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Abstract

The Lithuanian Music Hall Association (LMHA) was established on March 3, 1907, from various Lithuanian clubs and organizations in the Philadelphia area. This association was created to support and preserve the ethnic and cultural heritage of Lithuanian Americans, to give financial aid in case of sickness, and to provide mortuary benefits to the organization's members. The organization established a library and a reading room, also supporting classes for the study of the Lithuanian and English languages, as well as promoting art. The building at the corner of Allegheny and Tilton Streets in Philadelphia, in which the organization has been located since 1908, is known as the Lithuanian Music Hall, where the LMHA provides a place for concerts, theatrical performances, conventions, various meetings, and social amusements. In 1943, the American Lithuanian Citizens' Beneficial Club, which was established in 1902, merged with LMHA. In 1975, the LMHA became a shareholder-owned organization. As of 2004, the LMHA is still in existence. The LMHA is the Philadelphia chapter of the Lithuanian American Community organization.

The collection contains materials of the LMHA as well as the Gedeminas' Lithuanian Club, the American Lithuanian Citizens' Beneficial Club, the National Lithuanian Beneficial Club, the Petro Armino Society, the Lithuanian National Independent Club, the First Lithuanian Building and Loan Association, and the Lithuanian Real Estate Company. Some of these organizations were among the first Lithuanian organizations in Philadelphia, which slowly dwindled as members passed away. The bulk of the collection is a number of income and expense ledgers, mostly of the LMHA. A small amount of correspondence in the collection belongs to the LMHA. Other materials of the LMHA and the above-mentioned organizations and clubs are bylaws, agreements and certificates, a number of minute books, dues and membership data books, records of sick and death benefit claims, and programs and flyers of events. Materials are in Lithuanian and English.

Background note

Toward the end of the 19th century, the first Lithuanian immigrants settled in South Philadelphia, and later congregated in Northeast Philadelphia. Almost from the beginning, they founded ethnic clubs and organizations. In the beginning of the 20th

century, there were five Lithuanian clubs in the city, among which was the earliest established Gedeminas' Lithuanian Club.

The Gedeminas' Lithuanian Club, named in honor of an ancient Lithuanian king, was established on January 27, 1895. The founders of the club were some of the first Lithuanian immigrants to the United States and the Philadelphia area. The aim of the Gedeminas' Lithuanian Club was "to assist in securing citizenship papers for the members and elevate them intellectually and materially." To help achieve these goals the Gedeminas' Club also provided lessons in English.

On March 3, 1907, the Lithuanian Music Hall Association was founded. The purposes of the Association were the encouragement, promotion, and support of the Lithuanian ethnic culture, education, science, art, literature, and sports among its members, as well as mutual financial assistance to the members. The first officers were elected, including Mykolas Valincius, president; Kazys Karpavicius, vice-president; Antanas Gudiatas, secretary; Kazys Kazakauskas, treasurer; and three assistant treasurers: Ignas Liepa, Juozas Litvinas, and Antanas Grabauskas.

As the strength of Lithuanian identity grew, the need arose for a community meeting place for educational and recreational activities. In the second half of 1908, an enthusiastic fund-raising campaign was started to support the construction of a LMHA building. The building, at a cost of \$32,600, was erected at the corner of Allegheny and Tilton Streets, and dedicated on December 31, 1908. The building is known as the Lithuanian Music Hall.

The Lithuanian Music Hall is a place for large Lithuanian gatherings such as concerts, dramatic plays, literary cultural evenings, exhibitions of arts, meetings, commemorations, weddings, dances, amusements, and other activities held for general enjoyment and for the advancement of friendship and social relations among LMHA members. In the hall the association has opened a library, a reading room, and hosts classes for the advancement of the study of English and Lithuanian among its members. The LMHA provides opportunities to members and their youth for the development of talent in singing, folk dancing, acting, and fine arts.

While the LMHA was a non-political Lithuanian-American organization dedicated to education and amusement, they nevertheless closely followed political events in the homeland and provided political and financial support to Lithuania. In 1911 and 1913, the LMHA sponsored fund-raising drives for the benefit of national homes in the Lithuanian cities of Kaunas and Vilnius. In 1914, an assemblage of Lithuanians and Ukrainians held a conference at the Lithuanian Music Hall and adopted the following world famous resolution: "Oust the Russians and return Lithuania to the Lithuanians and Ukraine to the Ukrainians." When the Lithuanian nation was subjected to the severe shocks of the Soviet takeover and Nazi control during the World War II, the association continued the fight for the rebirth of a free and independent Lithuania by organizing rallies, at which protest petitions were produced.

In 1943, another Lithuanian organization of Philadelphia, the American Lithuanian Citizens' Beneficial Club, merged with the LMHA. The club had been established in 1902.

The LMHA provided aid to members in sickness and granted mortuary benefits. Membership in the organization was open to any person of sound health and good habits who was able to speak both Lithuanian and English. Applicants between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five were entitled to sick and death benefits. In 1947, the LMHA added a class of membership known as "Social Members," that consisted of members pledged to support the aims and purposes of the organization. The approved Social Members paid a membership fee of \$1 as annual dues. They participated in social activities, but could not vote on any matters pertaining to the association's activities, and were not eligible for benefits.

The LMHA received general funds from membership dues, offered loans to members, and solicited donations. Additional fundraisers included local Lithuanian community groups and organizations that rented the music hall for their cultural, educational, and recreational activities. Other major funds were gathered from the New Year's Eve balls and annual picnics.

At the end of the 1960s, a lack of activities and rentals led to increasing neglect and deterioration of the building, and reduced the operating fund to dangerously low levels. The question of selling the building and liquidating the association was raised several times at membership meetings.

In 1974, in order to reverse this trend, a special committee was formed to plan and implement renovations, and although their sources of funding were unclear, immediate renovations on the facility were started. The committee included Vytautas Bagdonavicius, P. Masalaitis, and J. Stelmokas.

In 1975, a change in administrative practices was also made. An executive committee was elected to review the association's situation, to provide recommendations for a profitable business operation, and to find alternative funding sources. Vincas Salciunas was elected the president of the Executive Committee. It was he who later initiated Sunday lunches, to which eventually were added senior citizen social dances. These Sunday socials provided a steady income to the LMHA.

Also in 1975, a new Board of Directors was elected, with Gediminas Surdenas as the Chairman. Surdenas remained in this capacity until 1987. During his term, the Cultural Center was established as a separately registered organization, though housed within the LMHA building. The Cultural Center established a library, a folk art display, and two meeting rooms, and was also used for art shows, lectures, and receptions. The Cultural Center had its own Executive Committee and a separate membership.

In May 1975, new bylaws were formulated that allowed the association's reorganization based on stock ownership. Further funds were raised from members and the Lithuanian community by selling shares. The LMHA was transformed from an organization, which depended on donations, to an association of shareholders.

In 2004, the Lithuanian Music Hall Association continues to be the association of shareholders and a home of Lithuanian culture. The LMHA provides Christmas and New Year's balls, Lithuanian festivals, Lithuanian Independence Day celebrations, sport events, picnics, and language classes. The events space in the LMHA is used primarily

by the member organizations, but they rent to anyone interested. The Theater Company of Port Richmond has rented their performance space for about ten years.

The LMHA is the Philadelphia chapter of a national organization, the Lithuanian American Community (LAC). There are various sub-groups in their branch of the LAC, including three dance groups, a religious school, several sport teams, and a youth organization.

Scope & content

The collection illustrates the history and intertwining of several Lithuanian organizations and clubs, and is organized in seven series by organization and club name. Beyond the Lithuanian Music Hall Association there are also materials of some other Lithuanian clubs and organizations, including an organization known to have merged into LMHA, and some of the presumed original members of the organization. However, it is unknown why the materials of certain organizations were included in the collection. The collection covers the period from 1873 to 1992, with the bulk from 1907 to 1983.

The 1907 to 1988 materials of the Lithuanian Music Hall Association include bylaws, a small amount of correspondence, agreements relating to the 1943 merger with the American Lithuanian Citizens' Beneficial Club, minute books from 1910 to 1921, photocopies of minutes from 1975 to 1983, dues and membership data books from 1907 to 1969, income and expense ledgers from 1909 to 1969, two check registers, a register of share certificates, and a booklet from the eightieth anniversary in 1988.

Most of the materials of other clubs and organizations belong to the National Lithuanian Beneficial Club. These include miscellaneous agreements and certificates, financial documents, and sick and death benefit claims. There is a photostat copy of a charter from 1920, and a photograph of a group of members from 1918.

Materials of the American Lithuanian Citizens' Beneficial Club, which merged with the LMHA in 1943, include dues and membership data books from 1902 to 1921, one of which, that from 1909 to 1918, is combined with an income and expense ledger. Other materials of this club are minute books from 1906 to 1941 that are combined with income and expense ledgers as well.

The collection includes an income and expense ledger from 1909 to 1915, and a minute book from 1931 to 1933 of the Gedeminas' Lithuanian Club, which was established in 1895. There are two minute books from 1897 to 1913 of the Petro Armino Society. A number of promissory notes from 1920 to 1928 of the Lithuanian National Independent Club are included in the collection.

Other materials are agreements and certificates of the Lithuanian Real Estate Company of Philadelphia; and bylaws, agreements, and miscellaneous certificates of the First Lithuanian Building and Loan Association. A few U.S. proclamations of Lithuanian Independence Day from 1958 to 1983, and a Baltic States Day proclamation from 1965, are in the collection.

Overview of arrangement

Series I	Lithuanian Music Hall Association, 1907-1992, n.d. a. Bylaws, history, and correspondence, 1932-1988 b. Minutes, 1910-1983 c. Financial and membership, 1907-1980, n.d. d. Programs, flyers, and ephemera, 1913-1992, n.d.	Boxes 1-3, FF #2, Volumes 1-25
Series II	American Lithuanian Citizens' Beneficial Club, 1902-1944, n.d.	Box 4, Box 9, Volumes 26-33
Series III	National Lithuanian Beneficial Club, 1913-1963, n.d. a. Agreements, certificates, charter, and a photograph, 1913-1962, n.d. b. Sick and death benefit claims, 1958-1959 c. Financial, 1940-1963	Boxes 4-7, FF #1
Series IV	Gedeminas' Lithuanian Club, 1909-1933, n.d.	Box 7, Volumes 34-36
Series V	Petro Armino Society, 1897-1913, n.d.	Box 7, Volumes 37-38
Series VI	Lithuanian National Independent Club, 1902, 1914-1928, 1959, n.d.	Boxes 7-8
Series VII	Miscellaneous organizations, 1873, 1909-1983, n.d. a. Bylaws and history, 1958-1983, n.d. b. Agreements and certificates, 1873-1946	Box 8, FF #2,

Series description

Series 1. Lithuanian Music Hall Association, 1907-1992, n.d. (Boxes 1-3, FF #2, Volumes 1-25)

a. Bylaws, history, and correspondence, 1932-1988

Bylaws of the LMHA are combined with a member dues book. The 80th Anniversary program of the LMHA (1988) contains a brief history of the association. There is a merger agreement between the Lithuanian Music Hall Association and the American Lithuanian Citizens' Beneficial Club, adopted at the meeting on May 14, 1943.

This subseries contains a small amount of the LMHA's incoming and outgoing correspondence that is in English and Lithuanian. Topics covered in the correspondence include invitations to meetings, planning of New Year's Eve parties, requests and proposals for banquets, monthly rentals and rental refunds, and requests for permissions from the Office of the Mayor of Philadelphia to hold picnics for members. Some correspondence pertains to paying sick and death benefits.

There is a copy of a letter from November 29, 1948, sent to Edward Breen Soken, Esq., from Stanley F. Mankas, telling about the purposes of the LMHA and stating that the LMHA is "clearly exempted from payment of ...tax."

The correspondence also documents equipment delivery, installation, and adjustment; for example, a glass brick bar and beer pre-cooler system, in 1945; and two Champion Shuffleboards, in 1946. Other letters concern exterminating services. The correspondence also documents the association's concern about alterations of its clubroom and installing a new street entrance. Other correspondence includes information regarding insuring the LMHA's property and the contents of the building. A few letters are attached with agreements and contracts.

From the correspondence one can learn that the LMHA placed their advertisements in the Polish-American Association's Album and in the Fraternal Association of Joseph Pilsudski's publication. The LMHA participated with some Polish events as well.

b. Minutes, 1910-1983

There are nine minute books of the LMHA from 1910 to 1955, with gaps. This subseries also contains photocopies of the LMHA minutes from 1975 to 1983, with some gaps. There is some overlap in dates within the minute books. These minutes are in Lithuanian.

Commonly the minute books include lists of new members and candidates for membership, and almost every set of minutes includes the president's reports, financial information on sick and death benefits, lists of diseased and ill members, balloting for vacant officers, reports of the House Committee about property adjustment and repair, and reports of the recording secretary. The tasks discussed in meetings concerned renewal of insurance policies, explanations of various types of policies, planning of picnics, celebrations, anniversary banquets, and others.

The earliest LMHA minute book, from 1910, is of the General Committee. This minute book contains concise resolutions in Lithuanian and includes financial information. The notes in minute books from 1915 to 1931 are also in Lithuanian. Some minutes in a minute book from 1930 to 1939 are translated into English. The special tasks during this period included founding a Lithuanian language school for children in Philadelphia, and supporting the Lithuanian athletes from Philadelphia in the Lithuanian Olympics in 1938. There is no further information regarding the language school for children.

The minute book from 1940 to 1944 also contains some translations from Lithuanian into English. The subjects covered at these meetings included the charitable efforts of the LMHA during World War II. For example, in 1941, a building of a monument to the memory of the Lithuanian aviators was discussed.

It was a common practice to read correspondence during the meetings, and the minutes include information about letters received from many institutions, including the Federated Club, the National Lithuanian Beneficial Club, and the Lithuanian Museum in Chicago. Many of the organizations wrote asking for financial support. The organization Russian War Relief, Inc. requested donations for the benefit of wounded Russian soldiers during the war. However, this request did not receive a

quick response and was tabled, while a request from the American Red Cross was met with a \$157 donation, collected during the meeting on April 15, 1942. In 1943, the LMHA donated an additional \$2,000 to the American Red Cross. The minutes also document that Philadelphia Lithuanians purchased \$390,000 in bonds during the Philadelphia Lithuanian War Bond Campaign in 1943.

At the meeting on January 20, 1943, the “committee on a merger with the Citizens’ Benefit Club (the American Lithuanian Citizens’ Beneficial Club) prepared a summary of demands from the two organizations, which tend forward to merger.” The merger proposal was formulated and the resolution prepared at the March 17, 1943 meeting. The merger committee announced that it had decided “to accept the Association’s non-shareholders into the benefit section of the membership, and the others should remain as social members.” The merger celebration was held on May 30, 1943.

A letter from the Committee of Philadelphia Aid to Lithuania invited the LMHA to participate in the committee’s activities. The LMHA’s delegation for the Committee of Philadelphia Aid to Lithuania was elected. The delegates presented a report about their activity with the committee at the LMHA’s meeting on April 19, 1944. During this meeting it was decided to participate in the committee’s contribution of clothing and other items to Lithuania. However, the LMHA members were concerned that aid through this committee would get to Russia not Lithuania.

The United Lithuanian Relief Fund also invited the LMHA to become a member. In November 1944, this fund requested aid for Lithuanian war refugees. The United War Chest also asked for donations for war refugees and received \$100 from the LMHA. The North Eastern Hospital received a \$10 donation from the LMHA as well.

It is known from a minute book from 1944 to 1948 that during the period from 1944 to 1945 the LMHA purchased war bonds for \$7,000. In 1945 the LMHA sponsored celebrations of the armistice; in 1948 there were celebrations of the 30th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence from Imperial Russia, and 40th Anniversary of the LMHA.

c. Financial and membership, 1907-1980, n.d.

There are sixteen volumes in this subseries, six of which are income and expense ledgers from 1909 to 1969, with gaps from 1923 to 1929 and 1937 to 1958. There is a dues book from 1914 to 1921, which contains the organization’s income information as well. Other dues books from 1907 to 1969, with gaps from 1924 to 1930 and 1936 to 1961, include membership data. Two check registers and one shares certificate register are from 1927.

Included are the federal, city, unemployment, and sale tax documents from 1956 and from 1959 to 1961. Other materials are financial reports that cover the period from 1945 to 1964, with gaps from 1952 to 1959; and balances from 1979 to 1980. This

subseries contains an undated membership address book that presumably belongs to the LMHA.

d. Programs, flyers, and ephemera, 1913-1992, n.d.

Since the LMHA served the cultural and ethnic needs of Lithuanians living in the Philadelphia area by offering gatherings, concerts, literature evenings and celebrations, the collection includes programs of some events. There are programs from a 1913 ball of the Lithuanian American Benefit Club, and a 1950 banquet celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the National Lithuanian Hall sponsored by the National Lithuanian Beneficial Club.

Included are programs of several annual Lithuanian Day picnics from 1980 to 1990, and several flyers about various concerts. There is a leaflet, which announced events sponsored by the LMHA during the summer of 1980. These events included the 4th Annual Lithuanian Day picnic, at which Lithuanian music was performed and handcrafts and artifacts were displayed. The sport tournaments, a raffle, and various games were also offered. This flyer indicates that every Sunday afternoon the members had socials with music and dancing. A bus trip was organized to the Lithuanian Festival at Lakewood Park, Barnesville, Pennsylvania. There is a flyer for the Lithuanian Fair in 1991.

Two songbooks from 1956 and 1961, and a program booklet of the Fifth Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival that commemorated America's Bicentennial in 1976 are also included.

Series 2. National Lithuanian Beneficial Club, 1913-1963, n.d. (Boxes 4-7, FF #1)

a. Agreements, certificates, charter, and a photograph, 1913-1962, n.d.

The National Lithuanian Beneficial Club was established on January 23, 1903, in Philadelphia. This was the largest of the mutual societies that sprang up in the city at that time. The purpose of the National Lithuanian Beneficial Club was "to acquaint the members with the political economy of this country and to bestow sick and death benefits upon its members."

Included in this subseries are two deeds from 1913 and 1923, regarding premises at the southwest corner of 2nd and Ellsworth Street in Philadelphia, that belonged to the National Lithuanian Beneficial Club. There is a mortgage held by the National Lithuanian Beneficial Club, with the First Lithuanian Building and Loan Association in 1919. There are the club's property insurance agreements, a Standard Workmen's Compensation and Employers' Liability Policy, and a War Damage Corporation's insurance policy, all issued in 1941 and 1942. There is a 1945 agreement and a certified copy of a resolution regarding sale of the club's premises at 1112-14-16 South 2nd Street and 202-204-206 Ellsworth Street in Philadelphia. Other certificates of this organization were issued by Aetna Insurance Company, American Casualty Company, Threshermen and Farmers' Mutual Casualty Insurance Company, and more. There is a 20"x12" photograph of a group of members of the National Lithuanian Beneficial Club from 1918.

b. Sick and death benefit claims, 1958-1959.

The sick claims include each patient's health certificate signed by a doctor. The certificates contain personal data of the sick members, and information about patients' ability to perform the duties of their usual occupation.

For the death benefit claims, copies of death certificates are presented. In some cases there are certificates from the Office of the Registrar of Vital Statistics, or just statements of a member's death made by a funeral director. Included are a few members' dues books and letters from the estate of the deceased person.

c. Financial, 1940-1963.

The materials included are cancelled cheques from 1955 to 1963, bank account books from 1940 to 1961 with related correspondence, several renewed licenses and tax receipts from 1959 to 1962, and real estate tax documents from 1945 and from 1951 to 1957.

Series 3. American Lithuanian Citizens' Beneficial Club, 1902-1944, n.d. (Box 7, Volumes 26-33)

There are four dues and membership data books from 1902 to 1944, with gaps. Some of these books are combined with income and expense ledgers. Included in this subseries are minute books from 1906 to 1941. There is a resolution that was adopted at the meeting on June 16, 1943, which resolved to sell the premises of the club at 3138 Richmond Street in Philadelphia. Included are minutes of a special meeting on October 8, 1943, regarding the sale of other premises of the club.

Series 4. Gedeminas' Lithuanian Club, 1909-1933, n.d. (Box 7, Volumes 34-36)

This club was established in 1895. Included are income and expense ledgers from 1909 to 1919 and a minute book from 1931 to 1933, all in Lithuanian.

Series 5. Petro Armino Society, 1897-1913, n.d. (Box 7, Volumes 37-38)

There are two minute books of the Petro Armino Society, from 1897 to 1913 in the collection. These minutes are entirely in Lithuanian. One coin (or medallion) was found glued on page 77 of a minute book from 1905 to 1913. This $\frac{3}{4}$ " golden metal coin/medallion has an inscription on it, "Philadelphia Maneto," which is the city's official motto, meaning "Let Brotherly Love Continue."

Series 6. Lithuanian National Independent Club, 1902, 1914-1928, 1959, n.d. (Boxes 7-8)

There are checks from 1914 to 1926, and eleven folders of promissory notes from 1920 to 1928.

There is a certificate from 1902, which empowered the officials of the Lithuanian National Independent Club “to buy property at 943 South Second Street from the Combination Building and Loan Association No. 5, and execute a mortgage to the First Lithuanian Building and Loan Association of Philadelphia in the name of the Club.” The connection to the LMHA is unknown.

Series 7. Miscellaneous organizations, 1873, 1909-1983, n.d. (Box 8, FF #2)

a. Bylaws and history, 1958-1983, n.d.

Included are undated bylaws, combined with a dues book of the First Lithuanian Building and Loan Association. One unidentified and undated photograph, which shows an unidentified woman congratulating another woman, is included in this subseries.

There are several U.S. proclamations of Lithuanian Independence Day from 1958 to 1983, with some gaps. Americans of Lithuanian descent commemorate the founding of their land as a free and independent state on February 16, 1918, even though Lithuania was annexed by the Soviet Union, in 1940. A Baltic States Day Proclamation from 1965 is also included. This day was proclaimed in observance of the 25th anniversary of a long tragic period, beginning June 15, 1940, when the people of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania suffered from Nazi and Soviet “occupation, oppression, deportation, slavery and in numerous cases violent death.”

b. Agreements and certificates, 1873-1946.

There are agreements and certificates of real estate companies, title insurance companies, and fire insurance companies, including mortgages, bond warrants, and other insurance documents. Included are a few shares and deed certificates. Some of the agreements and certificates are supplemented with related contracts and correspondence. There are several agreements that the Lithuanian Real Estate Company of Philadelphia signed with different organizations.

There are a few agreements and certificates of the First Building and Loan Association of Philadelphia, which was established on April 29, 1901 to grant mortgages to Lithuanian Americans. In 1942 the name of this organization was changed to Liberty Federal Savings and Loan Association.

There are mortgages held by the Lithuanian Real Estate Company with Lithuanian Alliance of America, and the Robert Smith Ale Brewing Company with a private person. There are also titles and lease agreements, and an appraisal of real estate on a mortgage held by Lithuanian Alliance of America. The relation of these materials to the LMHA is unknown.

Separation report

The following materials were separated from the collection and placed in the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies Library and museum, as the collection was initially donated to this institution in 1992. After the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies merged with the HSP in 2002, these materials were moved to the HSP Library.

Convention program for Knights of Lithuania 70th Anniversary, Philadelphia, 1983.
Golden Jubilee book for St. Andrew Lithuanian Roman Catholic Church, 1974.

Related materials

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National Lithuanian Beneficial Club Collection, Collection SPC 965.

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Lithuanian Americans — Pennsylvania — Philadelphia — Recreation

Pennsylvania — Philadelphia — Ethnic groups — Societies, etc.

Recreational centers — Pennsylvania — Philadelphia

Societies — History, organization, etc.

American Lithuanian Citizens' Beneficial Club

First Lithuanian Building and Loan Association

Gedeminas' Lithuanian Club

Lithuanian Alliance of America

Lithuanian Music Hall

Lithuanian Music Hall Association

Lithuanian National Independent Club

Lithuanian Real Estate Company

National Lithuanian Beneficial Club

Petro Armino Society

Administrative Information

Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

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Box and folder listing

Series 1. Lithuanian Music Hall Association. a. Bylaws, history, and correspondence

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Bylaws	1944	1	1
80 th Anniversary (booklet)	1988	1	2
Agreements and certificates	1932, 1943	1	3
Correspondence	1934-1938, 1940-1945	1	4
Correspondence	1946	1	5
Correspondence	1947-1950, 1958	1	6

Series 1. Lithuanian Music Hall Association. b. Minutes

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Minute book	1910-1921	N/A	Volume #1
Minute book	1915-1936	N/A	Volume #2
Minute book	1916-1930	N/A	Volume #3
Minute book	1929-1931	N/A	Volume #4
Minute book	1930-1939	N/A	Volume #5
Minute book	1940-1944	N/A	Volume #6
Minute book	1944-1948	N/A	Volume #7
Minute book	1948-1951	N/A	Volume #8
Minute book	1951-1955	N/A	Volume #9
Minutes # 8-15	1975	1	7
Minutes # 16-19	1975	1	8
Minutes # 21-25	1976	1	9
Minutes # 27, 29-35	1976	1	10
Minutes # 36-38, 45-46	1976	1	11
Minutes # 48-51, 53-59	1977	1	12
Minutes # 62-72	1977	1	13
Minutes # 74-82	1977	1	14
Minutes # 83-84, 86-98	1978	1	15
Minutes # 100-109	1979	1	16
Minutes # 111-113, 115-121	1979	1	17
Minutes # 122, 124-131	1980	1	18
Minutes # 132-138	1980	1	19
Minutes # 120 (?)	1983	1	19

Series 1. Lithuanian Music Hall Association. c. Financial and membership

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Income and expense ledger	1909-1914	N/A	Volume #10
Income and expense ledger	1915-1923	N/A	Volume #11
Inserts from Income/Expense ledgers from 1909-1914 and 1915-1923 (volumes #10, 11)	n.d.	3	3
Income and expense ledger	1929-1937	N/A	Volume #12
Income and expense ledger	1958-1968	2	Volume #13
Income and expense ledger	1968-1969	2	Volume #14
Balance/Income ledger	1956-1958	2	Volume #15
Dues/Income ledger	1914-1921	N/A	Volume #16
Dues and membership data book	1907-1923	N/A	Volume #17
Inserts from dues book from Volume #17	1923, n.d.	3	1
Dues and membership data book	1907-1926	N/A	Volume #18
Dues and membership data book	1924	N/A	Volume #19
Dues and membership data book	1930-1936	N/A	Volume #20
Dues and membership data book	1961-1969	N/A	Volume #21
Inserts from dues book from Volume #21	1967	3	2
Check register, checks #1-#200	1927	N/A	Volume #22
Check register, checks #201-#400	1927	N/A	Volume #23
Shares certificate register	1927	N/A	Volume #24
Membership address book	n.d.	N/A	Volume #25
Inserts from address book	n.d.	3	4
Reports	1945-1947	3	5
Reports	1948-1952	3	6
4 th Quarterly report and full year report; 1 st Quarterly report	1959, 1960	3	7
Quarterly reports	1961	3	8
Reports	1961-1964	3	9
Semi-report	1969	3	10
Balances	1979-1980	3	11
Invoices and receipts	1940, n.d.	3	12
Taxes: Federal, City, Unemployment, and Sale	1956, 1959-1961	3	13

Series 1. Lithuanian Music Hall Association. d. Programs, flyers, and ephemera

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Programs, flyers, and tickets	1913-1992, n.d.	3	14
Flyer of New Year's Eve Ball	1991	N/A	FF #2

Dance festival program booklet	1976	3	15
Song books	1956, 1961	3	16
Posters for concert by Nijok Seiukaite, and Lithuanian folk/country ensemble	1992	N/A	FF #3

Series 2. American Lithuanian Citizens' Beneficial Club.

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Agreements and certificates	1943	4	1
Minutes/Income and expenses	1906-1915	N/A	Volume #26
Inserts from the Minute/Income volume from 1906-1915 (volume#26)	n.d.	4	2
Minutes/Income and expenses	1915-1922	N/A	Volume #27
Minutes/Income and expenses	1923-1930	N/A	Volume #28
Minutes/Income and expenses	1931-1941	N/A	Volume #29
Dues and membership data book	1902-1914	N/A	Volume #30
Dues book	1914-1921	N/A	Volume #31
Dues and membership data/Income and expenses	1909-1918	9	Volume #32
Dues/Income ledger	1936-1944	N/A	Volume #33

Series 3. National Lithuanian Beneficial Club. a. Agreements, certificates, charter, and photograph

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Agreements and certificates	1913-1923	N/A	FF # 1
Agreements and certificates	1930-1937	4	3
Agreements and certificates	1941-1942	4	4
Agreements and certificates	1944-1945	4	5
Agreements and certificates	1946-1949	4	6
Agreements and certificates	1950-1953	4	7
Agreements and certificates	1954-1955	4	8
Agreements and certificates	1956	4	9
Agreements and certificates	1957	4	10
Agreements and certificates	1958	4	11
Agreements and certificates	1959	4	12
Agreements and certificates	1960	4	13
Agreements and certificates	1961-1962, n.d.	4	14
Charter (Photostat copy)	1920	N/A	FF #1
Photograph of a group of members	1918	N/A	FF #1

Series 3. National Lithuanian Beneficial Club b. Sick and death benefit claims

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Claims and related correspondence	Jan.-Jun. 1958	4	15
Claims and related correspondence	Jul.-Dec. 1958	4	16
Claims and related correspondence	Jan.-Mar. 1959	4	17
Claims and related correspondence	Apr.-Jul. 1959	4	18
Claims and related correspondence	Aug.-Dec. 1959	4	19

Series 3. National Lithuanian Beneficial Club c. Financial

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Cancelled Checks	1955	5	1-2
Cancelled Checks	1956	5	3-6
Cancelled Checks	1957	5	7-10
Cancelled Checks	1958	6	1-4
Cancelled Checks	1959	6	5-8
Cancelled Checks	1960	6	9-12
Cancelled Checks	1961	7	1
Cancelled Checks	1962	7	2
Cancelled Checks	1963	7	3
Bank books and related bank correspondence	1940-1961	7	4
Licenses and tax receipts	1959-1962	7	5
Bills paid by checks	1959	7	6
Real estate taxes	1945, 1951-1957	7	7

Series 4. Gedeminas' Lithuanian Club.

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Minute book	1931-1933	N/A	Volume #34
Inserts from minute book from 1931-1933 (volume #34)	1932-1933	7	8
Income and expense ledger	1909-1915	N/A	Volume #35
Income and expense ledger	1914-1919	N/A	Volume #36
Inserts from Income/Expense volume #36 from 1914-1919	n.d.	7	9

Series 5. Petro Armino Society.

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Minute book	1897-1905	N/A	Volume #37

Minute book	1905-1913	N/A	Volume #38
Metal medallion	n.d.	7	12

Series 6. Lithuanian National Independent Club.

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Certificate	1902	7	13
Checks	1914-1926	7	14
Promissory Notes	Jan.-Feb. 1920	7	15
Promissory Notes	Mar. 1920	7	16
Promissory Notes	Apr. 1920	8	1
Promissory Notes	May 1920	8	2
Promissory Notes	Jun. 1920	8	3
Promissory Notes	Jul. 1920	8	4
Promissory Notes	Aug. 1920	8	5
Promissory Notes	Sep.-Dec. 1920	8	6
Promissory Notes	1921	8	7
Promissory Notes	1922	8	8
Promissory Notes	1923-1926, 1928, n.d.	8	9
Bills	1959	8	10

Series 7. Miscellaneous Organizations. a. Bylaws and history

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Bylaws (combined w/dues book) of the First Lithuanian Building and Loan Association	n.d.	8	11
Photograph of unidentified ceremony	n.d.	8	12
U.S. Proclamations of Lithuanian Independence Day	1958-1964, 1974-1977, 1979, 1982, 1983	8	13, FF #2
Baltic States Day Proclamation	1965	N/A	FF #2

Series 7. Miscellaneous Organizations. b. Agreements and certificates

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Lithuanian Real Estate Company	1911-1919	8	14
Loans, mortgages, and other real estate agreements and certificates, miscellaneous	1873-1946	8	15
Miscellaneous agreements and certificates	1919	8	16