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Abstract: Papers consist primarily of materials from Theodore H. Jack’s role as an Emory faculty member and administrator, member of Phi Beta Kappa, and contributor to the Dictionary of American Biography, including correspondence, writings, and photographs.
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Biographical Note
Theodore Henley Jack was born in Greensboro, Alabama on December 30, 1881. He attended his first year of college at Southern University in Greensboro before transferring to the University of Alabama. There he received both a bachelor’s degree in 1902 and a master’s degree in 1903. He had a Peabody fellowship in economics at Tulane University in New Orleans during 1906 and 1907. From 1907 to 1909 he completed a second master’s degree and began working toward his doctorate at Harvard University. He left Harvard and returned to Alabama and to Southern University to take a teaching position from 1909 to 1914. He resumed his doctoral work at the University of Chicago, where he was concurrently a student and faculty member in the history department, and received his PhD in 1915. After completing his degree, he again taught at Southern University, though this appointment was brief as he accepted a faculty position as head of the history department at Emory College in Oxford, Georgia in 1916. He followed the University to Atlanta in 1919, the same year he was appointed dean of the Graduate School, a position he held until 1923. From 1920 to 1929 he was also dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Emory, after which he was appointed vice president of the University. Jack left Emory in 1933 to become President of Randolph-Macon Women’s College in Virginia. While at Emory, Jack was involved with Phi Beta Kappa. He went on to be chairman of that organization in 1940. He also wrote entries for the Dictionary of American Biography. Jack died in 1964.

Scope and Content Note
Papers consist primarily of materials from Theodore H. Jack’s role as an Emory faculty member and administrator, member of Phi Beta Kappa, and contributor to the Dictionary of American Biography. They contain personal and professional correspondence, including letters sent and received while writing for the Dictionary of American Biography, messages sent from student groups and colleagues upon his departure from Emory, and correspondence focused on his professional career. Included also are records regarding Phi Beta Kappa as well as some few materials from Jack’s tenure as dean of students responding to hazing on campus and several photographs.

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