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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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<b>Repository:</b>	Victoria University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Victoria College (Toronto, Ont.). Women's Literary Society fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	2057
<b>Category [alternative]:</b>	Student/Alumni Organizations
<b>Date:</b>	1891-1927 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	14 cm of textual records 1 trophy 1 plaque
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	Created by ECN: April 27, 2017 Updated by JT: Sept 13 2019 Updated by JT: Oct 20 2021
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	See also the Ephemera Collection: <a href="http://library.vicu.utoronto.ca/archives/ephemera">http://library.vicu.utoronto.ca/archives/ephemera</a>
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	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.
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	See also WLS Debating Trophy in collection 2188 - Artifacts Collection.

## 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

2007.041V - Received from the York Pioneer & Historical Society in 2007.

2016.18.17 - Trophy - was found un-accessioned in the Archives and processed in 2016.

2019.12V - Transferred from the Victoria University Principal's Office.

### 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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Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2057-1990.134V-1-1	<b>File - Women's Literary Society - Minute book</b>	1891-1896	
2057-1990.134V-1-2	<b>File - Women's Literary Society - Minute book</b>	1896-1901	

2057-1990.134V-1-3	<b>File - Women's Literary Society - Constitution book</b>	n.d.-1914	
2057-1990.134V-1-4	<b>File - Women's Literary Society - Treasurer's book</b>	1894-1909	
2057-1990.134V-1-5	<b>File - Women's Literary Society - Treasurer's book</b>	1906-1921	
2057-1990.134V-1-6	<b>File - Women's Literary Society - Book of expenses of W.L.S. receptions</b>	1902-1908	
2057-1990.134V-1-7	<b>File - Women's Literary Society - Receipts and authorization notices</b>	1915-1918	
2057-1990.134V-1-8	<b>File - Women's Literary Society - Printed songbook</b>	[ca.1912]	
2057-1990.134V-1-9	<b>File - Women's Literary Society - Documents re meetings and wartime cultivation of "simplicity and economy"</b>	[ca.1900 - ca.1915]	
2057-1990.134V-1-10	<b>File - Women's Literary Society - Minute book</b>	1912-1917	
2057-2007.041V-TR	<b>File - Women's Literary Society - Minute book</b>	1920-1927	
2057-2019.12.1	<p><b>Item - Women's Intercollegiate Debating Union</b></p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Plaque contains medallions engraved with the name of the College and the year won arranged around a central crest which reads, "Presented to Women's Intercollegiate Debating Union Jan 1913." Award winners are recorded as follows: Victoria, 1912-1913 Victoria, 1913-1914 Victoria, 1914-1915 University College, 1915-1916 St. Hilda's College, 1916-1917 McMaster, 1917-1918 Victoria, 1918-1919 Victoria, 1919-1920 Victoria, 1920-1921</p>	January 1913 - 1921	1 plaque : silver plate mounted on wood, crest shaped 26 x 34 cm.