Guide to the Alabama Industrial and Scientific Society records
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Summary Information

**Repository**  W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama

**Creator**  Alabama Industrial and Scientific Society.

**Title**  Alabama Industrial and Scientific Society records

**Date [inclusive]**  1890-1900

**Extent**  0.5 Linear feet (4 volumes)

**Language**  English

**Abstract**  Materials relating to the organization, including: meeting minutes, account books, lists of members and officers, and other items.

**Preferred Citation note**

Alabama Industrial and Scientific Society records, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

An organization of "civil and mining engineers, mine and furnace owners and managers, chemists, metallurgists, geologists, and all others interested in the material progress of the state into a society for the promotion of the scientific examination and discussion of practical everyday affairs," the Alabama Industrial and Scientific Society was founded at the University of Alabama, 11 December 1890. Its officers included Cornelius Wade, C. A. Meissner, Erskine Ramsey, William B. Phillips, Thomas Seddon, F. M. Jackson, T. H. Aldrich, M.C. Wilson, J. H. Fitts, and Eugene Allen Smith.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains the minutes, secretary's account book, treasurer's account book, and mailing list in four volumes of the Alabama Industrial and Scientific Society. The minutes contain a list of members of the society, the constitution and by-laws, and the topics discussed at meetings. Frequent subjects of papers and discussions included: mapping the Cahaba coal fields, the Simon-Carvis method of coking with recovery of by-products, the future of the iron and steel industry in Alabama, the Thomas coking oven, Alabama cokes, Alabama bauxite, the benefits to Alabama from the construction of an isthmian canal, and coal mining in Alabama.

The secretary's account book includes names of members of the society and the annual dues paid by each. The treasurer's account book shows the fees paid by each member and all of the expenditures by the treasurer for the society. The mailing list consists of a long list of newspapers, journals, societies, universities, and companies which received copies of the society's mailings.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama May 2009

Conditions Governing Access note

None
Conditions Governing Use note
None

Provenance
Gift of Dr. Carmichael, 1946

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S. Braden, 2008; updated by Martha Bace, 2012

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

• Account books
• Correspondence

Geographic Name(s)

• Alabama Black Belt

Subject(s)

• Coal mines and mining
• Environment and Conservation
• Iron and Steel Industry
• Iron industry and trade - Alabama
• Science and Nature
• University of Alabama
## Collection Inventory

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