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No. B 44

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- 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 B. Roberts In ~~converted the deposit as~~ a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1/2  
Approximate number of items: 50
- IV. Restrictions: None
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the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 B. Roberts, agreed to compile a history of the Phi Sigma Psi Society. The history has a short review cont. p.b
- VIII. Analysis:  
The materials have been left in their original form of organization. A list of the members is appended.

. . 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 Morris Cove. There are a number of dance cards of individual members with the names or initials of their dance partners penciled in. There are numerous newspaper 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 newspaper 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)

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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  
 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  
 Lyon, 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  
 Marshall, George Harnden, May 5, 1884-Feb. 26, 1954  
 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. 12, 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