

General

Includes approximately 247 signatures.

List of electors and vote tallies (12482.F.18), 1877-05-07	box 2 (MSS00270)	folder 32
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Annual report of the board of directors to the shareholders (12482.F.23), 1881-05	box 2 (MSS00270)	folder 36
List of electors and vote tallies (12482.F.22), 1881-05-02	box 2 (MSS00270)	folder 37
Photocopy of 1771-10-04 proxy from Benjamin Rush (12482.F.67), undated	box 2 (MSS00270)	folder 38

Subseries 1B. Minutes, 1731-circa 1920, undated

Scope and Contents

This subseries includes the bound minutes from meetings of the board of directors. The minutes record major institutional decisions, financial updates, shareholder information, and collection information from both purchases and gifts, among other details.

The title page for volume 1 of the minutes, for meetings held from 1731 to 1768, indicates that it was compiled in 1759 by Francis Hopkinson (1737-1791) from loose sheets. Hopkinson served as board secretary from 1759 to 1768; as librarian from February 13, 1764 to May 13, 1765; and as a board member for 1771.

Volume 1 of the minutes also bound several other documents into the back of the volume: the articles of the Amicable Library Company; directions for the clerk of the Amicable Library Company, signed by its shareholders; and a Union Library share certificate for Richard Waln. This entire volume was disbound in 2024 due to concerns about a previous conservation treatment that is causing the pages to break near the gutter.

In addition to these bound volumes, some first drafts of meeting minutes can be found in Subseries 1C (Miscellaneous Directors Records). It is unclear how or whether that text differs from the minutes recorded in these bound volumes.

Sometime in the late 19th or early 20th century, Library Company staff and/or volunteers created a handwritten card index to the minutes (Box 36) which provides quick name access to several hundred years of minutes.

Title/Description	Instances	
Directors minutes volume 1 (5960.F), 1731-1768	volume 163 (5960.F)	folder 1-15, 17