

# University of Alabama Corps of Cadets

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama
<b>Creator:</b>	University of Alabama Corps of Cadets.
<b>Title:</b>	University of Alabama Corps of Cadets collection
<b>ID:</b>	MSS.0029
<b>Date:</b>	1873-1905
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.1 Linear feet (11 items)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials note:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	A miscellany of material relating to the University of Alabama Corps of cadets, 1873-1905, including invitations to the 1873 junior exhibition and Corps of Cadets hops (dances) in 1874, 1876, and 1878, and the program for a 1905 reunion of the Corps of Cadets Company E, winner of a 1885 drill competition at the New Orleans Exposition.

### Preferred Citation note

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## Biographical/Historical note

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In an effort to combat severe disciplinary problems (gunfights, riots, etc.), University of Alabama president, Landon Garland, lobbied and received permission from the state legislature in 1860 to transform the university into a military school. While many of the cadets who graduated from the University went on to serve in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, many felt that the school's status as a military academy led to its being virtually burned to the ground by Union troops under General John Croxton on 4 April 1865. Only four buildings survived the flames: the President's Mansion, the Gorgas House, the Old Observatory, and the Little Round Guardhouse.

After many attempts to reopen after the end of the war, the University finally reopened in 1871, but the military structure was discontinued about a decade after the school was officially opened to women in 1892.

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## Scope and Contents note

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## Administrative Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- University of Alabama.
- Military cadets |z Alabama
- Southern Life and Culture
- Sports, Recreation and Leisure
- Students
- University of Alabama
- War and Military

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Alabama Corps of Cadets, Company E	Box 2339