

# Finding Aid for the Washington University Alumni Association Records

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## **Descriptive Summary**

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Creator: Washington University Alumni Association.

Title: Washington University Alumni Association Records.

Dates: 1862 – 2010.

Quantity: 2.0 linear feet.

Language: English.

## **Historical Note**

The Washington University Alumni Association is responsible for organizing various activities designed to foster a sense of camaraderie amongst graduates.

The inauguration of Washington University occurred on April 23, 1857, and the first class graduated from the University on June 20, 1862. This class was composed of five members. On Monday, June 23, 1862, a meeting of the graduates of the Class of 1862 was held at the residence of Dr. Williams G. Eliot. Dr. Eliot stated that the object of the meeting was to establish an "Association of the Alumni of Washington University." From this time the Association held yearly meetings, at which the annual oration was delivered, officers elected, and other matters of interest and importance to the Alumni discussed and acted upon. In 1870 the Alumni held their first banquet.

On February 7, 1881, a constitution and by-laws were adopted, the Association having continued to that date without them. This constitution, however, limited the membership in the Association to the graduates of the Collegiate Department, and therefore the graduates of the Polytechnic School formed a "Polytechnic Alumni Association," which grew in strength and numbers until 1886. On May 14, 1885, however, a resolution was unanimously adopted whereby the graduates of the "Scientific" courses in the Undergraduate Department were invited by the Alumni Association of Washington University to meet with them at the Annual Business Meetings and to participate in the Election of Officers. This invitation was accepted, and on January 12, 1886, the first meeting of the graduates of all the Undergraduate Departments was held, and since that date there has been but one "Alumni Association of Washington University."

For more information about the Alumni Association, see the introduction by Everett Paul Griffin, Secretary, in the "First Annual Bulletin of The Alumni Association of Washington University" 1907, within this collection.

### **Scope and Content Notes**

This collection is largely comprised of papers relating to alumni association meetings, early campaign drives, and early graduation lists. Some photographs and three-dimensional objects are also included.

#### **Arrangement**

Items are arranged by type or size, and then alphabetically.

### **Related Materials**

#### **Related Archival Materials**

See also the Publications – Alumni Association Collection, also held by University Archives, for materials regarding reunions and other alumni events.

### **Administrative Information**

#### **Source of Collection**

This material was donated to the University Archives at various times.

#### **Accruals**

Accruals are interfiled.

#### **Processing Information**

Compiled by Jay Kempen in September 2005. Updated by Miranda Rectenwald June 2009. Updated by Ashley Eckhardt, June 2011.

### **Restrictions**

#### **Access Restrictions**

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## Collection Contents

Box No.	Folder
01	Alumnae Association, 1896; 1898 [Women's Association]
	Alumnae Association Logs, 1896-1910 [Women's Association]
	Alumni \$2,000,000 Campaign, 1919-1920 (Folder 1 of 2)
	Alumni \$2,000,000 Campaign, 1919-1920 (Folder 2 of 2)
	Alumni Planning Meeting, 1956
	Alumni Players Programs, 1926; 1927; 1928; 1929
	Annual Meeting, 1882; 1896
	Constitution and By-Laws, 1898-1899; 1900; undated
	Correspondence, 1920 [regarding donations and women alums]
	Correspondence: Mary Institute and Smith Academy, 1917; 1919
	Graduate Lists, 1862-1917 (Folder 1 of 2)
	Graduate Lists, 1862-1917 (Folder 2 of 2)
	Graduate Lists, 1862-1917 (Folder 3 of 3)
	News Clip, 1951
	Officer Lists, 1896-1929
	Photographs: Chancellor's Luncheon, 1998
	Photographs: Class of 1930 Reunion, undated
	Photographs: Class of 1958 Reunion, 2008
	Photographs: Class of 1968 Reunion, 1993
	Rose Polytechnic Institute Alumni Fund Campaign, 1917
02	Alumni Association Records Scrapbook
03	<u>Memorabilia</u>

Alumni Weekend Reunion Bag, circa 2000s (2 items)

Class of 1959, 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Images CD, 2009

Class of 1959, 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Slideshow CD, 2009

Class of 1960, 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Medal, 2010

Washington University Pennant, 1999