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Descriptive Summary

Title: Uplifters Club Records

Date (inclusive): 1909-1976

Collection number: 2062

Creator: Uplifters Club.

Extent: 4 boxes (2 linear ft.) 3 oversize boxes.

Abstract: The Uplifters Club was founded in Dec. 1913 at the Los Angeles Athletic Club by Harry Marston Haldeman and a small group of business and professional men; acquired a country home in Rustic Canyon; activities included monthly dinner meetings, polo games, annual outings, and organized entertainment at which stage and screen celebrities performed; the Club ended in 1947. Includes minute books, miscellaneous financial, real estate, and other records, photographs, copy photographs, clippings, and ephemera relating to Rustic Canyon.

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History

The Uplifters Club derived from the dinner meetings of a group of Los Angeles Athletic Club members, prominent amongst whom was Harry Marston Haldeman. Their first official dinner as Uplifters was held on December 10, 1913 and their purpose was to "uplift art, promote good fellowship and build a closer acquaintance," among members. Social traditions that were established in addition to the dinner meetings included Annual Outings and Poets' Dinners, and High Jinx. L. Frank Baum was a founder member and wrote the official song, "Haldeman."

During the twenties, the Uplifters acquired a country home in Rustic Canyon, Santa Monica, which was incorporated in 1920, after which the history of the management of Country Home and the Uplifters Social Club are intertwined. A Club house was built and dedicated in 1923 and other facilities added included a polo field. Social events continued through the thirties and, gradually dwindling in number, into the forties. The Club ended in 1947.

The records in this collection were brought together by Mrs. Betty Lou Young and her son Thomas in the course of research for their (Box 2, folder 12) which contains a chapter entitled, "The Story of the Uplifters. In search of the Land of Oz," pages 53-86.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of minute books, miscellaneous financial, real estate, and other records, photographs, copy photographs, clippings, and ephemera. Includes an historical account of the Club, a photograph album of members, photographs of the Will Rogers Ranch, sheet music and song books, a copy of the articles of incorporation, and ephemera relating to Rustic Canyon.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Uplifters Club --Archives.

Genres and Forms of Material

Photographs.

Minute Books

- Box 1 **Uplifters Country Home 1920-1929**
 Physical Description: 1 bound volume.
 Scope and Content Note
 Includes copy articles of incorporation of Home, and by-laws, 1920.
- Box 1 **Directors of the Uplifters 1923-1929**
 Physical Description: 2 bound volumes.
 Scope and Content Note
 Volume 2 includes by-laws.
- Various Records**
- Box 2, Folder 1 **Uplifters hymnals 1916, 1929, 1933, 1938**
 Physical Description: 4 items.
- Box 2, Folder 2 **Certificate of incorporation of the Uplifters 1920 November 18**
 Physical Description: 3 items.
 Scope and Content Note
 Includes related items, 1920.
- Box 2, Folder 3 **Deeds for Uplifter property 1921**
 Physical Description: 11 items.
- Box 2, Folder 4 **Miscellaneous financial records 1921-1939**
Box 2, Folder 5 **Guarantee of title 1923 October 9**
Box 2, Folder 5 **Agreement between Santa Monica Bay Telephone Company and the Uplifters Club**
 [1927 November 8?]
Box 2, Folder 5 **Confidential report on an employee 1942 November 2**
Box 2, Folder 5 **Postcard, "Concert in Bohemian Grove, Russian River, California."**
Box 2, Folder 6 **Historical account, "High spots in the history of the Uplifters from October 1913 to**
 May 1923" ca. 1923
 Creator/Collector: [by Harry M. Haldeman]
 Physical Description: 8 leaves typed (carbon copy).
- Box 2, Folder 7 **Uplifters Country Home, rules and regulations adopted 1930 November 4**
 Physical Description: 13 leaves typed (carbon copy)
- Box 2, Folder 8 **Account book 1931**
 Physical Description: 1 bound volume
- Box 2, Folder 9 **Notes payable to the Bank of America by the Uplifters Country Home 1932-1936**
Box 2, Folder 10 **Escrow statements re. Uplifters Country Home 1936-1938**
Box 2, Folder 11 **Transcripts, "the story of the Uplifters, 1936-1938 as carried in the Mercury**
 Magazine" 1974-1976
 Creator/Collector: prepared by Betty Lou Young
 Physical Description: 1 binder, typed.
- Box 2, Folder 12 **Book, "Rustic Canyon and the story of the Uplifters" 1975**
 Creator/Collector: by Betty Lou Young. Santa Monica, Casa Veija Press.

Copy Photographic Prints of Various Original Photographs, Clippings and Ephemera

Scope and Content Note

The items contained in boxed 3-5 were made in the course of research for the book, *Rustic Canyon and the story of the Uplifters*, (box 1 folder 12) by Thomas R. Young.

Note

An asterisk (*) after folder title indicated additional material about that subject is to be found in Box 5.

Box 3, Folders 1-2	Canyons homes.* Physical Description: [folder 1: 8 items; folder 2: 33 items.]
Box 3, Folder 3	Huntington Hartford Foundation. Physical Description: 3 items.
Box 3, Folder 4	Josepho Ranch. Physical Description: 32 items.
Box 3, Folder 5	Josepho Ranch, camp.* Physical Description: 14 items.
Box 3, Folder 6	Miscellaneous.* Physical Description: 4 items.
Box 3, Folder 7	Murphy Ranch.* Physical Description: 2 items.
Box 3, Folder 8	Polo field, players.* Physical Description: 15 items.
Box 4, Folder 1	Uplifters Club. Emblems, etc. Physical Description: 4 items.
Box 4, Folder 2	Uplifters Club. Clubhouse.* Physical Description: 14 items.
Box 4, Folder 3	Uplifters Club. Members - cartoons and drawings.* Physical Description: 23 items.
Box 4, Folder 4	Uplifters Club. Members - photographs.* Physical Description: 28 items.
Box 4, Folder 5	Uplifters Club. Miscellaneous social events. Physical Description: 4 items.
Box 4, Folder 6	Uplifters Club. Outings, high jinx.* Physical Description: 18 items.
Box 4, Folder 7	Will Rogers. Portraits, including some family groups Physical Description: 19 items.
Box 4, Folder 8	Will Rogers Ranch. Exteriors.* Physical Description: 16 items.

Box 4, Folder 9	Will Rogers Ranch. Grounds, polo field, etc.* Physical Description: 14 items.
Box 4, Folder 10	Will Rogers Ranch. Interiors.* Physical Description: 11 items.
Box 4, Folder 11	Will Rogers Ranch. Miscellaneous.* Physical Description: 7 items.
Box 4, Folder 12	Peter Robert Gadd, Jr., 1921-2003. Family remembrances and program for memorial service.
Box 5	Portrait of Gene Smith / Snowy Baker. Note Photograph not by Thomas R. Young.
Box 5	Photograph of clubhouse? Note Photograph not by Thomas R. Young.
Box 5	Sheet music and songbooks 1909-1913 Physical Description: 6 items. Scope and Content Note <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. By Charles Wakefield Cadman (composer)<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. "Four American Indian Songs"2. "From the land of sky-blue water"3. "I hear a thrush at eve"4. "The morning of the year. A song cycle for four solo voices"2. By Ernest R. Ball (composer), lyric by Chauncey Olcott and Geo. Graft, Jr.<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. "When Irish eyes are smiling" (2 items)
Box 6	Album containing portrait photographs of the Uplifters Club members.
Box 7	Photograph of Valley elevation
Box 7	Cartoon: The Uplifter's "Movie Dinner" 1916 August 30
Super Oversize Folder 1	Panoramic view of Rustic Canyon 1920s Physical Description: Photograph.