

Scope and Contents

The Association Library Company of Philadelphia was founded on February 2, 1757. When it published a catalog of its holdings in 1765, it listed 570 titles and 107 signers to its articles of association. According to an April 4, 1767 notice in the Pennsylvania Gazette, the library was located on Chestnut Street.

However, on December 26, 1768, the Association Library announced in the Pennsylvania Chronicle that a "Union between them and the Union Library Company may be of public Utility." Almost immediately, the Union Library Company approached the Library Company to propose its own merger. In February 1769, directors of the Union Library Company attended a meeting of the Library Company's directors to discuss the terms under which they would transfer their library's assets to the Library Company.

The Association Library Company record group includes the institution's articles of association (printed in volumes 10 and 11) and receipts for dues payments. Volume 11 includes handwritten notes with additional names of members.

In addition, the Library Company's bookplate collection includes loose bookplates from the Association Library in box 23, folder 3.

Title/Description	Instances	
Receipts for Stephen Collins dues payments (12482.F.557), 1764-1766	box 30 (MSS00270)	folder 29
A catalogue of books, belonging to the Association Library Company of Philadelphia : alphabetically digested. To which is prefixed, the articles of the said company, &c. (93881.D (Troth)), 1765	volume 10 (93881.D (Troth))	
A catalogue of books, belonging to the Association Library Company of Philadelphia : alphabetically digested. To which is prefixed, the articles of the said company, &c. (21113.O.1), 1765	volume 11 (21113.O.1)	
General		
Includes Articles of the Company. Handwritten notes include additional member names and titles. The insertion was found in and is now stored in the front cover.		
Receipt for William Dillwyn dues payment (12482.F.558), 1768-07-08	box 30 (MSS00270)	folder 30