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JAMES RIVER CLUB PAPERS

The collection includes menus, invitations, photographs, stationery, membership rosters and newspaper clippings about the James River Club of Lynchburg, Virginia.

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JAMES RIVER CLUB

The James River Club, a downtown club for Lynchburg men, opened 16 March 1959 in the lower level of the Virginian Hotel. The Club was proposed for "the private use of those who are most essentially concerned with the ongoing commercial, professional and civic life of the community." The organizing committee, with Henry E. McWANE as acting president, secured the charter for the club, and set about to finance the renovation of the leased property, through the issuance of bonds.

The James River Club included four dining areas, a bar and cocktail lounge, card rooms, and a television room. Membership was open to men only. Wives of members had guest privileges and were given the privileges of the "Mixed Dining Room," and were not permitted in the card rooms. All ladies were to "have male escort after 5:00 p.m., at which time, the Bar will be open to ladies."

The James River Club, "an exclusive downtown businessmen's meeting place for nearly 13 years," closed on 15 February 1973.

[James River Club Papers, Mss., MS1119, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA. Included in the materials is a bond for the "Lynchburg City Club, Inc." with Henry E. McWane as president. This may have been the original name of the James River Club.]