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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
 vol. volume

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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.

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.

Scope and Contents

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General

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

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.

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 A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at mssa.assist@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1753 [1772-1802], undated
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 See: box 2, folder 1	
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 A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at mssa.assist@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	
b. 5, f. 13	1768-1790 A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at mssa.assist@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	
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	

Minutes (continued)

b. 6, f. 19	1822-1828
b. 6, f. 20	1828-1834
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: [box 2, folder 1](#)

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.
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Oversize

b. 8a,  vol. 1	Minutes and lists of books in the library [bound photostatic copy]	1768-1791
A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at mssa.assist@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.		

Oversize (continued)

b. 8a,  vol. 2

[Orations, dissertations, catalog of members, catalog of books \[bound photostatic copy\]](#)

1753-1791

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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

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