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No. B 44

I. Title: Phi Sigma Psi Society Records, 1906-1956

II. The papers of Phi Sigma Psi Society
deposited in the Library on Dec. 1956 by Wilson R. Roberts
In a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1/2
Approximate number of items: 50

IV. Restrictions: None

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in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of
the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated
to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

VI. Press release was issued on

VII. Biographical note:
The Phi Sigma Psi Society was started on January 30, 1906
by four young business and professional men who played whist together. They
decided to enlarge their whist group and make it into a formal secret society
primarily for social purposes. The active life of the Society lasted from 1906
to January 28, 1913. The Society held formal dances at Warner Hall, Troop A
Armory, the New Haven Country Club and the Shoreham Hotel. Besides dances they
had smokers, bowling parties, stag outings, card parties, and sailing and
canoe trips.

A reunion of the Society members was held July 1, 1944 at the Union League
Club. A final reunion was held on May 12, 1956, the fiftieth anniversary of
this organization. At that time, a surviving member, Wilson R. Roberts, agreed
to compile a history of the Phi Sigma Psi Society. The history has a short review

VIII. Analysis:
The materials have been left in their original form of organization.
A list of the members is appended.

Processed by: Charles Hartley
...I. Biographical note cont.:
of the active period of the Society with numerous photos of members engaged in activities
such as sailing and at a rented cottage at Norris Cove. There are a number of dance cards
of individual members with the names of initials of their dance partners penciled in. There
are numerous newspapers clippings about dances the Society sponsored with long lists of
names of the people attending. Mr. Roberts has included in the collection a separate typed
sheet with all known biographical data about each of the 38 members.

The collection is an interesting microcosm of social life in New Haven in the first
half of the twentieth century as seen through the lives of 38 young men progressing in their
respective careers as shown by numerous newspapers clippings. A number of members achieved
positions of responsibility in the community such as President of Quinnipiac College, Yale
professor, and high positions in business and industry.
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Oversize item: 1. Photograph of members of Phi Sigma Psi, 1910 (names on verso)
The following members of Phi Sigma Psi should have index reference cards showing that there is information about them in manuscript B 44.

Agnew, George Aldert, March 14, 1885-Dec. 28, 1967
Alling, Jr., Eugene Sereno, Feb. 19, 1887-Feb. 15, 1930
Arbuckle, Wesley Marcy, Aug 5, 1888-Nov. 13, 1962
Ballou, Earl Feronda, Feb. 8, 1889-Sept. 22, 1949
Bartholomew, Percy Guy, Nov. 8, 1885-Oct 26, 1953
Borst, William Abram, Nov. 30, 1885-March 11, 1961
Bowman, Charles Webster, Dec. 4, 1888-
Broadbent, Ericsson Bushnell, June 27, 1890-Nov. 25, 1940
Brown, Raymond Ashbell, Nov. 26, 1885-Nov. 7, 1974
Burdge, Clifford Spencer, July 26, 1887-Feb. 22, 1960
Chapman, Norton William, March 16, 1886-Aug. 7, 1939
Eckle, John Nicholas, Feb. 28, 1888-July 8, 1961
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Herrick, Harold Wilbur, Jan. 15, 1889-Oct. 9, 1982
Hoadley, Harold Lucius, Nov. 10, 1886- (1959?)
Hosley, Charles Farnum, Jan. 25, 1889-Jan 9, 1947
Johnson, Edgar Dwight, Aug. 16, 1882-Dec. 21, 1959
Johnson, Edgar Dwight, Aug. 16, 1882-Dec. 21, 1959
Lyons, Carlyle Burr, Sept 11, 1885-March 18, 1967
Macdonald, Donald Duncan, Sept. 29, 1886-Sept. 14, 1967
Manville, Edward Perry, Aug. 3, 1888-Feb. 17, 1948
Martin, Paul Blair, Sept. 10, 1886 -
Munger, Paul Elliot, June 16, 1889-
Nettleton, Richard Knight, May 11, 1886-1925
Paswaters, John Heisler, Jan. 12, 1886-July 4, 1954
Perry, Earle Boyd, Dec. 9, 1888-Sept. 8, 1959
Reynolds, Clarence Orville, Oct. 25, 1885-Feb 24, 1958
Roberts, Wilson Burr, Jan. 31, 1888-
Sanford, Alvin Perkins, July 18, 1885-Aug. 1, 1960
Saxles, Raymond Merritt, Feb. 1, 1887-June 24,1927
Schmitt, Joseph Edward, Feb. 18, 1887-Aug. 18, 1959
Shiner, Walter Robinson, Dec. 25, 1883-April 14, 1972
Shutter, Walter Graham, Dec. 6, 1884-Oct. 18, 1963
Smith, Paul Merwin, June 27, 1889
Tator, Samuel Wesley, July 17, 1886-Jan. 15, 1970
Texido, Dean Clifton, July 6, 1885-July 16, 1950
Turner, Carl Richard, March 27, 1887-March 22, 1959
Werle, Joseph Anthony, Dec 12, 1889-
Woodman, Frank Howard, May 3, 1888-Jan. 6, 1972