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Guide to the Jeffersonian Literary Society Records, 1897

Title

Jeffersonian Literary Society Records (RG 067)

Dates

1897 (inclusive)

Creator

Jeffersonian Literary Society (Oregon Agricultural College)

Summary

The Jeffersonian Literary Society Records consist of the constitution and by-laws and a program for this student organization at Oregon Agricultural College.

Quantity

0.01 cubic foot (1 box)

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Historical Note

The Jeffersonian Literary Society was formed in 1896 by Oregon Agricultural College men students to develop public speaking skills. The society was named in honor of Thomas Jefferson. The society was active until about 1912.

Content Description

The Jeffersonian Literary Society Records consist of a printed Constitution and By-Laws and a program of the society in the College Chapel on April 17, 1897. The constitution and by-laws include the initial constitution established in 1896, amendments made in 1897, and a list of society members as of March 1897. The April 1897 program included presentations of a poem, essay, orations, declamations, and a farce in addition to performances by the orchestra.

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Related Material

Photographs of the Jeffersonian Literary Society for 1909-1910 are available in Harriet's Collection (HC 1289). The Archives collections include the records of several other literary societies, including the [Adelphian](#), [Amicitia](#), [Athenian](#), [Feronian](#), [Hesperian Lyceum](#), [Sorsis](#), [Websterian](#), and Zetagathean Literary Societies. Additional materials pertaining to the literary societies are available in the [Memorabilia Collection](#) (MC-Literary Societies); information about debating and forensics is also available in the [Memorabilia Collection](#) and the Speech Communication Department Records (RG 181).

Subjects

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