

**Troy Conference Academy
Organizations Records, 1886-1955 (Bulk: 1892-1929)
MSA 903-904**

Introduction

This collection contains records books from five organizations that operated at the Troy Conference Academy in Poultney, Vermont, from 1886-1955. They were purchased at auction in 2019 after Green Mountain College, the successor organization of the Troy Conference Academy, went out of business. They are stored in two archival, flip-top boxes and consume one linear foot of shelf space.

Institutional History

The Troy Conference Academy (T.C.A.) was founded in 1834 in Poultney, Vermont, by the Troy Conference of the Methodist Church, as a co-educational institution. In 1863 the institution was purchased by John Newman, a former teacher and principal at T.C.A., and its name and focus were changed to Ripley Female College. It was named after W.Y. Ripley of Rutland who provided its financial backing. Ripley Female College was the first institution in Vermont to grant a college degree to a woman. In 1874 the school was repurchased by Troy Conference and the name changed back to Troy Conference Academy. In 1937 it was renamed Green Mountain Junior College. Green Mountain became a two-year junior college for women in 1943. In 1974, the school changed its name to Green Mountain College and returned to co-educational status, offering four-year baccalaureate degrees. Green Mountain College closed in 2019.

One of the organizations in this collection is the Trojan Society. According to a history of the T.C.A., the Trojan Society was founded in 1878 by members of a rival organization, the Delphian Society, “who thought more good would result from the rivalry of two societies.”

Scope and Content

This collection contains records books from five organizations that operated at the Troy Conference Academy in Poultney, Vermont, from 1886-1955. Some of these organizations may have continued into the period when the school was called Green Mountain College. This collection does not include the records of the T.C.A. itself.

The five organizations represented in this collection are the Trojan Society, the Alumni Association, the Young Women’s Christian Association, Jane’s Association, and Phi Theta Kappa. The Trojan Society is the most fully documented of the organizations with four volumes in this collection covering the period 1886-1917. There are three each for the Alumni Association (1908-1943) and the Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) (1909-1929). There is one volume for Jane’s Association (1892-1895) and one for Phi Theta Kappa (1936-1955).

Related Collections

The Leahy Library holds many books, pamphlets, manuscripts, and serials from the Troy Conference Academy. Consult the online catalog for more resources.

Inventory

- MSA 903:01 Trojan Society, Histories, 1886-1899.
- :02 _____, Minutes, 1888-1890
- :03 _____, _____, 1900-1901
- :04 _____, Financial Journal, 1908-1917
- :05 Alumni Association, 1908-1924, 1930-1932
- :06 _____, 1924-1939
- MSA 904:01 _____, 1924-1943
- :02 YWCA, Minutes, 1909-1914
- :03 _____, _____, 1916-1922
- :04 _____, _____, 1920-1929
- :05 Jane's Association, 1892-1895
- :06 Phi Theta Kappa, 1936-1955

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