

## DAVIDSON COLLEGE COLLECTION, 1855-1966

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### ABSTRACT

Davidson College was established in 1837 by the Concord and Bethel Presbyteries, in Davidson, North Carolina. Initially a manual training school, the college was named for William Lee Davidson, who was killed during the battle of Cowan's Ford. Davidson's son provided the acreage on which the college now stands, along with additional monetary gifts. Robert Hall Morrison, a Presbyterian minister who had been instrumental in founding the college, became the first president.

By 1841, Davidson College transitioned from offering manual training to providing a more classical education. The college remained open during the Civil War, one of only two men's colleges in North Carolina to do so. By the 1920s, the college's curriculum had expanded, offering Bachelor of Science degrees, and a variety of language, business, and music classes. Women were admitted to degree programs in 1972.

Today, Davidson College is a highly-ranked, private liberal arts college, of just under 2,000 students. Its motto is *Alenda Lux Ubi Orta Libertas*, or "Let Learning Be Cherished Where Liberty Has Arisen."

This collection contains newspapers, catalogs, and handbooks.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Davidson College Collection contains newspapers, catalogs, and handbooks. The collection spans from 1855-1966, however the bulk encompasses the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

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