

Finding Aid for the St. Louis Mechanics Institute Records

Descriptive Summary

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Creator: St. Louis Mechanics Institute.

Title: St. Louis Mechanics Institute Records.

Dates: 1839 – 1848.

Quantity: .25 linear feet.

Language: English.

Historical Note

The St. Louis Mechanics Institute was founded in 1839 for, “the promotion of the Mechanic Arts and useful inventions, the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures [sic], and internal improvements of the state.” Based on earlier models found in Eastern American cities, the St. Louis Mechanics Institute established a library, a reading room, and a school that championed the teaching of English, architecture, drawing, mathematics, and the general sciences.

Scope and Content Notes

The collection consists of a ledger containing board minutes, by-laws, and a constitution, as well as two folders that provide supporting documentation that chronicle the early actions of the St. Louis Mechanics Institute.

Administrative Information

Source of Collection

This material was donated to University Archives.

Accruals

There are no accruals.

Processing Information

Compiled by Jay Kempen in December 2005. Updated by Miranda Rectenwald in July 2007.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Collection Contents

Box No.	Folder
01	Correspondence, 1842 - 1844 [typescript]
	Report, 1844 [typescript]
	Ledger, 1839 – 1848 [bound manuscript]
	Contents include: Constitution, by-laws and revisions, and meeting minutes; Membership nominations are found through the meeting minutes; Information on St. Louis Mechanics' Fair, held first in 1842 with lists of expenses and award winners; Information on lecture series, including dates when William Greenleaf Eliot spoke.