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## YDRAD POWER BOAT CLUB COLLECTION

### INTRODUCTION

The Ydrad Boat Club seems to have originated in the early 1870s. According to a May 1875 "Journal" newspaper article, a group of young men formed the Ydrad, a rowing and athletic club with boat rowing and gymnastics; the club put on shows in the Opera House with songs and pantomime.

With the advent of power boats, the club apparently expanded its name to the Ydrad Power Boat Club. As the sport of river boating on the Wabash River in Lafayette declined, the Ydrad Power Boat Club disbanded, ca. 1925.

The brick toll house for the Main Street Bridge, built ca. 1863, was used as a clubhouse for the Ydrad Boat Club. The building was rebuilt by the club after the 1913 flood, using a portion of the original building. The building stood just to the south of the east approach to the Main Street Bridge.

The collection consists of one Minutes Book, 1914 to 1925, accession #4760.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

1 ½-size document box

### CONTAINER LIST

ADMINISTRATIVE, 1914-25

BOX 1

LEDGER

Minutes book, 3 February 1914 to 9 June 1925.

### CLASSIFICATION

Sports  
Rivers & Waterways

### SUBJECTS

Clubs  
Wabash River

SEARCH TERMS

Ydrad Boat Club

Ydrad Power Boat Club

Flood of 1913