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Historical Note

According to a published historical sketch, the Washington Literary Society was founded in 1812 on the Washington Academy campus (now Washington and Lee University). Its activities were likely interrupted or suspended due to the War of 1812. The written records of the Society begin in February 1814. Its first

officers were John Woods (President), John Stowe Jones (Secretary), and Alfred McCay as Censor. The first question chosen to debate was whether it was advantageous for a young man to read ancient history first or modern history first. The Society purchased and maintained a library for its membership.

Both the Washington Literary Society and the Graham Philanthropic Society helped to launch The Southern Collegian, and their respective editors served to co-edit this new publication.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains the records of the Washington Literary Society. It includes the Secretary's books (meeting minutes, debate topics, membership rolls), treasurer's books, librarian's books, and roll books and membership registers. It also includes record material associated with The Southern Collegian, including a record book and correspondence. The collection ranges in date from 1814-1918.

Separated Materials

The library of the Washington Literary Society has been cataloged.

Addresses presented before the Society have been cataloged.

Related Materials

Charles F. Campbell Washington Literary Society Certificate (RG 62.0068)

Graham Philanthropic Society Records (RG 39.0001)

Keywords

Debates and debating

Student activities -- Societies, etc.

Washington and Lee University. Graham Philanthropic Society

Description of Subordinate Components

Secretary's Book

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Unit Date 1946-1953

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Unit Date 1819-1825

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Unit Date 1834-1840

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Unit Date 1840-1844

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Unit Date 1844-1846

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Unit Date 1846-1850

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Unit Date 1855-1858

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Treasurer's Book

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Unit Date 1865-1867

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Unit Date 1867-1869

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Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29313

Unit Date 1909-1917

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Librarian's Book

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29314

Unit Date 1834-1836

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Librarian's Book

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Unit Date 1838-1840

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Unit Date 1840-1841

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Unit Date 1844-1847

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Unit Date 1847-1852

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Unit Date 1852-1857

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Unit Date 1864

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Librarian's Book

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29321

Unit Date 1867-1882

Mixed Materials [35101012710013] 13 (box)

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Librarian's Book

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29322

Unit Date 1875

Mixed Materials [35101012709882] 12 (box)

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Roll Book and Register

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29323

Unit Date 1866-1867

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Container 2 (volume)

Roll Book and Register

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29324

Unit Date 1868-1874

Mixed Materials [35101012709411] 14 (box)

Container 3 (volume)

Roll Book

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29325

Unit Date 1915-1918

Mixed Materials [35101012709882] 12 (box)

Container 4 (volume)

Record Book for the Southern Collegian

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29326

Unit Date 1868-1890

Mixed Materials [35101012709411] 14 (box)

Container 4 (volume)

Constitution

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29330

Unit Date circa 1814

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Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Possible second revision

Constitution

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29331

Unit Date circa 1814

Mixed Materials [35101206591450] 15 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Possible third revision

Constitution

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/32618

Unit Date circa 1814-1828

Mixed Materials [35101206599354] 16 (box)

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Scope and Contents

Includes membership list

Constitution

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/32619

Unit Date circa pre-1837

Mixed Materials [35101206599354] 16 (box)

Container 3 (volume)

Constitution and By-Laws Drafts

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29327

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [35101206591450] 15 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Constitution, By-Laws, Amendments

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/32620

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [35101206599354] 16 (box)

Container 4 (volume)

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29332

Unit Date 1867, 1871-1872, 1878

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Subscriptions for refitting the Hall

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29333

Unit Date circa 1867-1872

Mixed Materials [35101206591450] 15 (box)

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Invitations and Programs

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29335

Unit Date 1843, 1847, 1849, 1853-1855, 1857, 1858, 1861, 1867-1869

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Invitations and Programs

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29336

Unit Date 1870-1871, 1876, 1880

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Typescript Notes about the Society

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29328

Unit Date undated

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Container 8 (folder)

"A Brief Historical Sketch" brochure

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29329

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [35101206591450] 15 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

The Southern Collegian Foundational Documents

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29334

Unit Date 1868 October 16, circa 1868

Mixed Materials [35101206591450] 15 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Scope and Contents

An undated documented (circa 1868) created by a committee of the Washington Literary Society outlines a proposal for a newspaper in lieu of a magazine which was considered cost prohibitive. The name proposed for the newspaper was "Liberty Hall News." The second document dated October 16, 1868 documents a joint committee meeting between the Washington Literary and Graham Philanthropic Societies to "decide upon the best method of conducting the College Paper."

Fragment

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29337

Unit Date undated

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