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## EQB Club - Bowling Green, Kentucky (MSS 569)

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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 569    EQB Club – Bowling Green, Kentucky**

4 boxes. 22 folders. 91 items. 1935-2014. Originals, photocopies, photographs.

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**ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY**

In January, 1903, twelve young men met at the premises of E. Nahm and Company in Bowling Green, Kentucky and organized a literary club, which they named *Ecce Quam Bonum* (“Behold How Good”).

Members of the EQB Club, as it came to be known, are designated by numbers from one to twelve, and meet to discuss “literary, scientific, historical, political, and all ‘current topics,’” excluding those “having a sectarian bearing on the religion of any member of the Club.” The constitution stipulates twelve meetings per year (one cycle), with each member responsible for entertaining the Club once per cycle. Nominations to fill vacancies are made by majority vote and members elected by unanimous vote.

The Club’s traditions have included the wearing of dinner clothes to meetings (translated today as “business attire”), the greeting of arriving members by those present with a handshake “notwithstanding they may have seen each other a few minutes previously,” and dinners for club members and guests.

**COLLECTION NOTE**

This collection consists of the records of the EQB Club of Bowling Green, Kentucky from 1935 to 2014, with future additions anticipated. The collection consists of five series: Minutes, Financial, Publications, Correspondence, and Miscellaneous. The Miscellaneous series (Series V) contains historical data about the club, including a history prepared in 1930 and updated through 1938 by J. Lewie Harman, the Club’s historian. Harman included the Club’s constitution, a lengthy list of its discussion topics, presidents and members lists, biographical information about members, and anecdotes. Also included in Series V is a collection of excerpts from the minutes documenting humorous or memorable events (Box 1, Folder 3). An oversized scrapbook (Box 1, Folder 4) collects some of Harman’s drafts and data for the Club’s history.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>			<b>1 item</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
<b>SERIES I MINUTES</b>			
<b>Box 1</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>1935-2005</b>	<b>18 items</b>
Folder 1	Minutes	1935-1952	1 item
Folder 2	Minutes	1953-1983	1 item
Folder 3	Stray materials from 1953-1983 minutes	1955-1968	9 items
Folder 4	Minutes	1974-1985	1 item
Folder 5	Minutes	1985-1987	1 item
Folder 6	Minutes	1987-1990	1 item
Folder 7	Minutes	1990-1997	1 item
Folder 8	Minutes	1997-1999	1 item
Folder 9	Minutes	1999-2003	1 item
Folder 10	Minutes	2003-2005	1 item
<b>Box 2</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>2005-2014</b>	<b>3 items</b>
Folder 1	Minutes	2005-2007	1 item
Folder 2	Minutes	2008-2009	1 item
Folder 3	Minutes	2010-2014	1 item
<b>SERIES II FINANCIAL RECORDS</b>			
<b>Box 1</b>	<b>Financial Records</b>	<b>1997-2003</b>	<b>20 items</b>
Folder 1	Financial records	1997-2003	20 items

**SERIES III PUBLICATIONS**

<b>Box 1</b>	<b>Publications</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>1 item</b>
Folder 1	Souvenir book, "EQB – Christmas 2009"	2009	1 item

**SERIES IV CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>Box 1</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>1945-2003</b>	<b>20 items</b>
Folder 1	Correspondence	1945-2003	20 items

**SERIES V MISCELLANEOUS**

<b>Box 1</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>1936-2009</b>	<b>28 items</b>
Folder 1	Miscellaneous	1936-2009	6 items
Folder 2	Photograph	n.d.	1 item
Folder 3	Historical sketches and data	1930-2002	7 items
Folder 4	Scrapbook (oversized) with historical data	1938	1 item
Folder 5	Loose materials from scrapbook	1938-1957	13 items

***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

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***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

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