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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RU 206

**CREATOR:** Yale College (1718-1887). Linonian Society

**TITLE:** Linonian Society, Yale College, records

**DATES:** 1753-1870

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 9.25 linear feet (22 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records consist of correspondence, secretary's records, treasurer's records, and librarian's records documenting society activities, membership, financial affairs, the society's founding, book collections, and other relevant activities.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

Linonian Society, Yale College, Records (RU 206). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

## **Processing Information**

Yale University records are arranged and described at the accession level by the creating office. The University Archives creates collection level descriptive records, but typically does no further arrangement and description at the accession level.

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## **Biographical / Historical**

The Linonian Literary Society was founded in 1753. All undergraduates were allowed to be members of the Linonian Society. The club provided students with a forum to debate, stage plays, and deliver poems, essays, and orations. The society disbanded in 1868.

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## **General**

Forms part of Yale Record Group 40 (YRG 40), Records of Yale clubs, societies, and organizations.

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## **Arrangement**

The records are arranged in four series: I. General Correspondence. II. Secretary's Records. III. Treasurer's Records. IV. Librarian's Records; and subsequent accessions.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I. General Correspondence, 1841-1864

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| b. 1, f. 1 | 1841-1846 |
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| b. 1, f. 2 | 1847-1849 |
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| b. 1, f. 3 | 1850-1852 |
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| b. 1, f. 4 | 1853-1857 |
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| b. 1, f. 5 | 1861-1864 |
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| b. 1, f. 6 | n.d. |
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**Series II. Secretary's Records, 1753-1870**

|             |   |                           |
|-------------|---|---------------------------|
| b. 2, f. 1  | General records: orations, disputes, compositions, constitution, list of members, library catalog   | 1753 [1772-1802], undated |
|             | A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:mssa.assist@yale.edu">mssa.assist@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy. |                           |
|             | Catalog of members  |                           |
| b. 2, f. 1  | 1753-1797   |                           |
| b. 2, f. 2  | 1826-1851   |                           |
| b. 2, f. 3  | 1839-1851   |                           |
| b. 2, f. 4  | 1853-1865   |                           |
| b. 3, f. 5  | 1853-1870   |                           |
|             | Constitutions   |                           |
| b. 3, f. 6  | 1792-1825   |                           |
|             | 18th century<br>See: <a href="#">box 2, folder 1</a>  |                           |
| b. 3, f. 7  | pre-1828, 1841  |                           |
| b. 4, f. 8  | pre-1835  |                           |
| b. 4, f. 9  | 1863  |                           |
| b. 4, f. 10 | 1878  |                           |
| b. 4, f. 11 | Prudential Committee, 1858-1861   |                           |
|             | Minutes   |                           |
| b. 5, f. 12 | 1766-1767   |                           |
| b. 5, f. 13 | 1768-1790   |                           |
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| b. 5, f. 14 | 1790-1797   |                           |
| b. 5, f. 15 | 1797-1802   |                           |
| b. 5, f. 16 | 1802-1811   |                           |
| b. 5, f. 17 | 1811-1816   |                           |
| b. 6, f. 18 | 1816-1822   |                           |
| b. 6, f. 19 | 1822-1828   |                           |
| b. 6, f. 20 | 1828-1834   |                           |

## Minutes (continued)

|                                     |  |           |
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| b. 6, f. 21                         | 1834-1839  |           |
| b. 7, f. 22                         | 1839-1842  |           |
| b. 7, f. 23                         | 1842-1845  |           |
| b. 7, f. 24                         | 1845-1849  |           |
| b. 7, f. 25                         | 1849-1853  |           |
| b. 8, f. 26                         | 1853-1863  |           |
| b. 8, f. 27                         | 1855   |           |
| b. 8, f. 28                         | 1863-1867  |           |
| Reports                             |  |           |
| b. 8, f. 29                         | 1851-1853  |           |
| b. 8, f. 30                         | 1853   |           |
| Orations, Plays, Addresses, Debates |  |           |
|                                     | 1772-1802  |           |
|                                     | See: <a href="#">box 2, folder 1</a>   |           |
| Orations                            |  |           |
| b. 8, f. 31                         | 1772 Play: the Quixottish Philosopher by James H. Linsley                              |           |
| b. 8, f. 32                         | ca. 1814-1817  |           |
| Addresses                           |  |           |
| b. 8, f. 33                         | 1831   |           |
| b. 8, f. 34                         | 1832   |           |
| Prize debates and announcements     |  |           |
| b. 8, f. 35                         | 1851-1860, n.d.  |           |
| Oversize                            |  |           |
| b. 8a                               | Minutes and lists of books in the library [bound photostatic copy]                     | 1768-1791 |
|                                     | Orations, dissertations, catalog of members, catalog of books [bound photostatic copy] | 1753-1791 |

**Series III. Treasurer's Records, 1781-1870**

|              |                                     |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| b. 8, f. 35  | Accounts                            |
| b. 9, f. 1   | 1791 [fragment]                     |
| b. 9, f. 2   | 1791-1822                           |
| b. 9, f. 3   | 1822-1832                           |
| b. 9, f. 4   | Prudential Committee Accounts, 1833 |
| b. 9, f. 5   | Debate Prizes, 1864-1866            |
| b. 9, f. 5   | Financial Reports                   |
| b. 9, f. 6   | 1819                                |
| b. 9, f. 7   | 1846-1851                           |
| b. 9, f. 8   | 1852-1857                           |
| b. 9, f. 9   | 1859-1866                           |
| b. 9, f. 10  | 1866-1870                           |
| b. 9, f. 10  | Bills and Receipts                  |
| b. 10, f. 11 | 1795                                |
| b. 10, f. 12 | 1810-1819                           |
| b. 10, f. 13 | ca. 1820-1830                       |
| b. 10, f. 14 | 1820-1824                           |
| b. 10, f. 15 | 1825-1826                           |
| b. 10, f. 16 | 1827-1829                           |
| b. 10, f. 17 | 1830                                |
| b. 10, f. 18 | 1831-1833                           |
| b. 10, f. 19 | 1834-1835                           |
| b. 10, f. 20 | 1836-1839                           |
| b. 10, f. 21 | 1840                                |
| b. 10, f. 22 | 1841                                |
| b. 10, f. 23 | 1842-1845                           |
| b. 10, f. 24 | 1846-1847                           |
| b. 10, f. 25 | 1849                                |
| b. 10, f. 26 | 1850-1851                           |



## Bills and Receipts (continued)

|              |                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| b. 11, f. 27 | 1853-1855                      |
| b. 11, f. 28 | 1856-1857                      |
| b. 11, f. 29 | 1858                           |
| b. 11, f. 30 | 1859                           |
| b. 11, f. 31 | 1860                           |
| b. 11, f. 32 | 1861                           |
| b. 11, f. 33 | 1862                           |
| b. 11, f. 34 | 1863                           |
| b. 11, f. 35 | 1864                           |
| b. 11, f. 36 | 1865                           |
| b. 11, f. 37 | 1866                           |
| b. 11, f. 38 | 1867                           |
| b. 11, f. 39 | 1868                           |
| b. 11, f. 40 | n.d.                           |
| b. 11, f. 40 | Alumni Hall                    |
| b. 11, f. 41 | Subscriptions, 1849-1861, n.d. |
| b. 11, f. 42 | Financial Obligation, 1853     |
| b. 11, f. 43 | Balance Due, 1854              |
| b. 11, f. 44 | Bills for Furnishings          |
| b. 11, f. 44 | Dues Ledgers                   |
| b. 12, f. 45 | 1822-1825                      |
| b. 12, f. 46 | 1826-1832                      |
| b. 12, f. 47 | 1833-1838                      |
| b. 12, f. 48 | 1838-1842                      |
| b. 12, f. 49 | 1838-1846                      |
| b. 12, f. 50 | 1860-1867                      |
| b. 13, f. 51 | Tax Ledger, 1860               |

**Series IV. Librarian's Records, 1780-1866**

## Catalogs of Books

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| b. 14, f. 1 | Post-1785                                   |
| b. 5, f. 13 | ca. 1790 [see: series II minutes 1768-1790] |
| b. 14, f. 2 | 1790  |
| b. 14, f. 3 | 1831-1834                                   |
| b. 14, f. 4 | 1834  |
| b. 14, f. 5 | post-1841                                   |
| b. 14, f. 6 | post-1850                                   |
| b. 15, f. 7 | Shelf List, 1863                            |

## Circulation Charges

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| b. 15, f. 8  | 1807-1812? |
| b. 15, f. 9  | 1822-1823  |
| b. 15, f. 10 | 1824-1826  |
| b. 16, f. 11 | 1828-1829  |
| b. 16, f. 12 | 1829-1830  |
| b. 16, f. 13 | 1830-1837  |
| b. 16, f. 14 | 1830-1831  |
| b. 16, f. 15 | 1831-1832  |
| b. 17, f. 16 | 1842-1845  |
| b. 17, f. 17 | 1845-1849  |
| b. 18, f. 18 | 1849-1853  |
| b. 19, f. 19 | 1860-1866  |

## Book Donations

Circa 1790

See: [series II, box 5, folder 13](#)

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| b. 20, f. 20 | 1825-1865       |
| b. 20, f. 21 | Circa 1828-1833 |

## Accessions

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| b. 20, f. 22 | Ca.1849 or later    |
| b. 20, f. 23 | Bookplate, ca. 1780 |

## **Accession 1994-A-093. Invitation to Linonion Ball**

b.1

Invitation to ball

1785

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

College students -- Societies, etc.  
Debates and debating  
Literature -- Societies, etc.  
Oratory

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale College (1718-1887). Linonian Society  
Yale College (1718-1887) -- Students