

University of Victoria Special Collections
Dickens Fellowship (Victoria, British Columbia)
SC477

Title

Dickens Fellowship (Victoria Branch) fonds

Dates

1913-1998

Extent

0.6 linear meters (2 boxes, 8 oversize folders)

Administrative History

The Victoria Branch of the Dickens Fellowship is an association dedicated to British author Charles Dickens (1812-1870). The Victoria Branch is a member of the Dickens Fellowship, founded in 1902 and based in London, England, at the Charles Dickens Museum. The Victoria Branch was originally founded as the Victoria Dickens Club in 1910 and became affiliated with the Dickens Fellowship in 1931. The Victoria Branch meets regularly during the year to read and discuss Charles Dickens' writings and over the years has held special events throughout the year to celebrate the life and work of Dickens, including a Dickens Birthday lunch in February.

Scope and Content

The fonds of the Victoria Branch of the Dickens Fellowship is comprised of documents reflecting the activities of the Branch, such as correspondence, meeting minutes, membership information, programmes, scrapbooks, posters, menus, and financial records, dating from 1913 to 1998. The fonds also includes ephemera pertaining to British author Charles Dickens, including scrapbooks, greeting cards, and portraits, which the Dickens Fellowship compiled. The fonds is a window into the Fellowship's founding, originally as the Victoria Dickens Club, events, and connection with other branches and the Dickens Fellowship. Many of the documents reflect the work of Dorothy Hewitt White who served the Fellowship in several capacities. The fonds provides insight into the ways in which Charles Dickens has been read, performed, and commemorated in Victoria, and more broadly, the social activities of a literary society in Victoria, predominantly in the first half of the twentieth-century.

Title Source

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

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The Dickens Fellowship, Victoria Branch

Acc No: 2012-029

1 Box and 5 OS Folders

Box 1:

The Dickens Fellowship, Victoria Branch Meeting Minutes and Related Materials

- 1.1 Chronological list of portraits of Charles Dickens from 1812 to 1989. (in green notebook)
- 1.2 Minutes of annual meetings from April 21, 1941 to June 1964.
Newspaper and magazine articles re Charles Dickens, and the Dickens Fellowship.
Correspondence re the Dickens Fellowship.
- 1.3 Minutes, 1958 to 1963, with related correspondence.
Dickensiana programmes, brochures, articles, &c. [ephemera]
- 1.4 Correspondence, 1954 to 1965
- 1.5 Correspondence, 1948 to 1961.
Dickensiana scrapbook.
- 1.6 Ephemera.
Correspondence, 1962 to 1964.
List of members, 1962.
- 1.7 Meeting notes, 1957 to 1964. (in black notebook)
Minutes, 1931 to 1939. (in black notebook)
- 1.8 Minutes of annual meetings from January 12, 1931 to May 20, 1940. (in green notebook)
Minute book from December 21, 1942 to April 1949. (in black notebook)
Minutes of committee meetings from November 14, 1939 to 1947. (in red notebook)
- 1.9 Minutes of committee meetings 1930. (in grey notebook)
- 1.10 Rules, Members, &c. April 1913 [minutes from 1913 to 1931]. (in black notebook)
- 1.11 Minutes, 1964 to 1965. (in blue ledger)

1.12 Minute record from February 25, 1932 to November 16, 1942. (in black notebook)

1.13 Minute book from 1949 to 1957. (in brown notebook)

1.14 Ephemera. (in brown photograph album)

Oversized Materials

OS 1 Scrapbook re Charles Dickens. (red scrapbook)

OS 2 Scrapbook re Dickens Fellowship, Victoria Branch. (green scrapbook)

OS 3 Scrapbook of newspaper clippings: The Life of Our Lord written by Charles Dickens. (brown scrapbook)

OS 4 Scrapbook re Charles Dickens. (brown scrapbook)

OS 5 Scrapbook re Charles Dickens. (green scrapbook)

2013 Acquisition (Accession Number: 2013-010)

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The Dickens Fellowship, Victoria Branch

Acc No: 2013-010

1 box, 3 OS folders

Box 1	The Dickens Fellowship, Victoria Branch Meeting Minutes and Related Materials
Box 1, Folder 1	Receipts and expenditures book, 1928-1965 (in brown journal)
Box 1, Folder 2	Membership record, 1938-1939 (formerly in black binder)
Box 1, Folder 3	Meeting minutes, 1989-1998 (in green notebook)
Box 1, Folder 4	Dickensiana, 1930s – programmes, menus, membership information
Box 1, Folders 5-6	Dickensiana, 1940s – programmes, menus, membership information
Box 1, Folders 7-9	Dickensiana, 1950s – programmes, menus, membership information
Box 1, Folders 10-11	Dickensiana, 1960s – programmes, menus, membership information
Box 1, Folder 12	Dickensiana, 1970s – programmes, menus, membership information
Box 1, Folders 13-14	Dickensiana, 1980s – programmes, menus, membership information
Box 1, Folders 15-16	Dickensiana, 1990s – programmes, menus, membership information
Box 1, Folder 17	Typescripts of plays performed by the Dickens Fellowship
OS Folder 1	Scrapbook
OS Folder 2	Scrapbook
OS Folder 3	Posters