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## LINCOLN CLUB COLLECTION

### INTRODUCTION

The Lincoln Club of Lafayette, Indiana, was organized 4 March 1880 as a political (Republican) and social club. The Reynolds home on the northwest corner of Sixth and Columbia Streets was leased and later purchased for use as a clubhouse. Furnishings in the clubhouse included billiard and pool tables and a piano and piano player.

Many prominent Republicans were entertained by the Club and spoke either in the assembly hall or from the porch at political gatherings, including James G. Blaine, General Harrison, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft, Warren G. Harding, etc.

The club evolved from being a political organization to being a strictly social club with many prominent men of Lafayette as members. The club was dissolved in 1928 and the property was sold to the Eagles Lodge.

The collection contains minutes of annual and special general membership meetings and minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors; membership lists; published Articles of association, by-laws, etc.; some correspondence. Correspondence includes accession numbers: 4244, 4827, 6019, 6228.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

1 records storage box with ledgers and file folders

### CONTAINER LIST

ADMINISTRATIVE, 1880-1928

#### BOX 1

##### LEDGER

Records of regular and special club meetings, 4 March 1880 to 20 October 1900.

##### LEDGER

Records of regular and special club meetings, 2 March 1901 to 5 March 1927.

##### LEDGER

Records of Board of Directors meetings, 3 January 1889 to 2 March 1900.

## LEDGER

Records of Board of Directors meetings, 17 March 1900 to 10 March 1915.

## LEDGER

Records of Board of Directors meetings, 3 July 1924 to 3 January 1928.

## LEDGER

Member list, 1924.

## FOLDER

1 "Articles of association and by-laws of the Lincoln Club of Lafayette, Ind.," [1882?]. (1 booklet)

2 "Articles of association and by-laws and official roster of the Lincoln Club of Lafayette, Indiana, July, 1897." (4 booklets)

3 "Articles of association, by-laws, house rules and official roster of the Lincoln Club of Lafayette, Indiana, March 1922." (4 booklets; contains club history)

4 Miscellaneous correspondence; also notices to club members, 1908...1927. (Also contains legal agreement between Lincoln Club and Masonic Temple Assn. re shared fire escape, 1908.)

5 Items removed from inside back cover of Records of regular and special club meetings, 1901 to 1927. (Includes membership lists; rough draft for section in "Articles of association..., March 1922" titled "A Brief History of the Lincoln Club" and "Club Activities.")

6 Miscellaneous items including guest and proposed member cards; house rules (removed from "Articles of association..., March 1922" booklets); letterhead of club; Lincoln Club script note; and program for play "The Darktown Minstrels," presented by club members, 1910.

7 Member list on index cards, probably incomplete.

## CLASSIFICATION

Organizations/Political  
Organizations/Social  
Politics

## SUBJECTS

Clubs

Organizations – Political

Organizations – Social

Politics – Political Parties

## SEARCH TERMS

Lincoln Club