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PIEDMONT CLUB PAPERS

The collection includes a visitors' register, printed bylaws, membership lists, minutes of meetings, and treasurer's account books. Also included are notes on the history of the Club, compiled by Luther E. CAUDILL, Jr., as well as a menu cover designed by CAUDILL.

- BOX 1**
- 1-1** Officers and Members, Constitution, By-laws
 - 1-2** Membership lists
 - 1-3** Minutes (Board of Governors) (1890-1905)
 - 1-4** Minutes (1905-1914)
 - 1-5** Miscellaneous Minutes and Notes
 - 1-6** Scrapbook and Notes (1890-1982) (CAUDILL)

- BOX 2** Visitor's Register (1890-1928)

- BOX 3**
- 3-1** Menu Jacket (1982) (CAUDILL)
 - 3-2** Minutes (1912-1927)
 - 3-3** Members (1903-1909)
 - 3-4** Members (1911-1915)

- BOX 4**
- 4-1** Treasurer's Accounts (1916-1928)
 - 4-2** Treasurer's Accounts (1911-1914)

- BOX 5**
- 5-1** Account Book (1916-1928)
 - 5-2** Account Book (1902-1905)

- BOX 6**
- 6-1** Ledger (1918-1928)
 - 6-2** Ledger (1924-1928)

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PIEDMONT CLUB (1890-1928)

The Piedmont Club was incorporated 19 August 1890 as a private gentleman's club in Lynchburg, Virginia. Organized "for the promotion of social intercourse and for the purpose of maintaining a library, reading rooms, pleasure rooms, etc", the corporation could not hold more than five acres of property at any one time and its capital stock was limited to "five thousand dollars, divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each."

Rules for members included no whistling or singing in the Club House, no loud conversation, no dogs, no sleeping on any sofas, and no placing of feet on any article of furniture. Gentlemen members were not to "appear in the parlors or reading-rooms without a coat on."

The building housing the permanent headquarters of the Club, at 1001 Church Street, was constructed ca. 1902 by the local architectural firm of FRYE and CHESTERMAN.

In 1928, realizing that declining membership had resulted in the Club being "no longer self-sustaining," the Board of Governors appointed a committee "to arrange for the sale of the Club property and the liquidation of its indebtedness." The City of Lynchburg agreed to purchase the property for \$39,000 and to purchase the furniture, fixtures, and equipment for \$1,000. The building was used as an annex to City Hall until it was razed in 1957.

[Piedmont Club Papers, Mss., MS1113, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA.]