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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

1873-1929

### Language

English .

### Abstract

This collection includes the written minutes and various papers of the Lee Literary Society from 1873 to 1926, and the minutes of the united Lee and Maury Literary Society during the 1928-29 session. The Lee Literary Society was formed from the split of the Virginia Literary Society in 1873 along with its counterpart the Maury Literary Society. LLS helped create the first student publication, the *Gray Jacket*, in 1875. The LLS folded in 1928.

### Creator

Lee Literary Society (1873-1928)

### Extent

1 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

### Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

# Administrative Information

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## Source of Acquisition

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## Processing Information

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# Administrative History

The Virginia Literary Society was formed in 1872 as the first student organization at the College. This Society split into the Sophsonian and Philomathian Societies in 1873. In February of that year, the Sophsonian Society changed its name to the Lee Literary Society and the Philomathian became the Maury Literary Society in May. Together these two organizations established the *Gray Jacket*, the first student publication, in 1875. In 1928, the two societies merged, but then folded one year later.

# Scope and Content

This collection includes three volumes of handwritten minutes (1881-1892, 1892-1903, 1921-1926), commencement exercise programs of the Lee Literary Society (1880, 1885, 1886, 1893), other programs and announcements, membership application forms, constitutions and bylaws (1907, 1922), and handwritten notes. The minutes of the united Lee and Maury Literary of 1928-1929 is included as well as a commencement exercise program of the Sophsonian Society, 1873.

# Related Materials

Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives also maintains the Records of the Maury Literary Society. RG 31/14/12, and volumes of the *Gray Jacket* in the Rare Book Collection.

# Keywords

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# Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

# Description of Subordinate Components

## **Commencement Invitations and Printed Materials**

**Unit Date** 1880-1906, undated

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

## **Minutes Record Book**

**Unit Date** 1892-10-15-1903-01-17

**item** 2 (box)

## **Papers Found in 1892-1903 Record Book**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

## **Papers Found in 1921-1926 Record Book**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

## **1928-1929 Session Record Book**

**item** 1 (box)