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## Finding Aid - Victoria College (Toronto, Ont.). Women's Literary Society fonds (2057)

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## Summary information

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**Repository:** Victoria University Archives

**Title:** Victoria College (Toronto, Ont.). Women's Literary Society fonds

**ID:** 2057

**Category [alternative]:** Student/Alumni Organizations

**Date:** 1891-1927 (date of creation)

**Physical description:** 14 cm of textual records  
1 trophy

**Dates of creation, revision and deletion:** Created by ECN: April 27, 2017 Updated by JT: Sept 13 2019

**Note [generalNote]:** See also the Ephemera Collection: <http://library.vicu.utoronto.ca/archives/ephemera>

**Note [generalNote]:** For information on other Literary Societies and Associations at Victoria, see Fonds 2005 - Literary Association fonds; Fonds 2006 - Union Literary Society; Fonds 2089 - Literary Societies.

**Note [generalNote]:** See also WLS Debating Trophy in collection 2188 - Artifacts Collection.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The Women's Literary Society was formed during the 1890-1891 academic year. It had an aim to provide interesting discussion of literary topics. The stated object was "literary improvement and social intercourse" and to provide "a focus for women's activities." The Society met bi-monthly and also held a joint meeting with the Men's Literary Society at regular intervals.

### Custodial history

Originally, these records were part of the Records related to Women collection (fonds 2069). In 2017, they were made into a separate fonds.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of the records of the Women's Literary Society (Ladies' Literary Society) including constitutions, minutes of meetings, financial records, and song books.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on contents of the fonds.

### Immediate source of acquisition

Gift

1990.134V

Records in accession 2007.041V were received from the York Pioneer & Historical Society in 2007.  
2016.18.17 - Trophy - was found un-accessioned in the Archives and processed in 2016.

### Accruals

No further accruals are anticipated.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Textual records (documentary form)
  - Objects (documentary form)
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## Series descriptions

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Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2057-1990.134V-1-1	File - Women's Literary Society - Minute book	1891-1896		
2057-1990.134V-1-2	File - Women's Literary Society - Minute book	1896-1901		
2057-1990.134V-1-3	File - Women's Literary Society - Constitution book	n.d.-1914		

2057-1990.134V-1-4	File - Women's Literary Society - Treasurer's book	1894-1909
2057-1990.134V-1-5	File - Women's Literary Society - Treasurer's book	1906-1921
2057-1990.134V-1-6	File - Women's Literary Society - Book of expenses of W.L.S. receptions	1902-1908
2057-1990.134V-1-7	File - Women's Literary Society - Receipts and authorization notices	1915-1918
2057-1990.134V-1-8	File - Women's Literary Society - Printed songbook	[ca.1912]
2057-1990.134V-1-9	File - Women's Literary Society - Documents re meetings and wartime cultivation of "simplicity and economy"	[ca.1900 - ca.1915]
2057-1990.134V-1-10	File - Women's Literary Society - Minute book	1912-1917
2057-2007.041V-TR	File - Women's Literary Society - Minute book	1920-1927