

Coe College – Founding Papers

Collection Summary

Creator: Coe College

Dates: 1847-1931

Collection Number: ZZ 701.02

Quantity: 5 Boxes

Repository: George T. Henry College Archives, Stewart Memorial Library, Coe College.

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Abstract: The founding papers of Coe College contain deeds, biographies and autobiographies of Coe founders, papers by and about the founders, original Articles of Incorporation, Board of Trustee organization and by-laws, and a series of Founders' Day documents that bring all of these materials together in a coherent commemoration to the founders of Coe College. Each of the series in this collection provides original and secondary documents that illuminate the history of Coe College.

Language: English.

Administrative Information

Location: George T. Henry College Archives

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Collection Sketch

Series one of the collections is made up of the original deeds of Coe College up to 1900. Among the earliest deeds is a deed history for a property in Moultrie County, Illinois. A deed for Parsons Seminary in 1871 is also included in this series along with deeds contributing to the Greene and College addition to Cedar Rapids beginning in 1876. An item of note within this series is a deed from Mary R. Jewell, only daughter of Daniel Coe, to Coe Collegiate Institute on November, 23 1980.

Series two of the collection is made up of the original Coe College Board of Trustees organization and by-laws and its Articles of Incorporation. The earliest records contained in this series are the articles of incorporation for Cedar Rapids Collegiate Institute in 1853, which set out the name, mission, and rules of the institution. Also included in this series are the articles of incorporation for Coe Collegiate institute in 1881, 1893 and 1898.

Series three of the collection is dedicated to the founders of Coe College. Writings by and about many of the founders of the college are contained in this series. This includes newspaper articles, commemorations, autobiographies, biographies, histories, and genealogies. The largest of these collections of documents pertain to Daniel Coe and his lineage, Williston Jones and his involvement in the United States Christian Commission during the Civil War, 1861-1865, John Fellows Ely and his service as a surgeon in the Civil War, 1861-1865, and lastly Dr. Edward Burkhalter and his involvement in Founders' Day. Many other founders have information contained in this series. Lastly there are scholarly histories of, "The Founders of Coe College," "Cedar Rapids Collegiate Institute," "Parsons Seminary," and "Coe Collegiate Institute," written by Dr. Erik Erikson, Professor of History at Coe College, 1925-1929.

Series four, the final series of the collection, contains all documents relating to Coe College Founders' Day, begun in 1911 by Dr. Edward Burkhalter. Founders' Day celebrations concentrated on a specific founder or important event to commemorate. They were held from 1911-1922, and then begun again from 1926-1931, thereafter they were held infrequently. Documents in this series include programs, speeches, histories, plays, and invitations sent out for the events.

Series List

The collection is divided into 4 Series:

Series 1: Deeds of Coe College—Original deeds of Coe College and Parsons Seminary, 1847-1898.

Series 2: Coe College Original Articles of Incorporation/ Board of Trustees By-Laws—Original Articles of Incorporation and Board of Trustees By-Laws by year, 1881-1970.

Series 3: Coe College Founders— Founding Member's Papers and Photographs, Documents of Parson's Seminary.

Series 4: Coe College Founders' Day—Annual Founders Day Programs, Speeches, Plays, and Invitations.

Subject Headings

24th Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry.
Albree, Joseph, Esq.
Beuer, Sampson C.
Bingham, Charles W.
Blakely, David
Boyd, W.R.
Brocksmit, John C
Burkhalter, Edward Read
Carpenter S. D.
Carroll, George R.
Cedar Rapids Collegiate Institute (LIC reference Parsons Seminary)
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Cedar Rapids Improvement Company
Coe College, (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)
Coe College Addition to Cedar Rapids
Coe College Articles of Incorporation
Coe College Auxiliary
Coe College Board of Trustees-Organization and By-Laws
Coe College Board of Trustees Committees
Coe College Courier
Coe College Founders' Day
Coe College News Service
Coe, Daniel, 1794-1892
Coe Family Genealogy
Condit, Robert Aaron
Cook, Isaac
Crawford, George E.
Daniel in the Lion's Den
Deeds (Coe College)
Douglas, George Sr.
Dows, Stephen L.
Drury, M. R. (Rev)
Ely, John F.
Ely, John S.
Eriksson, Erik McKinley
Everyprof
First National Bank of Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Gage, Harry Morehouse, Dr., President, Coe College
Greene and College Addition to Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Greene, Calvin
Greene, George
Greene, William
Green, Thomas E.

Hamielz, Addison
Hickok, Ralph K.
Iowa
Iowa—History—19th Century
Jewell, James Ralph
Jewell, Mary
Jones, Williston 1814-1865
Mrs. Jones, Williston
Linn County (Iowa)
Linn County Abstract Office
Maryland
Marquis, John A.
Maternal Association of Cedar Rapids
McMinn County (Tennessee)
Moultrie County Abstract Company
Moss, Lemuel
Murray, Frederick G.
N. K. Beechley
Parsons Seminary (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)
Phelps, Stephen
Phifer, James, R.
The Power of Kindness
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Synod of Iowa
Scott County (Iowa)
Sinclair Family
Shearer, Elizabeth
Shearer, John L.
Sherwood, Henry M.
Simmons & Pope
Stuart, George
Those Eighty Acres
United States Christian Commission
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
W.B. Leach & Company (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)

Series 1: Deeds of Coe College

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Series Notes:

- Cataloged chronologically.
- Oversized Items are in Oversized ZZ 701
- “Coe College Addition to Cedar Rapids” located in oversized.

Series 1: Contents:

Box.	Folder.	
6	1	Land Plats of Cedar Rapids 1843-1849 {oversized ZZ 701}
1	2	Record: Abstract of Title beginning 234 ½ft. W of the NE corner of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of section 11 t.13 N R 5 E of the 3 rd P.M. Running thence W 418ft. thence S 245ft., thence E 418ft., thence N 245ft. to place of beginning. Moultrie County, Illinois. 1847-1910
1	3	Record: W end of the NE ¼ of the NW ½ of the NW fractional ¼ of Sections No. (5) five in Tsp. (83) Eighty Three North of Range (5) five W of the 5th principal Meridian Commencing at the NW corner of said 40 and Running 20 Rods E thence S 80 Rods, thence W 20 Rods, thence N 80 Rods to the place of beginning embracing 10 acres. 1853
1	4	Record: South ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 22 Tsp. 88, Range 46. 1871 {oversized ZZ 701}
1	5	Record: Lot 6, Block 15. 1876. {oversized ZZ 701}
1	6	Record: West ½ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 22 of Tsp. 83. 1880
1	7	Record: W ½ of the SW ¼ of Sec. 22. Tsp. 83, South of Range 7. West of the 5 th P.M. of the Coe College Addition to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 1882 {oversized ZZ 701}

1	8	Record: Lot 14, Block 8, Greene & College Addition Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 1883
1	9	Record: Abstract of Title to the front 140 ft lots 1-2-3, Block 19 Greene and College Additions to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 1896 {oversized ZZ 701}

Series 2: Coe College Original Articles of Incorporation/ Board of Trustees By-Laws

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Series 2	Contents	
Box	Folder	
1	1	Coe College—Articles of Incorporation 1853.
1	2	Coe College—Articles of Incorporation 1875.
1	3	Board of Trustees— Organization By-Laws. 1881-1981 mixed.
1	4	Coe College—Articles of Incorporation 1881.
1	5	Coe College—Articles of Incorporation 1893.
1	6	Coe College—Articles of Incorporation 1898.

Series 3: Coe College Founders

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Series Notes:

- Cataloged alphabetically.

Series Box	Contents Folder	
		Burkhalter, Edward R.
3	1	Miscellaneous
2	2	Newspaper Clippings
2	3	Writings By and About
3	4	Carol, George R.
3	5	Cedar Rapids Collegiate Institute
3	6	Coe Collegiate Institute
		Coe, Daniel
2	7	Biography
2	8	Newspaper Clippings
		Coe Family
3	9	Miscellaneous
2	10	Lineage
3	11	Condit, Robert Aaron
		Ely Family
3	12	Photographs
3	13	Newspaper Clippings

2	14	Ely, John F. — By and About
		Institutional History Manuscripts
5		Edward Read Burkhalter, Edited by Eriksson, Erik McKinley, Founders of Coe College {Qty. 2} {Manuscript}
5		Eriksson, Erik McKinley, Cedar Rapids Collegiate Institute and its Founders 1853-1866 {Manuscript}
5		Eriksson, Erik McKinley, Coe Collegiate Institute and its Founders 1875-1881 {Manuscript}
5		Eriksson, Erik McKinley, Parsons Seminary and its Founders 1866-1875 {Manuscript}
3	15	Founders Photographs
3	16	Greene, George
2	17	Greene, George and Calvin — Newspaper Clippings
3	18	Jewell, James Ralph
		Jones, Williston
2	19	Miscellaneous {one deed in oversized zz 701}
2	20	Newspaper Clippings
3	21	Pioneer Life In and Around Cedar Rapids Iowa
3	22	Knox, James
2	23	Miscellaneous Historical Documents
3	24	Murray, Fredrick G. {see: Murray Family Collection}
2	25	Parsons Seminary
3	26	Parsons Seminary Subscription Books
2	27	Phelps, Stephen—Biographic Letter 1922

Series 4: Coe College Founders' Day

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4	1	125 th Anniversary of Coe College
4	2	Coe College Founders' Day — Coe College Courier
4	3	Coe College Founders' Day — Coe College News Service
4	4	Coe College Founders' Day — Committee Reports
4	5	Coe College Founders' Day — Correspondence
4	6	Coe College Founders' Day — History
4	7	Coe College Founders' Day — Invitations
4	8	Coe College Founders' Day — Newspaper Articles
4	9	Coe College Founders' Day — Plays
4	10	Coe College Founders' Day — Programs
5	11	Coe College Founders' Day — Scrapbook
4	12	Coe College Founders' Day — Scrapbook Loose Items
4	13	Coe College Founders' Day — Speeches