

# Guide to the Stone Trust Corporation, Yale University, Records

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**CALL NUMBER:** RU 856

**CREATOR:** Stone Trust Corporation

**TITLE:** Stone Trust Corporation, Yale University, records

**DATES:** 1848-2007

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 66.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records consist of photograph albums, ledgers, minutes, financial records, correspondence, constitution and amendments, and biographical information documenting the activities and operations of the Book and Snake Society (incorporated as the Stone Trust Corporation) and Cloister Club at Yale, and its predecessor, Sigma Delta Chi Society.

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

Access to the records is restricted. Researchers must obtain prior, written permission from the President or Secretary of the Stone Trust Corporation

Some records in this finding aid have been redacted, as they include student names, donor names, and other restricted data. These records will not appear in the published finding aid.

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## Biographical / Historical

Sigma Delta Chi Society was founded by students of the Yale Sheffield Scientific School in 1863. Not wanting to be considered a fraternity, the society changed its name to the Book and Snake Society in the late 1870s. Members who lived in the society residence, or "Cloister", became the Cloister Club. Graduates and honorary members of Book and Snake were also members of the Cloister Club. In 1876 the society incorporated as the Stone Trust Corporation. The Book and Snake converted to a senior society in 1933.

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## General note

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 by accession

## **Collection Contents**

### **Accession 2001-A-073: Stone Trust Corporation minutes, articles of incorporation, ledgers, and photograph albums, circa 1850-1989**

Arranged by document number

**Accession 2007-A-013: Stone Trust Corporation records, 1909-2004**

Arranged by topic

**Accession 2007-A-178: Stone Trust Corporation records, 1848-2004**

**Accession 2007-A-179: Stone Trust Corporation records, 1995-2006**



**Accession 2009-A-106: Stone Trust Corporation records, 1937-2007**

**Accession 2010-A-010: Stone Trust Corporation records, 1904-1987**

## **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.  
Greek letter societies  
Secret societies -- United States  
Sigma Delta Chi Society (Yale College)

### **Corporate Bodies**

Book and Snake Society  
Cloister Club  
Stone Trust Corporation  
Yale University -- Societies, etc.  
Yale University -- Students