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Collection Number SC 40
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Summary

Repository: Blume Library at Saint Mary's University of San Antonio (Texas-USA)
Creator: Casino Club of San Antonio
Donor: Sullivan-Clem Estate, 1968 (SC 21)
Title: San Antonio Casino Club Records
Call Number: SC 40
Inclusive Dates: 1858-1960
Bulk: 1925-1957
Extent: 2 cubic feet
Languages: English and German
Formats: paper documents, ledger books, objects

Abstract

These records concern the legal incorporation, membership, leases, mortgages and financial dealings of a group of private associations known collectively as the San Antonio Club and the Casino Club.

Administrative

Restrictions to Access

None

Usage Restrictions

No restrictions beyond normal handling procedures

Alternative Forms

None

Custodial History

The San Antonio Casino Club records were in the possession of the Sullivan-Clem Estate. Possibly one of the Sullivan men such as John Cotter Sullivan (b 1875) was in possession of the records when the club became inactive during the late 1950s.

Acquisitions Information

The San Antonio Casino Club records came to Saint Mary's University as part of the bequest of the Sullivan-Clem Estate (SC 21) in 1968.

Processing Information

The records in this collection arrived in a number of irregular containers folded and bundled with rubber bands. Bank statements ordered chronologically but all other records had no order. The Special Collections department sorted the records by format

and function during the 1990s. The collection was arranged by corporation and this finding aid was composed by Bro. Lawrence Scrivani, SM in 2016.

Preferred Citation

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Catalog Headings

San Antonio (Tex.) History

Texas Hill Country (Tex.)

Related Collections at Blume Library

Sullivan-Clem Estate, 1968 (SC 21)

Institutional History

In 1854, German settlers in San Antonio formed the Casino Association (*Casino Gesellschaft*). It incorporated in 1857 and built a club house on Market Street in 1858. In 1882, the San Antonio Club was founded dedicated to literary purposes. As early as 1907 the club entered into a lease agreement with the San Antonio Club and Opera House Company. In 1925, the Casino Association and the San Antonio Club merged and reincorporated as the San Antonio Casino Club. The new Club secured a mortgage dated May 1, 1928 for the sum of \$75,000 to build a club house. Mortgage payment with interest was to be completed by January 1, 1932. When this date came, no payment had been made, the club auctioned its furnishings in 1934 and obtained an extension of its mortgage to January 1, 1941. In 1936 the organization reincorporated as the Casino Club of San Antonio. When the club could not retire the extended mortgage in 1941, they sold the building in 1942 to Oklahoma oilman Thomas Gilcrease. By 1953 club finances were again in deficit leading to a Motion to Liquidate in October 1953.

Collection Overview

This collection contains the records of five corporate entities: the Casino Association (1854-1925), the San Antonio Club (1882-1925), the San Antonio Club and Opera House Company (1907-1925), the San Antonio and Casino Club (1925-1936), and the Casino Club of San Antonio (1936-1960). The Opera House Company was likely a subsidiary of the San Antonio Club. The bulk of the records concern the merged club. There is little of the *Casino Gesellschaft*. The collection is arranged in these series:

Series 1: Casino Association (*Casino Gesellschaft*), organized 1854

Series 2: San Antonio Club, organized 1882

Series 3: San Antonio-Casino Club, organized 1925

Series 4: Casino Club of San Antonio, organized 1936

Objects

Series 1: Casino Association, 1854-1925

HISTORICAL NOTE: This association was known in the German language as *Casino Gesellschaft*.

Box 5	<i>Liste der Mitglieder</i> (List of Members) Ledger Book,	1858-1866
Box 4	Untitled Manuscript Book, German Language,	1838-1927

Series 2: San Antonio Club, 1882-1925

Box 1 Folder 01	San Antonio Club and Opera House Company,	1907-1922
Box 1 Folder 02	San Antonio Club: Legal and Financial Documents,	1910-1925
Box 1 Folder 03	San Antonio Club: Clubhouse,	1910-1925
Box 4	<i>San Antonio Club</i> , member's handbook,	1914

Series 3: San Antonio-Casino Club, 1925-1935

HISTORICAL NOTE: The club house of the San Antonio Club was located at 303 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas. In 1927, the consolidated clubs retained the Kelwood Company, Architects to design a new building located at 102 West Crockett Street. This six-story building was designed in the Meso-American Revival style.

Box 1 Folder 04	Consolidation of San Antonio Club and Casino Assn.	1925-1926
Box 1 Folder 05	Business Matters	1925-1929
Box 1 Folder 06	New Club Building	1926-1929
Box 1 Folder 07	Kelwood Company Architects	1927
Box 1 Folder 08	Taxes	1920s-1930s
Box 1 Folder 09	Business Matters	1930-1940
Box 1 Folder 10	Mortgage Extension / Furniture Fund	1934-1935
Box 4	<i>Register of Visitors to the San Antonio-Casino Club</i> ,	1927-1935
Box 4	Corporate Seal: "San Antonio and Casino Club"	undated

Series 4: Casino Club of San Antonio, 1936-1960

Box 1 Folder 11	Charter of the Casino Club of San Antonio,	27 October 1936
Box 1 Folder 12	By-Laws of the Casino Club of San Antonio,	undated typescript
Box 1 Folder 13	Bank Statements	1936
Box 1 Folder 14	Minutes of Membership Meetings,	1936-1953
Box 1 Folder 15	Financial Statements,	1940-1955
Box 1 Folder 16	Business Correspondence	1942-1953
Box 1 Folder 17	Motion of Liquidation	Oct 10, 1953
Box 1 Folder 18	Accounts and Inventory Ledger	1953
Box 1 Folder 19	Invoices	1954-1956
Box 1 Folder 20	List of Officers,	1954-1957
Box 1 Folder 21	Taxes	1950s-1960
Box 3	Invoices by the month	1946-1956
Box 2	Bank documents (checks, deposits, statements)	1954-1957
Box 4	Members Accounts Ledger	1954-1956
Box 4	Members Accounts Ledger	1955-1957

Objects

Box 1 Folder 22	Casino Club Building (news clipping)	2013
Box 4	Tin box and Check Cancellor	
Box 6	National Cash Register Credit System for Retail Stores" (Wooden Box)	