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University Archives Inventory

Record Group Number: UR027

Title: Columbus Female Institute Records

Date: 1847-1884

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Extent: 1 Box, one oversize (11" x 14" x 2") photocopy of a ledger

Creator: Trustees of the Columbus Female Institute

Administrative/Biographical Notes: Columbus Female Institute was an all girls' boarding school on the site of the current front campus of Mississippi University for Women that was in operation from 1847-1877. Its physical plant, which consisted of a "white house" building eventually demolished in 1929 and a large brick dormitory that later became Calloway Hall, was donated to the state of Mississippi as part of the creation of the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College. Numerous faculty and administrators of the CFI found employment at the II&C. The founding board of trustees:

George R. Clayton, President

Col. Andrew Kincannon (grand uncle of President A. A. Kincannon)

John S. Topp

J.T. Harrison

Samuel Butler

Maj. Thomas G. Blewett

Richard Evans

W.L. Harris

W.W. Humphries

D. Lipscomb

Green Hill

G.H. Young

Jonathan Decker, Treasurer

Judge S. A. Brown, Secretary



Presidents of Columbus Female Institute

- Rev. A.S. Smith – 1848-1850? (for 2 years)
- R.A. Means, A.M. – 1850? (for several years)
- J. H. McLean (for only one year)
- Rev. Prof. B.F. Larrabee and Wife (until the War)
Assisted by Dr. J.W. Shattuck and wife
- Rev. Dr. Allen S. Andrews – 1867-1870 (Accepted chancellor at Southern Univ, now BSC)

A.M, D.D. LL.D. (Birmingham Southern College, nd.)

- Prof. J.J. Baird (one year)
- Rev. J.F. Tarrant and wife
- Miss Lorraine Street – 1875-1885 (professor in several departments)

System of Arrangement: None.

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Appraisal/Destruction: This record is slated for permanent retention.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Existence and Location of Originals: Possible that original of the trustee minutes book exists in Fant Library. If so, donor reserves right to take back photocopy.

Related Archival Materials: The Documents, Diplomas, and Certificates collection includes at least one diploma, that of Sally Knox, from the CFI.

Description Control: Lipscomb, W.L. (1909) A History of Columbus Mississippi During the 19th Century. (pp. 84). Birmingham, AL: Press of Dispatch.

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Folder List

Year	Box	Folder
1847-1884	231 Cromwell	photocopy of trustees minutes
4-18-1884	c345	Letter-Amendment to Charter Columbus Female Institute
2/2/1850	C345	Columbus Democrat 16:31 2/2/2018