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1809-1942

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English

Creator

Washington and Lee University. Graham Philanthropic Society

Creator

Washington and Lee University. Graham-Lee Society

Extent

14.5 Linear Feet 15 boxes (1 document case, 14 flat boxes)

Repository

Washington and Lee University, University Library Special Collections and Archives

Administrative Information

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Historical Note

The Graham Philanthropic Society was a literary and debating society founded on September 8, 1809 at Washington Academy (now Washington and Lee University). Founding members were John D. Paxton, Edward C. Carrington, James W. Paxton, Gustavus A. Jones, John P. Wilson, Randolph Ross, William C. Preston, Joseph S. Brown, and Uel Wilson. They often met in Graham Hall/Graham-Lee Hall as well as other locations in the City of Lexington.

In addition to debates, the Society established its own library. Approximately 2000 volumes from this library went missing during Hunter's Raid in 1863.

The name changed to the Graham-Lee Society around 1871. Membership declined greatly after World War I. The collection ranges in date from 1809-1942.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes secretary's books, treasurer's book, librarian's book, treasurer's books, librarian's books, roll books, and constitutions of the Graham Philanthropic Society. The secretary's books document the minutes of the meetings. The first volume in the collection includes the creating documents when the Society was founded in 1809. The books include accounts of debates on current political and social questions, financial information, membership information, and records of student library use.

Separated Materials

Addresses that were given before the Society have been cataloged.

The Society's surviving library books have also been cataloged.

Related Materials

Washington Literary Society Records (RG 39.0002)

William E. Walkup Diplomas (RG 62.0015)

Keywords

Virginia -- Lexington

Student activities -- Societies, etc.

Libraries

Debates and debating

Washington and Lee University. Washington Literary Society

General

This collection's former unique identifier was WLU Coll. 0149.

Description of Subordinate Components

Secretary's Book

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29221

Unit Date 1809-1813

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (volume)

Scope and Contents

This volume includes the Society's first constitution.

Secretary's Book

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29234

Unit Date 1813-1817

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (volume)

Secretary's Book**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29235**Unit Date** 1817-1819**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (volume)**Secretary's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29236**Unit Date** 1819-1822**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (volume)**Secretary's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29237**Unit Date** 1822-1825**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 1 (volume)**Secretary's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29238**Unit Date** 1832-1836**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 2 (volume)**Secretary's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29241**Unit Date** 1836-1838**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 3 (volume)**Secretary's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29242**Unit Date** 1838-1842**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Container** 1 (volume)**Secretary's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29243**Unit Date** 1845-1851**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)**Container** 1 (volume)**Secretary's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29244**Unit Date** 1851-1856**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Container** 2 (volume)

Secretary's Book**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29252**Unit Date** 1865-1875**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 1 (volume)**Secretary's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29253**Unit Date** 1875-1877**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 2 (volume)**Secretary's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29255**Unit Date** 1875-1897**Mixed Materials** 6 (box)**Container** 1 (volume)**Secretary's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29256**Unit Date** 1897-1917**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)**Container** 1 (volume)**Secretary's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29257**Unit Date** 1917-1942**Mixed Materials** 8 (box)**Container** 1 (volume)**Treasurer's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29239**Unit Date** 1825-1839**Mixed Materials** 8 (box)**Container** 2 (volume)**Treasurer's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29240**Unit Date** 1833-1840**Mixed Materials** 8 (box)**Container** 3 (volume)**Treasurer's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29245**Unit Date** 1855-1861**Mixed Materials** 9 (box)**Container** 1 (volume)

Treasurer's Book

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29258

Unit Date 1865-1868

Mixed Materials 9 (box)

Container 2 (volume)

Treasurer's Book

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29259

Unit Date 1868-1869

Mixed Materials 9 (box)

Container 3 (volume)

Treasurer's Book

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29260

Unit Date 1869-1871

Mixed Materials 10 (box)

Container 1 (volume)

Treasurer's Book

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29261

Unit Date 1871-1872

Mixed Materials 10 (box)

Container 2 (volume)

Honorary Members of the Society

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29246

Unit Date 1865-1875

Mixed Materials 10 (box)

Container 3 (volume)

Roll Book

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29254

Unit Date 1866-1869

Mixed Materials 10 (box)

Container 4 (volume)

By-Laws and Rules of Order

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29262

Unit Date 1868

Mixed Materials 11 (box)

Container 1 (volume)

Constitution and Member Pledge/Roll

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29263

Unit Date 1859-1940

Mixed Materials 11 (box)

Container 2 (volume)

Librarian's Book**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29264**Unit Date** 1840-1841**Mixed Materials** 12 (box)**Container** 1 (volume)**Librarian's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29265**Unit Date** 1840-1844**Mixed Materials** 12 (box)**Container** 2 (volume)**Librarian's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29266**Unit Date** 1841-1844**Mixed Materials** 12 (box)**Container** 3 (volume)**Librarian's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29267**Unit Date** 1844-1846**Mixed Materials** 12 (box)**Container** 4 (volume)**Librarian's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29268**Unit Date** 1866-1868**Mixed Materials** 13 (box)**Container** 1 (volume)**Librarian's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29269**Unit Date** 1868-1872**Mixed Materials** 13 (box)**Container** 2 (volume)**Librarian's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29270**Unit Date** 1872-1873**Mixed Materials** 13 (box)**Container** 3 (volume)**Constitution of the Graham-Lee Society and Membership Lists****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29271**Unit Date** 1898-1937**Mixed Materials** 14 (box)**Container** 1 (volume)

Secretary's Book for Joint Sessions of the Graham-Lee and Washington Literary Societies

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29272

Unit Date 1904-1910

Mixed Materials 14 (box)

Container 2 (volume)

Secretary's Book for Joint Sessions of the Graham-Lee and Washington Literary Societies

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29273

Unit Date 1910-1914

Mixed Materials 14 (box)

Container 3 (volume)

Front and Back Cover to Censor's Book (no pages)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29283

Unit Date 1873-1874

Mixed Materials 14 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Broadside

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29274

Unit Date circa 1867-1868

Mixed Materials 15 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Event Invitations

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29275

Unit Date 1849, 1853, 1855-1856, 1858, 1861, 1866-1869, 1870-1871

Mixed Materials 15 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Fragment of the By-Laws

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29276

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 15 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Printed Constitution and By-Laws of the Graham-Lee Society

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29277

Unit Date 1880, 1886, 1891, 1893, 1911, 1925

Mixed Materials 15 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Correspondence regarding redecorating Graham-Lee Society Hall

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29278

Unit Date 1916

Mixed Materials 15 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Correspondence**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29279**Unit Date** 1924-1925, 1930**Mixed Materials** 15 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Treasurer's Reports****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29280**Unit Date** 1906-1926**Mixed Materials** 15 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Canceled Checks****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29281**Unit Date** 1913-1931**Mixed Materials** 15 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Financial Papers****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/29282**Unit Date** 1915-1926, undated**Mixed Materials** 15 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)