

# Histories of The Chicago Literary Club

## Listed in Chronological Order

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### [The Bryant Celebration](#), November 3, 1874

A celebratory dinner organized by the Club in honor of William Cullen Bryant's eightieth birthday. Speeches by:

Robert Collyer, Club President

Horatio N. Powers, CLC Member and Corresponding Secretary

J.R. Doolittle, CLC Member and Chair, Rooms & Finance

H.W. Thomas, Club Member

Thomas S. Chard, CLC Member

[Invitation](#)

[Menu Cover](#)

[The Chicago Literary Club](#). A history from inception to 1917, with bibliography, by Edward Osgood Brown.

The Chicago Literary Club: A History of Its First Fifty Years, by Frederick William Gookin, 1926

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- C. Roll of members (not reprinted here since now contained and updated separately in the [Roll of Members](#))
- D. Lists of papers read before the club (not reprinted here since now incorporated in the [Roll of Members](#))

The Chicago Literary Club: Its History from the Season of 1924-1925 to the Season of 1945-46, by Payson Sibley Wild, 1947

- [Title Pages and Foreword](#)
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    Photograph of [Edward Scribner Ames](#)
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- XIII. [Our war members](#)
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- Appendices (all now contained in the [List of Officers](#) and [Roll of Members](#))

[A Twenty-Minute History of The Chicago Literary Club](#), by Earle A. Shilton, 1960

The Chicago Literary Club: The First Hundred Years, 1874-1974, by Arthur A. Baer and others, 1974

- [Title Pages and Foreword](#)
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- Appendices (now contained in the [List of Officers](#) and [Roll of Members](#))

[1974-1989 Supplement to The First Hundred Years, 1874-1974](#), by William K. Beatty, edited by Clark L. Wagner, appendices by Francis A. Lackner, Jr., 1989

[The Club's Victorian Roots](#), by Clark L. Wagner, 1998.

The Chicago Literary Club: One Hundred Twenty-Five Years, 1874-1999, by William E. Barnhart, edited by Clark L. Wagner, appendices by Francis A. Lackner, Jr., 2001

- [Title Pages and Foreword](#)
- I. [The First Quarter of the Second Hundred Years, 1974-1999](#)

II. [Anniversary Year Biographies full text](#)

As part of the anniversary-year program, members of the Anniversary Committee prepared biographical sketches of twenty-seven members of the Club. The focus was on earlier, now deceased members of the Club, although an exception was made in the case of two then-living members—Orville T. Bailey and Elmer Gertz. These biographical sketches were read at the Club's meetings during the year (in the order and on the dates indicated below) and, with some minor editing and revisions, are included here in their entirety.

- a. [Orville T. Bailey](#) *October 5, 1998*
- b. [Elmer Gertz](#) *October 5, 1998*
- c. [William Le Baron Jenney](#) *October 19, 1998*
- d. [William Rainey Harper](#) *November 2, 1998*
- e. [Paul Howard Douglas](#) *November 9, 1998*
- f. [David Swing](#) *November 16, 1998*
- g. [Thomas Elliott Donnelly](#) *November 23, 1998*
- h. [Lorado Taft](#) *November 30, 1998*
- i. [Ernst Wilfred Puttkammer](#) *December 7, 1998*
- j. [Frederick William Gookin](#) *January 4, 1999*
- k. [Herman H. Lackner](#) *January 11, 1999*
- l. [Irving Kane Pond](#) *January 18, 1999*
- m. [Geza de Takats](#) *January 25, 1999*
- n. [Charles Lawrence Hutchinson](#) *February 1, 1999*
- o. [Arthur Goldberg](#) *February 15, 1999*
- p. [Henry Regnery](#) *March 1, 1999*
- q. [Edward Gay Mason](#) *March 15, 1999*
- r. [Edgar Lee Masters](#) *March 22, 1999*
- s. [Melville Weston Fuller](#) *March 22, 1999*
- t. [William M.R. French](#) *March 29, 1999*
- u. [James Nevins Hyde](#) *April 5, 1999*
- v. [Franklin MacVeagh](#) *April 12, 1999*
- w. [Arthur Alois Baer](#) *April 19, 1999*
- x. [Roscoe Pound](#) *April 26, 1999*
- y. [Payson Sibley Wild](#) *May 3, 1999*
- z. [William Frederick Poole](#) *May 10, 1999*
- aa. [Robert Collyer](#) *May 17, 1999*

[1999-2014 Supplement to The Hundred Twenty-Fifth Anniversary History](#), edited and with Foreword by Clark L. Wagner, "The Chicago Literary Club Enters the Internet Age" and appendices by Francis A. Lackner, Jr.

Appendices (now contained in the [List of Officers and Baer Fellows](#), the [Roll of Members](#) and the [List of Papers Published](#) by the Club. These Appendices are active documents, updated annually, and therefore not copied here.)

Memorial booklets were prepared for a few notable early members; these are noted by their name in the Roll of Members:

[Robert Collyer,](#)  
[Arthur Brooks,](#)  
[Thomas Hughes](#)  
[Hosmer Allen Johnson,](#)  
[Edwin Holmes Sheldon,](#)  
[Huntington Wolcott Jackson.](#)

Other material on the history of the Club may be found in the [Index of Papers Online](#) under the subject heading 'CLC'.