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Acadia Ladies' Seminary collection

Accession 1900.006-ALS



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Acadia Ladies' Seminary collection . – [textual records, graphic image]. – 1867-1945. – 1 m of textual records. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 20 x 13 cm

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1. Records of the Acadia Ladies' Seminary. – 1874-1945. – 90cm of textual records

Series contains records created and/or received by various officers of the Acadia Ladies' Seminary. Also contains programs for Class Day and music recitals.

Note:

Supplied title based on contents of series

File list included

File List

- 1/1 List of Students of the Grand Pre Seminary, 1867 – 1868. [1---]. – 1 leaf of textual records**
File contains one sheet of paper with two holograph lists of students who attended the Grand Pre Seminary in 1867 and 1868 respectively. After the 1868 list is written a poem after which is stated: "Copied by Olive J. Emerson, Principal. Rochester Vt." Miss Emerson was Principal of the Seminary at one time.
Note: Supplied title based on content of item
- 1/2 Prospectus for the Erection of a Female Seminary at Wolfville. – [1874]. – 1 leaf of textual records**
File contains a printed prospectus that was included as an 'extra' in the *Christian Messenger*. Investments were solicited in a Joint Stock Company that would allow Acadia College to construct a building for a Female Seminary. It appears that an unidentified student used the back of the sheet to write notes for a Classics course.
Note: Title transcribed from item
- 1/3 Building Specifications. – [1879] and [1890]. – 1 cm of textual records**
Subseries contains specifications that would have originally accompanied architectural drawings and which relate to the erection of the Seminary buildings.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of subseries
Note: The associated architectural drawings are held at Nova Scotia Records and Archives Management, Halifax, NS
- 1/3/1 Building Specifications. – [1879]. – 34 leaves**
File contains handwritten specifications for contractors/ subcontractors building the Seminary building. Although not dated, they appear to relate to the erection of the original building in 1879. The architect was Andrew Dewar, Halifax, NS.
Note: Fragile. Photocopy must be used
- 1/3/2 Building Specifications. – [1890]. – 8 leaves**
File contains handwritten specifications for contractors/ subcontractors. Although not dated, they appear to relate to the erection of the addition in 1890. The architect was Andrew Dewar, Halifax, NS.
Note: Fragile. Photocopy must be used
- 1/4 Registers of Students and their Marks. – 1879 – 1926. – 5 v of textual records**
Volumes list all Seminary students and the marks they attained in their various courses. These appear to be the official registers, while the lists at file 1/5 may be the working copies.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of subseries
- 1/4/1 Register. – 1879 – 1896. – 1 v of textual records**
Volume includes a list of *Young Ladies Baptized from the Seminary*, 1880-96.

- 1/4/2 Register – 2 September 1896 – 1903. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/4/3 Register. – 1903 – 1910. – 1 volume of textual records**
- 1/4/4 Register. – May 1910 – December 1922. – 1 v of textual records**
Note: This volume is oversize
- 1/4/5 Register. – May 1923 – May 1926. – 1 v of textual records**
Note: This volume is oversize
- 1/5 Lists of Students and their Marks. – 1880 – 1893. – 1 cm of textual records**
Subseries contains various lists that enumerate student course marks. The lists appear to be working copies, while the Registers at file 1/4 are the official record.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
Note: There are no lists for 1888
- 1/6 Graduation and Closing Exercises programs. – 1884 – 1926. – 3.5 cm of textual records**
File contains programs from the Class Day Exercises held in May or June of each year. The events included entertainment by the students as well as the granting of diplomas.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1/7 Correspondence – Principal Mary. E. Graves. – 1892 – 1893. – 21 p of textual records**
File contains letters sent to Miss Graves, Principal of the Seminary, from the heads of various high schools, certifying that individual students had passed certain courses and including their marks.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1/8 Library of the Acadia Ladies Seminary. – [1892] – 1920. – 2 cm of textual records**
Subseries contains records of the library of the Seminary, including accession books and a printed catalogue of holdings.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of subseries
- 1/8/1 Accession Lists 1 to 1000. - [after 1887] – 1902. – 1 volume**
Volume is an accession register that lists all books accessioned by the Ladies' Seminary Library between ca 1887 and 1902.
Note: Title transcribed from item
Note: This item is oversize
- 1/8/2 Accession Lists 1000 to 2000. - 1902 – [1920]. – 1 volume**
Volume is an accession register that lists all books accessioned by the Ladies' Seminary Library between 1902 and 1920.
Note: Title transcribed from item
Note: This item is oversize
- 1/8/3 Catalogue of the Library in Acadia Seminary. – 1892. – 1 volume**
Item is a catalogue that lists all the books held by the Seminary library as of 1 January 1892

Note: Title transcribed from item

- 1/9 Music Recitals. – 1894 – 1923. – 2.5 cm of textual records**
File contains programs for music recitals organized by the students, including programs for the annual May Music Festival that began in 1904 and was organized by the Acadia Choral Club under the auspices of the Ladies' Seminary.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1/10 Class Memorabilia. – 1900 and 1925. – .05 cm of textual records**
File contains a program from a Junior rhetorical presentation, 1900, and an invitation to a reception, 1925.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1/11 Acadia Seminary Souvenir Calendar 1905 and Acadia Seminary Calendar 1908. – 1905 and 1908. – .05 cm of textual records**
File contains a 1905 calendar and a 1908 calendar. Each have a different photograph of the Seminary on each month.
Note: Title transcribed from item
- 1/12 Acadia Seminary Souvenir. [1905]. – .05 cm of textual records**
File contains a souvenir booklet of photographs of the Seminary. The photographs are identical to those used in the *Souvenir Calendar of 1905* (see file 1/11)
Note: Title transcribed from item
- 1/13 Advertising Brochure. – [1905?]. – 2 volumes of textual records**
File contains two copies of a brochure published ca 1905 in which the virtues of the Seminary were extolled. It contains a number of photographs of both the interior and the exterior of the building and they are similar to the photographs used in the 1905 Souvenir Calendar (see file 1/11)
Note: Supplied title based on content of item
- 1/14 Photograph of Seminary classroom. – [1923?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 20 x 13 cm**
Item is a photograph of the inside of a classroom, showing on the back wall *Original Illustrations by the Juniors 1923, Acadia Ladies Seminary* that illustrate the Tennyson poem *Gareth and Lynette*.
Note: Supplied title based on content of image
- 1/15 Graduates of Grand Pre Seminary 1862-73, Horton Academy (Female Department) 1875-79, Acadia Ladies' Seminary 1880-1926. – 1945. – 3 v of textual records**
File contains three copies of a publication, compiled by F. W. Patterson, that lists, by year, the graduates of the Seminary. One copy has many annotations in ink, indicating deaths that had occurred since the list was compiled.
Note: Title transcribed from volume
Note: Reproduced from a typewritten copy; printed cover
- 1/16 Acadia Ladies' Seminary Clubs. – 1880 – 1928. – 77 cm of textual records**
Subseries contains records and publications of four clubs that were organized within the Seminary, the Pierian Society, the Alumnae Society, the Philomath Society and the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA).

1/16/1 Pierian Society. – 1880 – 1926. – 57 cm of textual records

Subseries contains the records and publications of the Pierian Society. This society was formed to encourage the development and cultivation of the literary and musical tastes of the Seminary students. Its meetings were held every two weeks and all resident students were required to attend. The attendance of day students was voluntary. Programs were prepared with the advice of the teachers. The performances allowed the students to acquire an ease of manner and confidence in singing or reciting in the presence of each other and their teachers. The society 'published' a newspaper that was read at the meetings. There was only one handwritten copy of each issue and each was edited by a different student. It included poetry and prose by the Seminary students, jokes, gossip, and descriptions of events held on campus. The cover of the paper was illustrated by one of the students, initially in pen and ink but, as time went on, rendered in lively colours. The name of the publication was the *Thistle* until about late 1904 when it was changed to the *Pierian*. In 1906 it was decided to discontinue the handwritten paper but to contribute instead four pages to the *Athenaeum*, the university newspaper. This lasted until the March 1911 edition of the *Athenaeum*. On some occasions, the Junior class produced its own *Pierian*.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

Note: The run of publications is incomplete

1/16/1/1 Pierian Society Membership, Constitution and Bylaws. – [1890] – [1892]. – 1 v of textual records

File contains a book in which the constitution and by laws of the Society were recorded, as well as membership lists for 1890 to 1892.

1/16/1/2 Pierian Society minutes. – 1904 – 1907. – 1 v of textual records

File contains a book containing the minutes of the meetings of the Pierian Society, as well as Roll Call lists.

1/16/1/3 Pierian Society minutes. – 1908 – 1912. – 1 v of textual records

File contains a book containing the minutes of the meetings of the Pierian Society, as well as Roll Call lists.

1/16/1/4 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 20 March 1880. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/5 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 1 May 1880. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/6 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 15 May 1880. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/7 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 15 October 1880. – 1 v of textual records

- 1/16/1/8 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 19 November 1880. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/9 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 4 March 1881. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/10 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 19 November 1881. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/11 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 18 February 1881. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/12 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 15 December 1883. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/13 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 1884. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/14 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – [December 1884]. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/15 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 1885. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/16 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 7 November 1885. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/17 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 20 February 1886. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/18 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – March 1886. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/19 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 1 May 1886. -1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/20 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 16 October 1886. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/21 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 27 November 1886. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/22 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 5 March 1887. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/23 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – April 1887. – 1 v of textual records

- 1/16/1/24 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – October 1889. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/25 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 14 December 1889. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/26 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 15 February 1890. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/27 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 19 April 1890. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/28 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 31 May 1890. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/29 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 15 November 1890. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/30 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 16 April 1891. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/31 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 16 May 1891. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/32 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 17 October 1891. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/33 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 5 December 1891. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/34 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 5 February 1892. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/35 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 5 March 1892. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/36 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 12 April 1892. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/37 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 15 October 1892. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/38 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 3 December 1892. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/39 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 4 March 1893. – 1 v of textual records**

- 1/16/1/40 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 6 May 1893. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/41 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – October 1893. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/42 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 18 February 1894. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/43 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 3 March 1894. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/44 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – April 1894. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/45 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – October 1894. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/46 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – November 1894. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/47 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – December 1894. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/48 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 1895. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/49 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – March [1895] . – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/50 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – April 1895. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/51 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – May 1895. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/52 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – June 1895. – 1 v of textual records
Note: This issue is printed
- 1/16/1/53 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – October 1895. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/54 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 16 November 1895. – 1 v of textual records
- 1/16/1/55 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – December 1895. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/56 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – March 1896. – 1 v of textual records

Note:This publication is oversize

1/16/1/57 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – October 1896. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/58 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – March 1897. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/59 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – June 1897. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This issue is printed

1/16/1/60 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – October 1897. – 1 v of textual records

Note:This issue has no cover

1/16/1/61 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – November 1897. – 1 v of textual records

Note:This issue has no back cover

1/16/1/62 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – March 1898. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/63 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – April 1898. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/64 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – May 1898. – 1 v of textual records

Note:This issue has no cover

1/16/1/65 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – November/December 1898. – 1 v of textual records

Note:This publication is oversize

1/16/1/66 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – [1899?] . – 1 v of textual records

Note:This issue has no cover

1/16/1/67 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – March 1899. – 1 v of textual records

Note:This publication is oversize

1/16/1/68 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – February 1900. – 1 v of textual records

Note:This issue has no cover

1/16/1/69 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – March 1900. – 1 v of textual records

Note:This publication is oversize

1/16/1/70 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – October 1900. – 1 v of textual records

Note:This publication is oversize

1/16/1/71 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – November 1900. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/72 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 1 December 1900. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This issue has no cover

1/16/1/73 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – January 1901. – 1 v of textual records

Note: The text is missing. Front cover only

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/74 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – February 1901. – 1 v of textual records

Note:This publication is oversize

1/16/1/75 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – April 1901. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/76 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – September 1901. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This issue has no cover

1/16/1/77 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – October 1901. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/78 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – December 1901. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/79 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – May 1902. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/80 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – November 1902. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/81 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – February 1903. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/82 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – April 1903. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/83 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – May 1903. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/84 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – November 1903. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/85 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – 28 January 1904. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This issue is typewritten

1/16/1/86 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – February 1904. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/87 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – March 1904. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/88 Pierian Society publication, the *Thistle*. – April 1904. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

See 1/16/1/138 and 1/16/1/139 for issues dated May 1904 and May 1905

1/16/1/89 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – October 1915. – . – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/90 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – November 1915. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This issue is typewritten

Note: This issue has no cover

1/16/1/91 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – February 1916. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/92 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – March 1916 – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/93 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – April 1916. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

- 1/16/1/94 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – May 1916. – 1 v of textual records**
Note: This publication is oversize
- 1/16/1/95 Pierian Society publication, the *All Senior Pierian*, June 1916. – 2 v of textual records**
Note: This edition is printed
Note: Two copies are held
- 1/16/1/96 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – February 1917. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/97 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – March 1917. – 1 v of textual records**
Note: This publication is oversize
- 1/16/1/98 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – May 1917. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/99 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – October 1917. – 1 v of textual records**
Note: This publication is oversize
- 1/16/1/100 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – April 1918. – 1 v of textual records**
Note: This publication is oversize
- 1/16/1/101 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – November 1918. – 1 v of textual records**
Note: This publication is oversize
- 1/16/1/102 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – March 1919. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/103 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – May 1919. – 1 v of textual records**
Note: This issue is typewritten
- 1/16/1/104 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – November 1919. – 1 v of textual records**
Note: This publication is oversize
- 1/16/1/105 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – December 1919. – 1 v of textual records**
Note: This publication is oversize
- 1/16/1/106 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – March 1920. – 1 v of textual records**
- 1/16/1/107 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – May 1920. – 1 v of textual records**

Note: This publication is oversized

1/16/1/108 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – November 1920. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This issue is typewritten

1/16/1/109 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – December 1920. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversized

1/16/1/110 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – Campaign Number 1921. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This issue is printed

1/16/1/111 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian Senior Number*. – January 1921. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This issue is typewritten

1/16/1/112 Pierian Society publication, the *Junior Pierian*. – February 1921. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversized

1/16/1/113 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – September 1921. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This issue is partially typewritten

1/16/1/114 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – November 1921. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/115 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – February 1922. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/116 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – Easter 1922. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversized

1/16/1/117 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – May 1922. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/118 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – January 1923. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/119 Pierian Society publication, the *Junior Pierian*. – February 1923. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/120 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – April 1923. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversized

1/16/1/121 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – November 1923. – 1 v of textual records

Note: The back cover of this issue is missing

1/16/1/122 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – December 1923. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/123 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – February 1924. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/124 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – March 1924. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/125 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – October 1924. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/126 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – November 1924. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/127 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – January 1925. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/128 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – February 1925. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/129 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian, Junior Number*. – March 1925. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/130 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – April 1925. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/131 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – October 1925. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/1/132 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – December 1925. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/133 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – January 1926 . – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/134 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – February 1926 . – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/135 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – [28 March 1926] . – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/136 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – March 1926. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/137 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – May 1926. – 1 v of textual records

1/16/1/138 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – May 1904. – 1 v of textual records

See page 25 for an explanation of the change of name from the *Thistle* to the *Pierian*.

Note: File contains two copies

1/16/1/139 Pierian Society publication, the *Pierian*. – May 1905. – 1 v of textual records

See page 9 for an historical sketch of the Seminary, written by its first pupil, Irene Morton Elder.

Note: File contains two copies

1/16/1/140 Misplaced, unidentified pages from either the *Pierian*, the *Thistle*, or the *Shamrock*. – [1---]. – 6 p.

1/16/2 Alumnae Association. – 1892 – 1928. – 12 cm of textual records

Subseries contains the records of the Alumnae Association, which was organized in 1892. All former students of the Seminary were eligible for membership. In the early years the membership fee was \$1.00 annually. Money raised by the Association was used to purchase equipment, furniture, etc. for the Seminary, and to provide for a scholarship. In 1927, with the dissolution of the Seminary, the Alumnae Association was invited to amalgamate with the Alumni Society of the university. The opinion of all members was solicited by mail ballot and the amalgamation was approved. The balance of the Association's funds was given to the UBWMU Acadia Campaign Fund.

1/16/2/1 [Alumnae Association] – Notebook. – [after 1892] – [19-]. – 1 v of textual records

Notebook lists names and each name has an amount of money recorded against it. Perhaps this is a list of donors to a scholarship fund?

Note: Supplied title based on contents of item

1/16/2/2 Alumnae Association – Treasurer's Records. – 1892 – 1913. – 1 v of textual records

File contains a book in which was recorded the payment of dues for membership in the Society.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of volume

1/16/2/3 Alumnae Association – Secretary's Record Book. – 1892 – 1927. – 1 v of textual records

File contains a book in which was recorded the minutes of the meetings of the Association. Includes news clippings that described the annual meetings and a blank copy of the ballot sent to members to solicit opinions about amalgamating with the university's Alumni Society in 1927.

Note: Title transcribed from volume

- 1/16/2/4 Alumnae Association – Membership Book. – 1912. – 1928. – 1 v of textual records**
File contains a book in which members' names were recorded along with the membership dues they paid over the years.
Note: Title transcribed from volume
- 1/16/2/5 Alumnae Association of Acadia Seminary – Receipts. – 1902 – 1908. – 1 v**
Notebook lists names and each name has an amount of money recorded against it. The latter half of the notebook lists names and addresses of alumnae. The treasurer was L. Eva Andrews.
Note: Title transcribed from item
- 1/16/2/6 [Alumnae Association] – Bank Pass Book. – 1907 – 1923. – 1 v of textual records**
File contains a Bank of Montreal pass book in which deposits and withdrawals were recorded.
Note: Title transcribed from item
- 1/16/2/7 Various records related to the Alumnae Association. – 1907 – 1927. – .05 cm of textual records**
File contains a number of items that relate to the Alumnae Association and its mission, including
- Two undated pamphlets titled "Constitution of the Alumnae Association of Acadia"
 - An undated fundraising brochure that requests memberships and donations from the Ladies' Seminary alumnae
 - One pamphlet titled "Annual Re-union of the Alumnae Association of Acadia Seminary", 3 June 1907, that describes the menu and toasts to be had at the Alumnae banquet
 - Two copies of a pamphlet titled "Acadia Seminary Jubilee Exercises", 28 May 1912. The Jubilee was organized under the auspices of the Alumnae Association.
 - One fundraising pamphlet for the Sarah J. Manning Scholarship, dated January 1926. This brochure urges Seminary alumnae to donate to the Sarah J. Manning Scholarship fund. Established in 1923, the Association was attempting to raise \$1,000. The interest was to provide a continuation scholarship for a student in the School of Household Science and Fine Arts.
 - A handwritten report titled "History of the Alumnae Association" dated 24 May 1927. The author was probably Mrs. C. M. Vaughn, President.
 - A handwritten report titled "Necrologist's Report, 1927" that informs of the deaths of three members of the Alumnae Association
- Note:** Supplied title based on content of file
- 1/16/2/8 Alumnae Association – Cash Book. – 1908 – 1928. – 1 v of textual records**

File contains a book in which was recorded all the cash transactions of the Association.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of item

1/16/2/9 Alumnae Association Scholarship Fund. – 1923 – 1927. – 2 v of textual records

File contains two items related to the Sarah J. Manning Scholarship Fund. The first is a Bank of Montreal pass book in which was recorded deposits and withdrawals from this account. The second is a notebook in which was recorded the names of donors and the amount donated.

Note: Title transcribed from items

1/16/3 Philomath Society. – 1902 – 1903. – 5 cm of textual records

Subseries contains the records and publications of the Philomath Society. This society was in existence for only a short time, from January 1902 to sometime in 1903. It was formed as a society with aims that were identical to the Pierian Society. During the time of its existence, an election was held during the first week of the Fall and Winter terms to determine whether a student would be in the Philomath Society or the Pierian Society. The society 'published' a newspaper titled *The Shamrock* that was read at the meetings. There was only one handwritten copy of each issue and each was edited by a different student. It included poetry and prose by the Seminary students, jokes, gossip, and descriptions of events held on campus. The cover of the paper was beautifully illustrated by the students.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

Note: The run of publications is incomplete

Note: There is an anomaly regarding the name of the paper – the minutes of the meetings of the Society state that the newspaper was called the *Thistle*, but the publications in this fonds are titled the *Shamrock*. By the May 1903 issue, it is called the *Shamrock and Thistle* and is the magazine of the Pierian and Philomath Societies.

1/16/3/1 Philomath Society – Secretary's Records. – 1902 – 1903. – 1 v of textual records

File contains a book in which were recorded the minutes of this literary society, as well as its constitution and bylaws.

1/16/3/2 Philomath Society publication the *Shamrock*. – February 1902. – 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/3/3 Philomath Society publication, the *Shamrock*. – March 1902. - 1 v of textual records

Note: This publication is oversize

1/16/3/4 Philomath Society publication, the *Shamrock*. – May 1902. - 1 v of textual records

Note: This issue lacks a cover and is oversize

- 1/16/3/5 Philomath Society publication, the *Shamrock*. – February 1903. - 1 v of textual records**
Note: This publication is oversize
- 1/16/3/6 Philomath Society publication, the *Shamrock*. – March 1903. - 1 v of textual records**
Note: This publication is oversize
- 1/16/3/7 Philomath Society publication, the *Shamrock and Thistle*. – May 1903. - 1 v of textual records**
Note: This publication is oversize
- 1/16/4 YWCA. – 1913 – 1917. – 2.5 cm of textual records**
Subseries contains records of the YWCA that was organized within the Seminary.
- 1/16/4/1 YWCA – Treasurer's Book. – 1913 – 1916. – 1 volume of textual records**
File contains a cash book in which the treasurer recorded all receipts and expenses. Includes a list of members, amount they owed in membership dues and whether the amount had been paid.
Note: Title transcribed from item
- 1/16/4/2 YWCA – President's Report. – 13 May 1917. – 4 p of textual records**
File contains a handwritten report by President Lella W. Giberson.
Note: Title transcribed from item
- 1/16/4/3 YWCA – Report of the Devotional Committee. – 1917. – 3 p of textual records**
File contains a handwritten report by Chairman Harriet Alward.
Note: Title transcribed from item
- 1/17 *The Holy Bible*. London and New York: Cassell, Petter , and Galpin, nd**
Item is the large, illustrated bible that was used in the Seminary.
Note: Title transcribed from item
Note: There are no identifying annotations. Provenance of bible taken from library accession book
Note: Located in archives' bible collection

2. Records of the Acadia Ladies' Seminary Students. – 1873-1912. – 9cm of textual records

Series contains records donated by former students of the Seminary. Includes autograph books, a valedictory address and a number of histories of the institution written by former students.

Note:

Supplied title based on contents of series

File list included

File List

- 2/1 ***Grand Pre Seminary Historical Reminiscences.* – [1---]. – 1 leaf of textual records**
File contains a holograph account written by Annie Blackaddar (nee Lutes) in which she reminisces about fellow students and teachers, as well as the town of Wolfville, NS. She attended the Grand Pre Seminary, graduating in 1867 and later became a missionary in Trinidad. Also includes undated reminiscences written after she returned to Canada and was living in Lawrencetown, NS
Note: Title transcribed from item
- 2/2 ***Autograph Book.* – 1873 – [1882]. – 1 v of textual records**
File contains the autograph book of Melinda Higgins that contains autographs of students at the Seminary and the Horton Academy.
Note: Title transcribed from item
- 2/3 ***Chronicles of Acadia Seminary from its Birth.* – [188-]. – 1 v of textual records**
File contains an holograph account of the history of the Seminary. The identity of the author has not been determined.
Note: Title transcribed from item
- 2/4 ***Autograph Book.* – 1881 – 1887. – 1 v of textual records**
Item is the autograph book of Annie. F. N. Smith, graduate of the class of 1887 (Mrs. F. H. Beals), of Wolfville, NS.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of volume
- 2/5 ***Autograph Book.* – 1882 – 1884. – 1 v of textual records**
Item is the autograph book of Alice M. Hanson, graduate of the class of 1883, (Mrs. Ralph Eaton) of Canard, NS.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of volume
- 2/6 ***Valedictory.* – 1884. – 7 p of textual records.**
File contains a photocopy of the original holograph speech that was written by Laura Hart (Mrs. Andrew Munroe), valedictorian of the graduating class of 1884 and delivered on 29 May 1884.
Note: Title transcribed from the item
Note: Holograph note in ink at end of text states: "Copied from original by a granddaughter in Victoria, B.C. in September 1974".
- 2/7 ***Autograph Book.* – 1886 – [1887]. – 1 volume of textual records**
Item is the autograph book of Henrie S. Vaughan.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of volume

2/8 ***Acadia Ladies Seminary. – 1893. – 34p of textual records***

File contains a holograph account written by Irene Elder Morton of The Bluffs, Clementsport, on 26 May 1893, in which she gives a brief history of the Seminary.

Note: Title transcribed from the item

Note: Typewritten transcript available

2/9 ***Reminiscences. – 1912. – 15p of textual records***

File contains a holograph account written by Rosina A. Bently, graduate of the class of 1862 (Mrs. R. H. Phillips). This holograph manuscript appears to be the text of a speech she delivered on the occasion of the Seminary's 50th anniversary.

Note: Title transcribed from the item

2/10 ***History of Acadia Seminary. – 1912. – 22 pp.***

File contains a holograph account written by Irene Elder Morton in 1912 in which she gives a brief history of the Seminary.

Note: Supplied titled based on contents of item

Note: Typewritten transcript available

Administrative History¹

In 1858 Rev. John Chase opened a school for young ladies at Wolfville, NS with his daughters, who had studied at Mount Holyoke seminary, MA, as teachers. Two years later the school was taken over by the Education Society with Miss Alice Shaw (who later married Rev. Alfred Chipman) as Principal. Miss Shaw had also studied at Mount Holyoke Seminary and prior to becoming Principal had conducted her own Girls' School in Berwick, NS. From 1862 to ca1870, the school was known as the Grand Pre Seminary, but in 1872 it became the "Female Department" of Horton Academy. In 1865 the Academy including the Seminary, came under the control of Acadia College. After 1872 the Seminary was moved to the Acadia campus, and in 1877 it, with the Academy, passed into the hands of the Board of Governors of the University. In 1879 a building was built specifically to accommodate the Seminary. It was four stories high and provided rooms for 50-60 students, as well as classrooms, a reception room, etc. In 1890 an east wing was added. This extension was 130 feet long, with a stone basement, hot water heat and electricity. Part of it was equipped for a gymnasium. The first floor contained classrooms, a dining room and an assembly hall and at the rear there were lawn tennis courts, as well as courts for basketball and croquet. The attached Music Hall was completed in 1899, containing a Music Room and studios, including a large studio for the Director of Pianoforte. The Annex, near the Seminary, provided accommodation for the Junior School and for those students who could not find rooms in the main building.

In 1926 President Patterson reorganized the Acadia Ladies' Seminary and the Acadia Collegiate and Business Academy. The pre-college classes in these institutions were united to form a co-educational school known as the Horton Academy of Acadia University. Courses in Music, Household Economics and Art, formerly given by the teachers of the Seminary, were transferred to the University; the diploma courses in these subjects remained, but additional courses were added qualifying for the degrees of Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Science in Household Economics. One reason for the reorganization was that the number of students entering the Seminary for pre-college work had decreased, while the number enrolling for courses in Music and Household Economics had increased.

Custodial History

At an undetermined point in time, some records that related to the Acadia Ladies' Seminary held by the Acadia University Archives were drawn together and placed on a shelf in the Archives' storage area. Other Seminary records were catalogued and later re-catalogued into the Acadiana collection in Special Collections. The records on the storage shelf and those catalogued included not only the records of the Seminary itself, but also the donations from some Seminary students.

¹ Information for this administrative history has been taken from: Longley, Ronald Stewart. *Acadia University, 1838 – 1938*. Kentville : Kentville Publishing Company, Limited, 1939, and from various Seminary calendars.

Hoping to be able to reconstruct one or more fonds based on donations/provenance, the Archivist turned to the Library's accession books only to find that the donors/custodial history information of the majority of the records in this collection has been lost. Acquired from various persons at various times, the library catalogued items separately, with no attempt to keep all the material from one donor together. Some of the items have an accession number but it appears that in most cases the accessioning took place long after the material had been donated. It also appears that often the information about the source had been lost and so the accession book records no information about the source and the date acquired.

Scope and Content

Since the material includes records acquired from various sources and includes records of the Seminary and personal records of students, the Archivist felt it would be best to inventory the records as a collection rather than a fonds. There are two series:

1. Records of the Acadia Ladies' Seminary
2. Records of Acadia Ladies' Seminary Students

Notes

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The majority of the records fall between 1874 and 1928

See also accession 1923.001 Chipman Family fonds

See also accession 1989.002 William Parquet fonds

See also accession 1979.001 Associated Alumni fonds

See also various photos in Acadia Photo Collection and accession 2001.017, photograph of Principal Mary E. Graves

See also the published Seminary catalogues, 1880 – 1927 catalogued in the Acadiana Collection, Special Collections, Kirkconnell Room, Vaughan Library, Acadia University.

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Access Points

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Appendix – Principals of the Acadia Ladies' Seminary²

Grand Pre Seminary

Alice Shaw	January 1861 – to June 1862	
Margaret Townsend	August 1862 – June 1865	
Olive J. Emerson	August 1865 – June 1869	(see photo in accession 1986.007)
Minnie Rebecca Eaton	August 1869 - June 1872	

Female Department of the Horton Academy

Minnie Rebecca Eaton	August 1872 – June 1873	
Marie Woodworth	August 1873 – June 1877	(see photo in accession 1986.007)
Mlle. Huguenin, Acting Principal	August 1877 – June 1879	

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² List taken from James Davison Doyle, *Alice of Grand Pre*, Wolfville: Acadia University Printers, 1981

Mary E. Graves ³ , BA, MA	1879 – 1886
Miss Wadsworth	1886/87 – 1888/89
Mary E. Graves, BA, MA	1889 - 1894/95
Adelaide F. True, BA	1895/96 to 1898/99
Rev. J. H. MacDonald, BA	1899/00 to 1900/01
Rev. Henry Todd DeWolfe, BA	1901/02 to 1925/26

³ See entry for Graves (d. 1901), *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, as well as her obituary in the accession file