

Alabama Industrial and Scientific Society

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Summary Information

Repository:	University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
Creator:	Alabama Industrial and Scientific Society
Title:	Alabama Industrial and Scientific Society records
ID:	MSS.0038
Date [inclusive]:	1890-1900
Physical Description:	0.4 Linear Feet (4 volumes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Materials relating to the organization, including: meeting minutes, account books, lists of members and officers, and other items.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

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.

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Scope and Contents

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.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Provenance

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Conditions Governing Use

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Conditions Governing Access

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Controlled Access Headings

- Coal mines and mining
- Iron industry and trade -- Alabama
- Correspondence
- Account books
- University of Alabama
- Black Belt (Ala. and Miss.)
- Science and Nature
- Environment and Conservation
- Iron and Steel Industry
- Alabama Industrial and Scientific Society

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Records	box 75