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Guide to the

Five Orange Pips of Westchester County records

1935-2011 [bulk 1965-2005]

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Summary

Creator: Five Orange Pips of Westchester County

Title: Five Orange Pips of Westchester County records

Date: 1935-2011 [bulk 1965-2005]

Size: 1.47 linear feet (4 boxes)

Source: Donated by Albert Rosenblatt, 2008.

Abstract: The Five Orange Pips of Westchester County, established in 1935, is one of the first "scion societies" of the Baker Street Irregulars, the oldest and largest organization of Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts in the United States. The records consist predominantly of chronological files documenting the activities of the Pips between 1947 and 2011, and other related material contributed by club members.

Access: Advance notice required.

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Creator History

The Five Orange Pips of Westchester County was established in 1935 by Owen P. Frisbie, Frank E. Waters, Norman Ward, Gordon Knox Bell, and Richard Warner Clark. It is one of the first "scion societies" of the Baker Street Irregulars, the oldest and largest organization of Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts in the United States. The club consisted of only ten members at any given time, all with permanent tenure. Members of note include CIA intelligence officer James Ramsay Hunt, Jr.; Benjamin S. Clark, a New York City investment banker who became a member of the Pips in 1951 and served as its leader emeritus until his death in 1993; and Hon. Albert M. Rosenblatt, a retired justice of the New York Supreme Court and the New York State Court of Appeals.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the Five Orange Pips of Westchester County consist predominantly of chronological files documenting the activities of the Pips between 1947 and 2011, and containing copies of Sherlock Holmes- and Arthur Conan Doyle-related papers presented by members. Also included is material relating to the history of the Pips and other Sherlockian groups; general correspondence relating to the group; papers regarding founding member Benjamin Schuyler Clark and his participation with the Pips, and papers belonging to Albert M. Rosenblatt, also relating to his participation with the Pips.

Key Terms

Subjects

Holmes, Sherlock (Fictitious character) -- Appreciation
Holmes, Sherlock (Fictitious character) -- Societies, etc. -- 20th century

Geographic Names

Westchester County (N.Y.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century

Names

Doyle, Arthur Conan, Sir., 1859-1930
Rosenblatt, Albert M., b. 1936
Baker Street Irregulars (Organization : U.S.)