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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

UA 0027

Unit Date

1909-1912

Language

English .

Abstract

The collection is comprised of bound posters and programs created by the Lee Literary Society from 1909-1912.

Creator

Lee Literary Society

Extent

0.13 cubic feet 1 box

Repository

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

Administrative Information

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Administrative History

The Lee Literary Society and Lanier Literary Society were established at State Normal and Industrial School for Women in 1909, during the school's first term. The Lee Literary Society was named for Confederate General Robert E. Lee, and the Lanier Society was named for the Southern poet, Sidney Lanier. Both the Lee and Lanier Society held debates, and sponsored readings, talks and musical events.

Lee Society chose gold and gray as the club's representative colors, while the Lanier chose violet and white. In October 1909, the school's official colors were taken from each - violet from Lanier, and gold from Lee.

In 1914, ten members from the Lee and Lanier Literary Societies joined together to form a new student organization, the Stratford Literary Society, later known as the Stratford Players. The Lanier Society and Lee Society were discontinued in 1942.

Scope and Content

The collection is comprised of bound posters and programs created by the Lee Literary Society, 1909-1912. Posters describe musical performances, readings, discussions of current events and literary figures. Debate topics include "that Virginia should adopt compulsory education," and that the "aims and methods of education of girls should be different than that of boys." The Lee Society also hosted an event called, "An Evening on the Old Plantation."

Keywords

Posters

Lee Literary Society

Other Formats Available

Digital images of some of the Lee Literary Society posters can be found at [Founding Documents in Special Collections](#)

Bibliography

Dingledine, Raymond C. *Madison College, the First Fifty Years, 1908-1958* Harrisonburg, VA: Madison College, 1959.

Description of Subordinate Components

Lee Literary Society Posters

Unit Date 1909-1912

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