

# EMORY COLLEGE.

## Emory College student organization records, 1839-1932

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### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Emory College.  
**Title:** Emory College student organization records, 1839-1932  
**Call Number:** Series No. 49  
**Extent:** .5 linear ft. (1 box) and 56 bound volumes (BV)  
**Abstract:** The collection includes minutes, bylaws, rolls, library records, constitutions, ledgers, and other records of student organizations at Emory College. Records are chiefly those of the Few Literary Society and Phi Gamma Society, literary and debate societies. There are also records of College secret societies and fraternities including the Irinian Society, Mystic Seven, and Kappa Alpha Order.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### Administrative Information

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## **Collection Description**

### **Administrative History**

Emory College was chartered in 1836 to the Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Literary and debate societies, particularly the Few Literary Society, founded 1839, and Phi Gamma Society, founded circa 1837-1839, played significant roles in the social and academic life of the College. The societies debated varied topics including issues of the day, politics, morality and ethics, religion, history, and philosophy. The literary societies also amassed libraries which predated any official College library on the campus.

Fraternities and secret societies were also prominent at Emory College. The Mystic Seven was organized at Emory in 1840 and is said to be the first national fraternity to be established in the South. The Kappa Alpha Order, Epsilon Chapter was founded in 1869.

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### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order by organization name.

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## Container List

### Alpha Tau Omega

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Alpha Tau Omega records, 1886

### Few Literary Society

1	2	Records, 1870
BV2		Minutes, 1839-1842
BV3		Minutes and orations, 1839-1845
BV4		Minutes, 1852-1861
BV5		Minutes and library inventory, 1866-1871
BV6		Minutes, 1873-1874
BV7		Minutes, 1876-1877
BV8		Minutes, 1880-1889
BV9		Minutes, 1889-1893
BV10		Minutes, 1898-1904
BV11		Rolls, 1839-1924
BV12		Rolls and resolutions, 1889-1901
BV13		Resolutions, 1900-1920
BV14		Minutes, 1904-1906
BV15		Minutes, treasury book, and rolls, 1909-1927
BV16		Minutes, 1909-1910
BV17		Minutes, 1911-1916
BV18		Rolls and resolutions, 1911-1919
BV19		Rolls, 1916
BV20		Minutes and rolls, 1919-1922
BV21		Minutes, 1923-1924
BV22		Minutes, 1931-1932
BV23		Treasurer's book, 1884-1885
BV24		Treasurer's book, 1892-1896
BV25		Treasurer's book, 1894
BV26		Treasurer's book, 1901-1903
BV27		Treasurer's book, 1908
BV28		Treasurer's book, 1922-1923
BV29		Treasurer's book, 1923-1924
BV30		Treasurer's book, 1924-1925
BV31		Treasurer's book, 1925-1926
BV32		Treasurer's book, 1927-1928

BV33 Constitution and by-laws, 1869  
 1 2A Constitution and by-laws, 1929-1930  
 OP1 Constitution and by-laws, undated  
 BV34 Library records, 1892-1893  
 BV35 Library records, 1892-1898

### **Irinian Society**

1 3 Records, 1848-1850  
 BV1 Constitution, 1848  
 1 4 Records, 1850-1852  
 1 5 Records, 1852-1853  
 1 6 Records, 1853-1857  
 1 7 Records, undated

### **Kappa Alpha Order**

1 8 Test questions, 1895-1905

### **Mystic Seven**

1 9 Clipping, 1939

### **Phi Gamma Society**

1 10 Records, undated  
 XOP1 Certificate, 1855  
 BV36 List of honorary members, 1838  
 BV37 Minutes and rolls, 1846-1852  
 BV38 Minutes and rolls, 1853-1855  
 BV39 Minutes and rolls, 1871-1873  
 BV40 Minutes and rolls, 1875-1877  
 BV41 Minutes and rolls, 1882-1884  
 BV42 Minutes, 1886-1895-Minutes  
 BV43 Minutes and rolls, 1889-1890  
 BV44 Minutes and rolls, 1895-1909 and 1921  
 BV45 Minutes, 1896-1899  
 BV46 Rolls, 1905-1907  
 BV47 Rolls, 1907  
 BV48 Minutes, 1907-1908  
 BV49 Minutes, 1909-1926  
 BV50 Minutes, 1910-1911  
 BV51 Minutes, 1913  
 BV52 Constitution, 1888  
 BV53 Library records and notes, 1883-1937

BV54        Library records, 1888  
BV55        Bibliography, 1900  
BV56        Constitution, 1888

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