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**A Finding Aid to the
Pearlcasters Literary Club (Cincinnati, Ohio)
Records**

Manuscript Collection No. 644

Collection Summary

Title	Pearlcasters Literary Club (Cincinnati, Ohio) Records
Dates	1931-1996
Collection Number	MS-644
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Pearlcasters Literary Club (Cincinnati, Ohio)
Extent	1 linear foot (1 record carton)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Following their graduation from college in 1931, a group of University students decided to form a literary discussion club in Cincinnati, the purpose of which would be to discuss the economic problems of the stock market and the subsequent Great Depression. Arguments were extremely vigorous which lead to their name, taken from St. Matthew 7:6:

...Give not that which is Holy unto the dogs neither cast ye pearls before swine lest they trample them under their feet and turn and rend you..."

Officers of the club included the Swineheard, Caster, Shamus and Secretary. In the late 1940s, a constitution was written, and later revised in 1967. The organization was incorporated by the State of Ohio using the revised constitution in August 1970. Incorporators included Henry Fechheimer, Arthur King and Louis Ehrenfield.

Meetings took place monthly, and each season closed with a picnic. Members came from various professions. At each meeting the Caster was required to cast upon a subject "preferably controversial." Topics included the aging problem, the state of American society, abortion, the criminal mind and liberal politics. The membership grew steadily through the fifties and declined as the membership aged.

Scope and Content The collection includes minutes, correspondence, programs, papers and photographs.

Arrangement The collection is arranged in one (1) series: A. General.

Terms of Access The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

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Index Terms

Subjects	Jews -- Ohio -- Cincinnati
Personal Names	King, Arthur G., 1906-2002
Corporate Names	Jews -- Societies, etc. / Pearlcasters Literary Club (Cincinnati, Ohio)
Media	Minutes / Photographs

Series A. General, 1931-1996

Arrangement Records are arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Pearlcasters Literary Club Records. Volume 1, 1931-1950

Box 1. Folder 2. Pearlcasters Literary Club Records. Volume 2, 1951-1961

Box 1. Folder 3. Pearlcasters Literary Club Records. Volume 3, 1961-1970

Box 1. Folder 4. Pearlcasters Literary Club Records. Volume 4, 1971-1980

Box 1. Folder 5. Pearlcasters Literary Club Records. Volume 5, 1981-1985

Box 1. Folder 6. Pearlcasters Literary Club Records. Volume 6, 1986-1990

Box 1. Folder 7. Pearlcasters Literary Club Records. Volume 7, 1991-1996

Box 1. Folder 8. Picnic photographs, 1981