



## Athenaeon Literary Society Records (C0447)

**Collection Number:** C0447

**Collection Title:** Athenaeon Literary Society Records

**Dates:** 1842-1925

**Creator:** Athenaeon Literary Society

**Abstract:** Minutes and records of the organization, constitutions, membership lists, censors' reports, a history, and scrapbook.

**Collection Size:** 2.0 cubic feet  
(13 volumes)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [columbia@shsmo.org](mailto:columbia@shsmo.org) Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Donor Information:** The records were donated to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection by the University of Missouri on 31 July 1946 (Accession No. CA2862).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Athenaeon Literary Society Records can be found in the following collections:

*Union Literary Society of University of Missouri Record Books, (C0448)*

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**Historical Note:**

The Athenaean Literary Society was founded in 1842 as a literary society of the University of Missouri, for the purpose of collecting books and teaching public speaking and debate. Along with the Union Literary Society, it was one of the first student organizations at the University. Together they published *The Collegian*, a student newspaper, in the mid-nineteenth century, and later, *The University Argus*.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged by group and then chronologically.

**Scope and Content Note:**

Volumes 1-10 consist of minutes and records. Volumes 1, 9, and 10 also include constitutions, volume 8 includes a membership roll from 1895-1897, and volume 10 also includes newspaper clippings from the *Missourian* and the *Tribune*, 1924-1925. Volume 11 contains membership lists. Volume 12 is a scrapbook including a compilation of clippings, roster of members with autographs and sketches of all members, the constitution of 1900-1906, and newspaper clippings for 1923. Volume 13 is a Censor's report, including fines against members for conduct during meetings, 1852-1855.

**Container List:**

v. 1	Minutes and records of the meetings, 1842-1847
v. 2	Minutes and records, 1847-1862
v. 3	Minutes and records, 1861-1864
v. 4	Minutes and records, 1864-1871
v. 5	Minutes and records, 1871-1875
v. 6	Minutes and records, 1875-1889
v. 7	Minutes and records, 1889-1896
v. 8	Minutes and records, 1897-1903
v. 9	Minutes and records, 1903-1913
v. 10	Minutes and records, 1913-1925
v. 11	Membership lists, 1842-1851 and 1889-1890
v. 12	History and scrapbook of the organization
v. 13	Censor's report, 1852-1855

**Index:**

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Societies	v. 1-13

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University of Missouri	v. 1-13