

Inventory of the

Rockford Harmony Singing Society
Rockford, Illinois

Records

In the

Regional History Center

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INTRODUCTION

Ralph Pettersen donated the Rockford Harmony Singing Society Records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on October 23, 1978.

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Linear feet of shelf space: 1
Number of containers: 1
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Rockford Harmony Singing Society Records collection consists of minutes, reports, correspondence, membership and song lists spanning the years 1923 to 1969. Of particular importance are the minutes summarizing the organization's special and regular business meetings and containing annual reports from the Executive Committees. These materials also include the records of resignations, nominations, and elections of officers. The early minutes are in the Norwegian language.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Rockford Harmony Singing Society organized November 23, 1923 to promote and foster songs of American and Scandinavian folk-lore and to associate with the National Organization of Norwegian Singers and the Norwegian Midwest Singers Association. The Society also provided monetary support for sick or unemployed members. Modern welfare benefits, however, have eliminated the need for this provision. Today, the Society is primarily a vehicle for social interaction and as a supporting base for a chorus. Annually, the chorus participates in a summerfest where all the Norwegian groups sing in massed chorus.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Immigrants, Norwegian
Norwegian Americans, Rockford
Rockford
Rockford, Norwegian Americans
Rockford Harmony Singing Society
Singing Societies

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	Constitution and By-laws, House Rules, n.d.
	2-9	Minutes, 1923-1969
	10	Convention Planning Committee Minutes, 1938-1940
	11	Annual May Celebration Reports, 1930, 1958-1964
	12	Correspondence, (1960-1969)
	13	Financial Records, (1950-1965)
	14	Membership Lists, 1968-1969
	15	Song Lists, n.d.