

Solebury Farmers Club records

1871-2010, 1.75 linear feet

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Summary Information

Repository	Solebury Township Historical Society
Creator	Solebury Farmers Club (Solebury, Pa.)
Title	Solebury Farmers Club records
Date [inclusive]	1871-2010
Extent	1.75 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Founded by a group of 20 farmers in 1871, the aim of the Solebury Farmers Club (Bucks County, Pennsylvania) was "mutual improvement and instruction in the arts of agriculture and horticulture." As of 2013, the Club is still in existence, making it among the oldest agricultural organizations in Bucks County. The bulk of the Solebury Farmers Club records, 1871-2010, is minute books. The collection also includes newspaper clippings scrapbooks, membership dues records, copies of the <i>Solebury Farmers Club Journal</i> newsletters, materials relative to the 90th and 100th anniversary celebrations of the Club, and various other documents, printed materials, and photographs.</p>

Biographical/Historical Note

Founded by a group of 20 farmers in 1871, the aim of the Solebury Farmers Club (Bucks County, Pennsylvania) was "mutual improvement and instruction in the arts of agriculture and horticulture." Members met regularly in each others' homes for covered dish suppers, conversation, and to listen to speakers. Later meetings were held in local churches. As of 2013, the Club is still in existence, making it among the oldest agricultural organizations in Bucks County.

Bibliography:

"Michener to Talk." *The Daily Intelligencer*, October 18, 1969. Clipping found in collection.

Scope and Content Note

The bulk of this collection is minute books, 1871-2010 (incomplete). Other records include: two newspaper clippings scrapbooks, 1896-1918 and 1920-1946; two record books of dues paid, 1933-1938 and 1939-1940; roll book, 1928; about 10-20 *Solebury Farmers Club Journal* newsletters; several Solebury Farmers Club Constitutions and other loose documents; 100th anniversary guest book, 1971, and some accompanying materials; 90th anniversary programs/ephemera, newspaper clippings, photographs, and accompanying materials, 1961 (James A. Michener was the guest speaker at the event); and a photograph of club members, circa 1896. A volume of Solebury Dairyman's Association records, 1878-1903, is also stored with this collection.

A rough inventory is available on site.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Solebury Township Historical Society

Conditions Governing Access Note

Contact Solebury Township Historical Society for information about accessing this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

Gifts of Solebury Farmers Club, ongoing.

Processing Information Note

Summary descriptive information on this collection was compiled in 2012-2014 as part of a project conducted by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to make better known and more accessible the largely hidden collections of small, primarily volunteer run repositories in the Philadelphia area. The Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories (HCI-PSAR) was funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

This is a preliminary finding aid. No physical processing, rehousing, reorganizing, or folder listing was accomplished during the HCI-PSAR project.

In some cases, more detailed inventories or finding aids may be available on-site at the repository where this collection is held; please contact Solebury Township Historical Society directly for more information.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Solebury Farmers Club (Solebury, Pa.)

Geographic Name(s)

- Bucks County (Pa.)
- Solebury (Pa. : Township)

Subject(s)

- Agriculture
- Clubs
- Farmers