. Also included are materials issued by the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs and the National Federation of Music Clubs, including communications, convention programs, and printed materials.

## **Separated Materials**

The following item was removed from the collection and cataloged in the Rare Book Collection:

Andrews, Mary Raymond Shipman. *The Counsel Assigned*. New York: Scribner's, [1940?]. Request via the library catalog.

## **Keywords**

Blacksburg (Va.)  
Local/Regional History and Appalachian South  
Montgomery County (Va.)

## **Rights Statement for Archival Description**

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged in the following three series, based on organizational hierarchy:

Series I. Blacksburg Virginia Music Club, 1907-1971. This series contains materials issued by or directly relating to the local club. Included are administrative correspondence, minutes, programs, newsletters and other communications, annual reports, financial records, club history and bylaws, membership rosters, yearbooks, scrapbooks, and printed material. Also included here is a single folder of materials issued by other southwestern Virginia organizations including the Blacksburg Recorder Society, the Blue Ridge Chamber Music Players, and the Pulaski Music Club.

Series II. Virginia Federation of Music Clubs, 1933-1971. Included in this series are materials relating to the state organization. A folder of materials from the federation's first district, to which the Blacksburg club belonged, consists largely of programs from annual conventions. The remainder of the series contains communications to local clubs and convention programs, as well as administrative and promotional materials.

Series III. National Federation of Music Clubs, 1944-1971. This series includes materials received from the local club by the national organization. The series contains reports, circular letters, announcements and other communications; price lists for instructional materials sold by the federation; and printed materials consisting of promotional, instructional, and administrative materials.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series I. Blacksburg Music Club

**Unit Date** 1907-1971

#### Correspondence

**Unit Date** 1940-1971, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### Minutes Books

**Unit Date** 1930-1940

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2-4 (folder)

#### Minutes

**Unit Date** 1940-1971, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 5-7 (folder)

#### Programs

**Unit Date** 1934-1971, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 8-9 (folder)

#### Newsletters and Circular Letters

**Unit Date** 1955-1971, n.d.

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Annual Reports****Unit Date** 1954-1970**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Bank Statements****Unit Date** 1949-1971**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Budgets****Unit Date** 1954-1969**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Checks****Unit Date** 1949-1971**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Dues Receipt Books****Unit Date** 1953-1970**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Financial Documents****Unit Date** 1941-1971**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Treasurer's Reports****Unit Date** 1940-1971**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Account / Membership Roster Books****Unit Date** 1940-1971**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 9-10 (folder)**Membership Rosters****Unit Date** 1940-1970, n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**History, Constitution, and Bylaws****Unit Date** 1954, n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)

**Awards****Unit Date** 1959-1971, n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Yearbooks****Unit Date** 1932-1947**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Yearbooks****Unit Date** 1948-1970**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 1-4 (folder)**Summer Music Camps****Unit Date** 1961-1969, n.d.**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Scrapbooks****Unit Date** 1935-1957, n.d.**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 6-11 (folder)**Scrapbooks****Unit Date** 1956-1967, n.d.**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 1-8 (folder)**Photographs, Newspaper Clippings, and Ephemera****Unit Date** 1940-1964, n.d.**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Music Club Programs from All Nations****Unit Date** 1907**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Other Organizations****Unit Date** 1940-1967, n.d.**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Series II. Virginia Federation of Music Clubs****Unit Date** 1933-1971

**District I****Unit Date** 1933-1969, n.d.**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Circular Letters****Unit Date** 1945-1969, n.d.**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Administrative and Promotional Materials****Unit Date** 1947-1971, n.d.**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Annual Conventions****Unit Date** 1936-1969**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**History, Constitution, and Bylaws****Unit Date** 1947-1967, n.d.**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Directories****Unit Date** 1961-1970**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Virginia Musician****Unit Date** 1962**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Series III. National Federation of Music Clubs****Unit Date** 1944-1971**Reports to Convention****Unit Date** 1963**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Circular Letters****Unit Date** 1959-1971, n.d.**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)

**Announcements and Other Communications****Unit Date** 1959-1971, n.d.**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Price Lists and Order Forms****Unit Date** 1960-1969, n.d.**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Printed Material****Unit Date** 1944-1971, n.d.**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Extent** [2 folders]