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**Inventory of the
Friendly Union Society Records, 1889 - 1981, undated**

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Friendly Union Society Records,
Dates:	1889 - 1981, undated
Creator:	Friendly Union Society.
Abstract:	<p>The Friendly Union Society was formed in Charleston in 1813. It consisted of a membership of no more than fifty men and no less than five. It was formed for the relief of orphans and widows in the community; and to provide for the general welfare of the community as a whole. It also served as a burial society; providing a place for interment, as well as tending and upkeep of the cemetery. This society remained in Charleston in varying degrees of activity through 1981.</p> <p>The collection consists of organizational and administrative records of the Friendly Union Society including the Society's constitution and by-laws, meeting minutes, treasurer reports and plot maps. Also present within the collection are financial records/materials such as an arrears book and a ledger documenting lot holder accounts.</p>
Extent:	0.6 linear feet(2 archival box)
Repository:	Avery Research Center at the College of Charleston
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Historical Note

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Collection Arrangement

1. Organizational and Financial Records, 1889-1981
2. Administrative Records, 1901-1941, undated

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Subject Headings

African American cemeteries--South Carolina.

African American fraternal organizations.

African Americans--South Carolina--Charleston--Societies, etc.

Fraternal organizations--South Carolina--Charleston.

Burial records--South Carolina--Charleston.

Burial insurance--United States.

Administrative Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Organizational and Financial Records, 1889-1981

This series contains the organizational and financial records of the Friendly Union Society including the Society's constitution and by-laws, meeting minutes and treasurer reports.

- Box 1 Folder 1 Constitution and Bylaws, 1889-1925, undated
- Box 1 Folder 2 Minutes from Annual Meeting, Notes, and Treasurer Reports, 1916-1981

2. Administrative Records, 1901-1941, undated

Present within this series are financial records/materials, including an original arrears book and ledger documenting lot holder accounts-- as well as copies of these items.

- Box 2 Folder 3 Friendly Union Society Arrears Book (Original), 1912
- Box 2 Folder 4 Accounts with Lot Holders in The Friendly Union Society (Original), 1901-1941
- Box 2 Folder 5 Accounts with Lot Holders in The Friendly Union Society (Photocopy), 1901-1941
- Box 2 Folder 6 Friendly Union Society Arrears Book (Photocopy), 1912
- Box 2 Folder 7 Cemetery Plot Maps and Diagrams, undated