Phi Sigma, 1878-2012

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Collection Overview

Title: Phi Sigma, 1878-2012
ID: 1000/11/RG1000.11
Creator: Phi Sigma (1878 - present)
Extent: 11.0 Cubic Feet

Arrangement: This collection has been arranged into fourteen series:

Series 1: History of Phi Sigma, 1898-2001
Series 2: Founding Documents, 1879-1896, 1986
Series 3: Anniversaries, 1888-1978
Series 4: Membership and Minutes, 1879-2012
Series 5: Programs, 1888-2012
Series 6: Critics’ Reports, 1878-1896
Series 7: Presentation Papers, 1892-2010
Series 8: Writings, 1880s, 2003-2005
Series 9: Camping Club, 1890-1891
Series 10: May Outing/Party, 1923-2006
Series 11: Publicity, 1979-2006
Series 12: Financial, 1885-2000
Series 14: The Voice of Phi Sigma, 1879-2012

The first twelve and the fourteenth series have been arranged by subject, and materials within the Multimedia series (13) have been separated and arranged by format. Within each series, items have been arranged chronologically. In exception, the Resignations, Applications, and Member Obituaries in the Membership and Minutes series have been arranged alphabetically by surname.

Date Acquired: 04/08/2011.

Subject Index: educating; social groups; writing (processes)

Genres/Forms of Material: administrative records; Audiocassettes; color negatives; Correspondence; Creative writing; journals (periodicals); minutes (administrative records); Newspaper Clippings;
Scope and Contents of the Materials

Phi Sigma is dedicated to public speaking and is the second oldest, continuously running organization of its kind in Illinois. This collection honors Columbia College Chicago’s early curricula in oratory arts and it speaks to Columbia’s mission and curricula today. The strength of the Phi Sigma Manuscript Collection consists of writings created by members, such as the Critics’ Reports, Minutes, Presentation Papers, and their periodical “The Voice of Phi Sigma.”

Series 1: History of Phi Sigma dates from 1898 to 2001 and contains documents chronicling the history and evolution of the organization.

Series 2: Founding Documents dates from 1879 to 1896 and consists of administrative records of Phi Sigma’s constitution, bylaws, amendments, proposals, and a record of the early papers written by members. This series includes a 1986 revision to the constitution.

Series 3: Anniversaries dates from 1888 to 1978 and contains commemorations, histories, papers, invitations, programs, and correspondence from the tenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth, fiftieth, and centennial celebrations of Phi Sigma’s founding.

Series 4: Membership and Minutes dates from 1879 to 2012 and includes minutes, attendance records, membership rosters, applications for membership, acceptance letters into the organization, resignations, member obituaries, directories, and notes.

Series 5: Programs dates from 1888 to 2012. The bulk of this series contains the Annual Meetings and Membership programs, which include membership rosters and information about monthly meetings for each year. This series also includes ephemeral programs from various activities and events held by Phi Sigma.

Series 6: Critics’ Reports dates from 1878 to 1896. The Critics’ Reports acted as administrative minutes and critiques of presentations from the previous meeting. Members presented papers on various topics at nearly every meeting.

Series 7: Presentation Papers dates from 1892-2010 and is only a sample of the many papers presented and written by Phi Sigma members at meetings. Some folders of presentations do not include the original paper but do include its supplemental materials.

Series 8: Writings ranges from the 1880s to the 2000s and contains various articles by members that cannot be traced to specific meetings, outings, or presentations.

Series 9: Camping Club dates from 1890-1891 and contains the documents and photographs from the group’s two summer camping trips to Twin Lakes, Wisconsin.

Series 10: May Outing/Party dates from 1923 to 2006 and contains the ephemeral programs, flyers, announcements, and records of annual May Outings or Parties.
Series 11: Publicity dates from 1979 to 2006 and consists of newspaper clippings and articles about Phi Sigma, its members, or authored by its members.

Series 12: Financial dates from 1885 to 2000 with the bulk of its records ranging from 1963 to 2000. This series includes treasurer’s records of invoices, bank statements, correspondence regarding financial matters, and membership dues.

Series 13: Multimedia dates from 1898 to 1996 with some undated materials. Items include videos and audio cassettes of presentations at meetings and unidentified photographs.

Series 14: The Voice of Phi Sigma dates from 1879 to 2012. "The Voice" is a publication that initially was issued by Phi Sigma every two weeks. An editor was picked by the Chairman (later, the President) of the organization four weeks prior to the release of the issue. Topics covered in The Voice spanned many subjects such as History, English Language and Literature, Travel, Current Events, Philosophy, Religion, Inventions, etc. Many issues also include announcements about members and "squibs" sections that include jokes, riddles, word puzzles, and quotations. By 1900, the editions became an annual release.

Historical Note

On April 5, 1878, six young men, Gerald H. Beard, W. (William) Harrington Beard, Robert Jeneson, John W. Mabbs, C. (Charles) Herbert Small, and Henry B. Wilson, formed a literary society in Chicago, Illinois. Their first meeting was held at the Beard Brothers Book Store on 453 West Madison Street (now 1308 W. Madison St., between Ada and Throop Sts.). "In the corner of that store on a bench, two chairs, a stool and a keg (I think there was a keg - empty keg) the old Phi Sigma started!" (W. Harrington Beard). Initially, the group struggled with naming itself and members simply referred to themselves as the “Class.” By March 1879, the name “Phi Sigma” was chosen as the Greek name for “Knowledge Seekers.”

The group formed with the purpose to “devise ways to aid in the study of literature and history and to afford an opportunity for practice in debate.” During its first few months, members devoted themselves to serious study, critique, and presentations. As time went on, the weekly “degenerated into a good deal of boys frolic.” As a result, Mr. Beard proposed a disbandment of the group in January 1879. However, this proposal was “voted down and with a promise to do better in the future.”

In February 1882, William Hulin proposed admitting female members to Phi Sigma. At the March 21, 1882 meeting, six women joined the group: Jennie H. Allen, Frederica Beard, Vivien Cowles, Minnie Hanley, May G. Harsha, and Alice G. Hinchliffe.

Phi Sigma regularly published a compilation of papers call “The Voice of the Phi Sigma,” or “The Voice,” and presented them at meetings. The first volume was issued on June 10, 1879 and every two weeks thereafter. Since the members of Phi Sigma dedicated themselves to "mental improvement," "The Voice" served as an outlet for debate, information, news, and study. An editor was picked by the Chairman (later, the President) of the organization four weeks prior to the release of the issue. Topics covered in “The Voice” spanned many subjects such as History, English Language and Literature, Travel, Current Events, Philosophy, Religion, Inventions, etc. Many issues also include announcements about members and "squibs" sections that include jokes, riddles, word puzzles, and quotations. Over time, the publications recurred less often and by 1900, “The Voice” was issued annually.
Although study was the priority of Phi Sigma, the group became a strong social organization as well. Many early members married one another and they held annual picnics in Lake Forest, Illinois. The Phi Sigma Camping Club was incorporated in 1891 after several members ventured to Twin Lakes, Wisconsin in July 1890 to visit Dr. Walter May Fitch’s cottage. Phi Sigmites have also held many annual banquets for New Year’s celebrations and anniversaries of the group.

Members and guests continue to gather monthly from October to May at the home of one of the members. A talk is featured at each meeting, presented by a group member, focused on a theme selected at the beginning of the season. There is discussion of the topic after each talk. Phi Sigma today continues in accordance with its long traditions first established in that Chicago bookstore. The May meeting traditionally has its members engaged in an outing, a party, or a field trip to wrap up the class or season of that particular year.

**Administrative Information**

Accruals: additional material to arrive annually

Access Restrictions: Material available for research

Use Restrictions: Materials are the property of Columbia College Chicago. Intellectual property rights of work belong to Phi Sigma.

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Related Materials:

- [Gerald H. Beard Papers](http://www.colum.edu/archives/collections/manuscripts/gerald-h-beard-papers), Divinity School Library, Yale University Library
- [Harrington Beard House](http://www.colum.edu/archives/collections/manuscripts/harrington-beard-house), Landmark Building, Heritage Preservation Commission, Minneapolis, MN
- [Chicago Literary Club Records](http://www.colum.edu/archives/collections/manuscripts/chicago-literary-club-records), 1874-1960, Midwest Manuscript Collection, The Newberry Library

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College Archives Manuscript Webpage:

Series 1: History of Phi Sigma, 1898-2001
contains documents chronicling the history and evolution of the organization.

Box 1

Folder 1: 1898
Folder 2: Amelia A. Fitch, “Chronicles”, 1903
Folder 3: May Fitch, “The Early Times of Phi Sigma”, 1928 transcript
Folder 4: Notecards, undated
Folder 5: Letters to Oak Leaves Editor, October 1991
Folder 6: “Voices of the Past”, March 1997
Folder 7: Timeline, circa 2001
Folder 8: Peter Lykos’ 10 Year Prediction for Time Capsule, May 2001
Folder 9: Phi Sigma Crest, undated
Folder 10: Historical Archives Committee papers, 1998-2005
Folder 11: Research Notes, undated

Series 2: Founding Documents, 1879-1896, 1986
consists of administrative records of Phi Sigma’s constitution, bylaws, amendments, proposals, and a record of the early papers written by members. This series includes a 1986 revision to the constitution.

Box 1

Folder 12: Articles and Constitution/Membership, 1879
Folder 13: Proposal to Amend Constitution, September 1, 1881
Folder 14: Articles and Constitution/Membership, 1885-1896
Folder 15: Constitution, undated
Folder 16: Constitution (torn), undated
Folder 17: Amendment to Constitution, January 1889
Folder 18: Articles and Constitution, undated
Folder 19: Record of Papers, 1879-1886
Folder 20: Constitution Revision, 1986

Series 3: Anniversaries, 1888-1978
contains commemorations, histories, papers, invitations, programs, and correspondence from the tenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth, fiftieth, and centennial celebrations of Phi Sigma’s founding.

Box 1

Folder 22: Correspondence, 1888
Folder 23: Arthur L. Fanning, History of the Formation of Class (excerpt), 1898
Folder 24: Banquet RSVPs, 1898
Folder 25: Message to be read at 20th Anniversary
Folder 26: Banquet Invitation, 1903
Folder 27: Banquet RSVPs, 1903
Folder 28: Banquet Attendees, 1903
Folder 29: Banquet Program, 1903
Folder 30: Correspondence, 1903
Folder 31: Banquet Invitation, 1928
Folder 32: Banquet RSVPs, 1928
Folder 33: Banquet Program, April 19, 1928
Folder 34: Correspondence, 1928
Folder 35: Banquet Program, April 10, 1953
Folder 36: Banquet Invitation, 1978
Folder 37: Banquet RSVPs, 1978
Folder 38: Banquet Program Notes, 1978
Folder 39: Banquet Photographs, 1978
Folder 40: Banquet Decorations, 1978
Folder 41: Centennial Program, 1977-1978
Folder 42: Ode to Phi Sigma, 1978
Folder 43: Year 2001 Predictions, original, 1978
Folder 44: Year 2001 Predictions, transcripts, 1978

Series 4: Membership and Minutes, 1879-2012
includes minutes, attendance records, membership rosters, applications for membership, acceptance letters into the organization, resignations, member obituaries, directories, and notes.

Box 1

Folder 45: 1887-1894
Folder 46: 1894-1906
Folder 47: 1906-1912
Folder 48: 1912-1923
Folder 49: 1923-1932
Folder 50: 1944-1948
Folder 51: 1949-1960
Folder 52: 1960-1971
Folder 53: 1975-1982
Folder 54: 1981-1990
Folder 55: 1990-1994
Folder 56: Minutes and Attendance, 1994-1995
Folder 57: Minutes, 1995-1996
Folder 58: Agenda, 1996-2003
Folder 59: Agenda, November 2001
Folder 60: Minutes, April 2002
Folder 61: Minutes, April - October 2004
Folder 62: Minutes, April 2005
Folder 63: Minutes, November 2010
Folder 1: Executive Committee papers, circa 1980s
Folder 2: Correspondence, 1886-1924, 1985
Folder 3: Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1993-2004
Folder 4: Letters of Gratitude, 1886-2002
Folder 5: Petition to Elect Mr. Bassett as Member, 1886
Folder 6: Nominations, 1886-1896
Folder 7: Acceptance, 1886-1924
Folder 8: Resignations, 1886-1898
Folder 9: Addresses, circa 1920s
Folder 10: Membership Proposal Ballots, 1963
Folder 11: Phone Tree, circa 1988
Folder 12: Leadership Roster, 1971-2004
Folder 13: Applications, 1967-2004 and undated
   Arranged alphabetically by surname
Folder 14: Attendance, 1887-1888
Folder 15: Member Marriages, 1890-1900
Folder 16: Epitaphic Tribute to Harriet Whittlesey Wagner, 1891
Folder 17: Resolutions Honoring Deceased Members, 1964-1972
Folder 18: Memorial Tree Dedication Photographs, 1992
Folder 19: Memorial Tree for Deceased Members, 1993-1994
Folder 20: Member Obituaries, 1990-2012
Folder 21: Directory, 1925-1927
Folder 22: Photo Directory, 1999
Folder 23: Directories, undated (circa 1890s)
Folder 24: Notes, 1887 and undated

Series 5: Programs, 1888-2012
contains the Annual Meetings and Membership programs, which include membership
rosters and information about monthly meetings for each year. This series also
includes ephemeral programs from various activities and events held by Phi Sigma.

Folder 26: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1888-1898
Folder 27: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1898-1903
Folder 28: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1903-1922
Folder 29: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1922-1929
Folder 30: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1929-1941
Folder 31: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1941-1952
Folder 32: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1952-1964
Folder 33: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1964-1974
Folder 34: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1974-1983
Folder 35: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1983-1990
Folder 36: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1990-1995
Folder 37: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1995-2002
Folder 38: Annual Meetings and Membership, 2002-2012
Folder 39: Meeting Order of Exercise, circa 1880s
Folder 40: Fall Meeting Program, undated
Folder 41: Annual Meetings and Resignation of Austin B. Bassett, 1887-1888
Folder 42: Annual Meetings, 1888-1889
Folder 43: Annual Meetings Revised, 1898-1899
Folder 44: “Our Mutual Friend” play performed by Phi Sigma, undated
Folder 45: Rhymes about Ice Cream Given at Annual Banquet, December 13, 1887
Folder 46: President’s Introduction and Toast at Banquet, January 1891
Folder 47: Reception given to The Century Club by the Phi Sigma, May 15, 1891
Folder 48: Banquet Toast, January 1898
Folder 49: Literary Entertainment, June 10, 1879
Folder 50: Annual Outing, June 9, 1888
Folder 51: Railroad and Coast Survey Program and Reports, original, July 4, 1889
Folder 52: Railroad and Coast Survey Program and Reports, transcript, July 4, 1889
Folder 53: Meeting Programme, June 16, 1891
Folder 54: Synthestra Music Concert Series, November 1994
Folder 55: Holiday Potluck Dinner, December 6, 1996
Folder 56: Slide/Lecture by Lee Brooke and Marcy Kubat, circa 2001
Folder 57: Anna and Lyman Shepard 50th Wedding Anniversary, May 24, 2003
Folder 58: Meeting Announcements, 2003-2007
Folder 59: Exhibit Display Cards, undated

Series 6: Critics' Reports, 1878-1896

The Critics’ Reports acted as administrative minutes and critiques of presentations from the previous meeting. Members presented papers on various topics at nearly every meeting.

Box 3

Folder 1: Henry B. Wilson, original, April 12, 1878
Folder 2: Henry B. Wilson, transcript, April 12, 1878
Folder 3: Gerald H. Beard, original, April 30, 1878
Folder 4: Gerald H. Beard, transcript, April 30, 1878
Folder 5: Charles H. Small, May 14, 1878
Folder 6: Henry B. Wilson, May 28, 2878
Folder 7: Charles H. Small, June 4, 1878
Folder 8: Gerald H. Beard, June 11, 1878
Folder 9: Charles H. Small, original, June 10, 1879
Folder 10: Charles H. Small, transcript, June 10, 1879
Folder 11: William Hulin, November 20, 1879
Folder 12: Henry B. Wilson, December 2, 1879
Folder 13: Gerald H. Beard, December 9, 1879
Folder 14: Frank E. Whitman, January 6, 1880
Folder 15: William H. Beard, January 13, 1880
Folder 16: Gerald H. Beard, January 20, 1880
Folder 17: Henry B. Wilson, February 3, 1880
Folder 18: Gerald H. Beard, February 10, 1880
Folder 19: Gerald H. Beard, October 4, 1881
Folder 20: Frank H. Potts, October 29, 1881
Folder 21: William H. Beard, November 1, 1881
Folder 22: Henry B. Wilson, December 27, 1881
Folder 23: Edmund M. Ballentine, January 24, 1882
Folder 24: Frank McCluney, February 7, 1882
Folder 25: William H. Beard, February 21, 1882
Folder 26: Gerald H. Beard, March 7, 1882
Folder 27: Edward L. Merrill, March 21, 1882
Folder 28: Frederica Beard, April 4, 1882
Folder 29: Jennie H. Allen, April 11, 1882
Folder 30: Grace H. Hyde, January 16, 1883
Folder 31: Frederica Beard, April 2, 1883
Folder 32: Frank E. Whitman, April 27, 1886
Folder 33: Charles P. Abbey, May 25, 1886
Folder 34: Mary P. Noble, June 22, 1886
Folder 35: Alice G. Hinchliffe, July 27, 1886
Folder 36: Mabel Rice, August 24, 1886
Folder 37: Alice G. Hinchliffe, September 28, 1886
Folder 38: Jennie C. Farr, November 30, 1886
Folder 39: Mary I. Lyman, December 21, 1886
Folder 40: Alice G. Hinchliffe, January 25, 1887
Folder 41: William W. Lloyd, February 2, 1887
Folder 42: Henry B. Wilson, December 12, 1887
Folder 43: Anna C. Marchant, December 20, 1887
Folder 44: Henry B. Wilson, May 22, 1888
Folder 45: Lillian F. Morgan, June 26, 1888
Folder 46: Gertrude M. Willcox, February 1, 1889
Folder 47: William W. Lloyd, March 19, 1889
Folder 48: Alfred L. Fitch, April 16, 1889
Folder 49: Mary P. Noble, June 1, 1889
Folder 50: Festus C. Cole, July 16, 1889
Folder 51: Walter M. Fitch, August 1, 1889
Folder 52: Harriet W. Wagner, September 17, 1889
Folder 53: Edmund M. Ballentine, October 15, 1889
Folder 54: Mary I. Lyman, November 19, 1889
Folder 55: Jessie C. Fitch, December 17, 1889
Folder 56: Mabel Rice, January 1, 1891
Folder 57: Amelia M. Fitch, April 18, 1893
Folder 58: Walter M. Fitch, October 18, 1896
Folder 59: George E. Newcomb, November 17, 1896

**Series 7: Presentation Papers, 1892-2010**

Sampling of the many papers presented and written by Phi Sigma members at meetings. Some folders of presentations do not include the original paper but do include its supplemental materials.

Box 3

Folder 60: undated
Folder 61: Arthur L. Fanning, February 28, 1888
   “History of the Leap Year Sleigh Ride held January 31, 1888”
Folder 62: Jessie C. Fitch, January 22, 1889
   “History of the Annual Social”
Folder 63: Mary I. Lyman, January 21, 1890
   “Report of the Annual Banquet”
Folder 64: Arthur L. Fanning, May 1892
   “Leo Tolstoi and His Work”
Folder 65: Jennie F. Fanning, September 1, 1892
   “The American Character”
Folder 66: Marion A. Ely, December 1892
   “The Bee”
Folder 67: Jennie F. Fanning, September 1893
   “Realism in French Art”
Folder 68: December 18, 1894
   “Florence”
Folder 69: Arthur L. Fanning, March 19, 1895
   “Modern Civilization: Crusades, Monarchy and Centralization”
Folder 70: Lillian Morgan, May 21, 1895
   “The City: Its Growth and Effect on Modern Civilization”
Folder 71: William W. Lloyd, November 17, 1896
   “Geological Features of the Drainage Canal”
Folder 72: Clarence A. Willard, October 10, 1947
   “On to Westward”
Folder 73: Tony Frystak, November 12, 1954
   “Appropriation Powers”
Folder 74: Tony Frystak, October 12, 1962
   “The European Common Market”
Folder 75: Robert Schauss, November 8, 1968
   “The Changing Scene in Latin America: Our Responsibility and Our Challenge”
Folder 76: Rita and Robert Johnson, January 13, 1978
   “Music”
Folder 77: Barbara Ryan, October 13, 1978
   “Local Authors”
Folder 78: Betty Peaslee, January 12, 1979
   “Edgar Rice Burroughs”
Folder 79: Tom Ferguson, March 9, 1979
   “Black Chicago Writers”
Folder 80: Paul Oppenheim, February 13, 1981
   “Transportation in the Future”
Folder 81: Tom Robinson, January 8, 1982
   “William Faulkner (Creative Individual)”
Folder 82: Lee Brooke, February 11, 1983
   “Megatrends: A Book Review”
Folder 83: Lyman and Anna Shepard, October 14, 1983
   “Misia”
Folder 84: Barbara Ryan, April 13, 1984
   “Oratory”
Folder 85: Lee Brooke, May 11, 1984
   “My Golden Years for Dream Careers”
Folder 86: Don Peaslee, October 9, 1987
   “Some American Originals”
Folder 87: Anna Shepard, January 8, 1988
   “Isadora Duncan: American Original”
Folder 88: Paul Oppenheim, February 12, 1988
   “Harry S. Truman: An American Original”
Folder 89: Peter Saecker, August 1988
   “A Brief History of Time in the Hospital”
Folder 114: Pat Staszak, February 12, 1999
   “Mysteries of the Sacred Center” supplemental material
Folder 115: Bill Browne, March 12, 1999
   “California or Bust”
Folder 116: Peter Saecker, October 8, 1999
   “The Millennium: Fact or Artifact?”
Folder 117: Henry Kranz, January 14, 2000
   “The last Millennium: A Look Back”
Folder 118: Lee Brooke, February 10, 2000
   “Books about Oak Park/River Forest: a slide presentation”
           supplemental materials
Folder 119: Stan Davis, January 12, 2001
   “Ecumenism in Chicago” Supplemental Materials
Folder 120: Peter Lykos, February 9, 2001
   “Fifty Years of Higher Education: A View From Within”
Folder 121: Peter and Beverly Conroy, October 12, 2001
   “Changes in Education” supplemental material
Folder 122: Lyman Shepard, November 9, 2001
   “Wright and the Oriental Influence” supplemental materials
Folder 123: Bill Furlong, February 8, 2002
   “History of the Oak Park Conservatory”
Folder 124: Marcy Kubat, October 11, 2002
   “The Presumptuous Life Choice of James Boswell”
Folder 125: Heinz Kuehn, January 10, 2003
   “Hyphenated American”
Folder 126: Bonnie Burns, October 10, 2003
   “199 Years Ago Today”
Folder 127: Lee Brooke, circa 2003
   “A Brief History of Rock n’ Roll”
Folder 128: Barbara Furlong, March 12, 2004
   “Inside Progressive Government -- Outside Partisan Politics”
Folder 129: Don Peaslee, October 8, 2004
   “Gypsies”
Folder 130: Lyman Shepard, January 14, 2005
   “Cross Currents: Dynamics of Frank Lloyd Wright’s Design” at
   Unity Temple (Oak Park, Illinois), supplemental materials

Box 4

Folder 1: Beth Robinson, November 11, 2005
   “The Education Crisis in Illinois” supplemental material
Folder 2: Sunny Hall and Diane Stephenson, February 10, 2006
   “Manga and Anime”
Folder 3: Peter Conroy, March 10, 2006
   “The Name of the Game”
Folder 4: Peter Conroy, November 12, 2010
   “French B(ay) D(ay)”
Series 8: Writings, 1880s, 2003-2005
contains various articles by members that cannot be traced to specific meetings, outings, or presentations

Box 4

  Folder 5: Rhyme Verses, circa 1880s
  Folder 6: Rhyme Verses, circa 2000s
  Folder 7: G. A. Prevcil “Freedom”, undated
  Folder 8: Claudette Zobel “Quilts”, undated
  Folder 9: Beth Robinson’s published articles, 2003-2005
  Folder 10: Peter Lykos’ notes “IPRO Program”, 2005

Series 9: Camping Club, 1890-1891
contains the documents and photographs from the group’s two summer camping trips to Twin Lakes, Wisconsin

Box 4

  Folder 11: “A History of Phi Sigma Class at Twin Lakes from July 1st to July 15th, 1890 by Mary Lyman, July 22, 1890
  Folder 12: Articles of Association, 1891
  Folder 13: Invitation, undated

Box 5 [oversize]

  Folder 1: Photograph, 1891
    View of Twin Lakes, Wisconsin
  Folder 2: Photograph, 1891
    Commissary Department of Twin Lakes Wisconsin
  Folder 3: Photograph, 1891
    Campers at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin
  Folder 4: Photograph, 1891
    Southern View from hill
  Folder 5: Photograph, 1891
    South Slope of hill

Series 10: May Outing/Party, 1923-2006
contains the ephemeral programs, flyers, announcements, and records of annual May Outings or Parties

Box 4

  Folder 15: Program, 1923
  Folder 16: Program, 1939
  Folder 17: Flyer, undated
  Folder 18: Flyer, 1986
  Folder 19: Finances, 1991
  Folder 20: Photographs, 1993
  Folder 21: Flyer and Menu, 1994
  Folder 22: Invitation, 1995
Folder 23: Photographs and Agenda, 1996
Folder 24: Memorandum, 1997
Folder 25: Ballot and Agenda, 2002
Folder 26: May Party Newsletter, 2003
Folder 27: Graceland Cemetery, 2005
Folder 28: Flyer, 2006

Series 11: Publicity, 1979-2006
consists of newspaper clippings and articles about Phi Sigma, its members, or authored by its members

Box 4

Folder 29: Articles, 1986-2005
Folder 30: Articles featuring Phi Sigma members, 1924, 1979-2006
Folder 31: Articles authored by Phi Sigma members, 2001-2003
Folder 32: Book Sponsorship for Lee Brooke and Marcy Kubat, circa 2005

includes treasurer’s records of invoices, bank statements, correspondence regarding financial matters, and membership dues

Box 4

Folder 33: Invoices, 1885-1898
Folder 34: Invoices, 1967-1999
Folder 35: Bank Statements, 1968-1975
Folder 36: Bank Statements, 1975-1979
Folder 37: Bank Statements, 1979-1985
Folder 38: Bank Statements, 1987-1994
Folder 39: Bank Statements, 1997-2000
Folder 40: Deposit Tickets, 1967-1997
Folder 41: Expenditures, 1963-2000
Folder 42: Record of Checks, 1969-1983
Folder 43: Record of Checks, 1983-1997
Folder 44: Receipt Book, 1968
Folder 45: Treasurer’s Account Book, 1961-1963
Folder 46: Treasurer’s Record, 1972-1990
Folder 47: Release/Renewal of Stop Payment, 1989
Folder 48: Correspondence, 1976-1997
Folder 49: Tax Files, 1984, 1999
Folder 50: Membership Dues, 1967-1999
Folder 51: Budget reports, 1994-2000
**Series 13: Multimedia, 1989-1996 and undated**

includes videos and audio cassettes of presentations at meetings and unidentified photographs; this series also contains a photo album with portraits of early members of Phi Sigma

Box 4

Folder 52: Unidentified Photographs, undated  
Folder 53: Video tapes, 1994, 1996  
Anna Shepard “About Georgia O’Keefe” and William A. Cassin, “Leather Helmet, Goggles, and a Flowing White Silk Scarf”  
Folder 54: Audio cassettes, 1989-1994  

Box 5 [oversize]

Item 1: Photo Album, circa 1891-1893 and undated  
Contains portraits and group portraits of early Phi Sigma members; not all photographs have been identified

**Series 14: The Voice of Phi Sigma, 1879-2012**

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Box 6

Folder 1: Volume II, No. 3, transcript, November 25, 1879  
Folder 2: Volume II, No. 3, original, November 25, 1879  
Folder 3: Volume II, No. 4, transcript, December 9, 1879  
Folder 4: Volume II, No. 4, original, December 9, 1879  
Folder 5: Volume II, No. 5, transcript, January 13, 1880  
Folder 6: Volume II, No. 5, original, January 13, 1880  
Folder 7: Volume II, No. 6, transcript, February 24, 1880  
Folder 8: Volume II, No. 6, original, February 24, 1880  
Folder 9: Volume II, No. 7, transcript, March 9, 1880  
Folder 10: Volume II, No. 7, original, March 9, 1880  
Folder 11: Volume II, No. 8, transcript, March 23, 1880  
Folder 12: Volume II, No. 8, original, March 23, 1880  
Folder 13: Volume II, No. 9, transcript, April 13, 1880  
Folder 14: Volume II, No. 9, original, April 13, 1880  
Folder 15: Volume II, No. 10, transcript, 1880  
Folder 16: Volume II, No. 10, original, 1880  
Folder 17: Volume II, No. 11, transcript, May 18, 1880  
Folder 18: Volume II, No. 11, original, May 18, 1880
Box 7

Folder 1: Volume III, No. 1, transcript, October 26, 1880
Folder 2: Volume III, No. 1, original, October 26, 1880
Folder 3: Volume III, No. 2, transcript, November 9, 1880
Folder 4: Volume III, No. 2, original, November 9, 1880
Folder 5: Volume III, No. 3, transcript, November 23, 1880
Folder 6: Volume III, No. 3, original, November 23, 1880
Folder 7: Volume III, No. 4, December 7, 1880
Folder 8: Volume III, No. 5, January 1881
Folder 9: Volume III, No. 6, 1881
Folder 10: Volume III, No. 7, transcript, February 15, 1881
Folder 11: Volume III, No. 7, original, February 15, 1881
Folder 12: Volume III, No. 8, March 1, 1881
Folder 13: Volume III, No. 9, March 15, 1881

Box 8

Folder 1: Volume III, No. 10, transcript, March 27, 1881
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