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English

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Virginia Writers Club

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2.5 Linear Feet

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VCU James Branch Cabell Library

Administrative Information

Access

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None.

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Historical Information

The Virginia Writer's Club was organized on 20 November 1918 at the instigation of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Travers Clover and under the sponsorship of Dr. Orie Latham Hatcher, who invited James Branch Cabell and a few other Richmond writers to afternoon tea and proposed the formation of a club "to make Richmond an influence in the world of letters and to line it up with other literary centers of the country".

During its early years the club attracted many who would go on to represent the city and the state in the literary world. Many of its members endorsed the short-lived Reviewer and numerous contributed articles over its four year run. After four years the Club had 45 members, 26 of whom had published books. Other had contributed to magazines, newspapers or other literary-related endeavors Meetings were held monthly and included readings of member's work and an occasional speaker. For much of the period between 1923 and 1961 the Club was led by Hattie Belle Gresham, more of an organizer and promoter of literature than a writer.

In October 1961 the Club was reorganized with new officers and by-laws. The somewhat modified character the Club assumed in 1961 has been maintained ever since. It is an interesting association of published writers in various fields for the promotion of good writing, or, in the words of the by-laws, "to provide a means of exchanging ideas and stimulating the art and craft of professional writing." A history of the Club is included in the collection.

Scope and Content Information

The Club does not possess minutes for the years 1923-1961 and the current collection contains materials from 1951 to 1994. The archives includes correspondence, minutes, manuscripts, achievement notices, news clippings, by-laws, photographs and membership lists. The bulk of the material dates from the 1980s and 1990s and has been submitted to the archives by various members of the club.

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Virginia Writers Club -- Archives

Arrangement

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Organization

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I

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Achievements of Club Members, n.d.
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Unit Date 1978-1987
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By-laws, Articles of Incorporation, n.d.
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Chapter Areas in Virginia
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Charlottesville Chapter of the Virginia Writer's Club
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Correspondence, n.d.
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Correspondence-Baker, Russell
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Correspondence-Bryan III., Joseph, n.d.
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Correspondence-Clifford, Clark
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Correspondence-Haley, Alex
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Unit Date 1991
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Correspondence-MacDonald, Edgar, n.d.
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Unit Date 1978-1982
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Correspondence-Styron, William
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Correspondence-Whitney, Phyllis A.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/7741
Unit Date 1989
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Correspondence-Wolfe, Tom
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Correspondence-President
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Unit Date 1994-1995
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Ellen Glasgow Festival-Promotional materials, Misc.
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History, n.d.
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Manuscript- Mind Full of Placeby Anne Hobson Freeman, lecture at VWC meeting
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/7747
Unit Date 2/1/86
Mixed Materials [A11423645424] 2 (box)

Manuscript- Hunter Stagg: Over There in Paris with Gertrude Steinby Edgar MacDonald
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Manuscript-James Branch CabellEdgar MacDonald, lecture at The Women's Club
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/7749
Unit Date 1/25/67
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Manuscript- Speaking of the Brontesby Melvin M. Scott, lecture given a VWC meeting
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Meeting Announcements, n.d.
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Membership Committee, n.d.
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Unit Date 1973-1992
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Member Qualifications and Structure Committee
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/7753
Unit Date 1994-1995
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Membership Roster, n.d.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/7754
Unit Date 1977-1985
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Minutes, Reports, n.d.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/7755
Unit Date 1973-1994
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Miscellaneous
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Newsletter
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Unit Date 1978
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Newsletter announcements
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/7758
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Newspaper clippings (Virginia Writer's Club, members, speakers), n.d.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/7759
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News Releases
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/7760
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Officers, Committee Member Lists
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Photograph-Astley, Thea and VWC Reception
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Program Support Committee
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Speaker's Committee
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Treasurer
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Virginia Writers Club Yearbook
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Unit Date 1988-1994, 1996
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Whaley, John-Miscellaneous Correspondence, Notes, Committee Material
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/7769
Unit Date 1994-1996
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Workshop
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Unit Date 1995
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Workshop-Correspondence
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Young Writers Club
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Series II
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Achievement Notices
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Fee Dues-Correspondence
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/7781
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Miscellaneous Correspondence, Publications
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Miscellaneous Correspondence, James Doherty Collected Materials
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/7783
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Miscellaneous Minutes, Reports, n.d.
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Unit Date 1990-1993
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Unit Date 1990-1993
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Newspaper/Journal Clippings, n.d. (3 of 3)
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Unit Date 1990-1993
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Unit Date 1991
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Newsletter
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Notes, n.d.
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Virginia Writers' Club-Application for Membership; Benefit of Affiliation statement, n.d.
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Ellen Glasgow Festival Poster
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Mixed Materials Drawer 25 (Map-case)
Extent oversized

Certificate of Recognition from Gov. Wilder/Photo
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Mixed Materials Drawer 25 (Map-case)
Extent oversized