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Mechanics' Society Collection, 1858-1934

Object ID: MG0285

1 box 4 folders, 1 book .5 cubic ft.

Repository: LancasterHistory (Organization); PV7

Shelving Location: Archives South, Side 8

Scope and Content Note: The Mechanics' Society Collection contains the constitution and by-laws for the organization, a minute book, lists of the society's library books, and a library subscription book.

Creator: Mechanics' Society of the City and County of Lancaster (Pa.)

Conditions for Access: No restrictions.

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Language: English

Biographical and Historical Note: The Mechanics' Society of the City and County of Lancaster was formed "for the purpose of promoting the improvement of the Mechanic Arts, elevating the character of those concerned in them to their just standard, and advancing their general interest and welfare."

Source of Acquisition: Unknown.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

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People:

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Subject Headings:

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A. Herr Smith Memorial Library
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Processing History: This collection has been documented, preserved and managed according to professional museum and archives standards. The finding aid was updated using DACS conventions.



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Folder 1 *Constitution, By-Laws, and Rule and Regulations, for the Government of the Mechanics' Society of the City and County of Lancaster.* Printed by John Baer & Sons. Lancaster. 1858.

Transferred from the Library Information Files.

Folder 2 *Catalogue of the Mechanics' Library Association, of Lancaster, Penna.* Printed by Inquirer Printing Company, Lancaster. 1884. With *Supplement* attached. *Supplement to Catalogue of Mechanics' Library Society, of Lancaster City, Containing List of Books Purchased from 1884 to 1889 Inclusive.* Printed by Inquirer Printing Company, Lancaster. 1890. (2 copies) *Transferred from the Library 1 November 2001.*

Folder 3 Library subscription book showing number, date, name of member, address, amount paid, length of subscription, and signature of librarian. Stamp of society on front endpaper. 1891-1896. *Transferred from the Library 1 November 2001.*

Folder 4 Minute Book and Loose Papers

Minute book shows proceedings, names of subscribers, treasurer's report, and report of library committee. Constitution and by-laws pasted inside front cover. 1872-1931.

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Insert 1 Audit report. Original and carbon copy. 16 January 1912.

Insert 2 Audit report. 15 January 1924.

Insert 3 Audit report. 6 March 1931.

Insert 4 Agreement between the Mechanics' Society and the A. Herr Smith Memorial Library. No date.

Insert 5 "Annual Report of Library Committee," submitted by S. S. Rathvon. 19 December 1864.

Insert 6 "Lancaster Free Library Notes: Dots and Dashes of a Miscellaneous Character of Books and Literature in General." [*Examiner*. 18 August 1917.]

Insert 7 Invoice from Lancaster County National Bank for rent of safe deposit box. 24 April 1934.

Receipt from Lancaster County National Bank for payment of rent. 7 May 1934.