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Abstracts from
The Minutes of
The Meetings and Proceedings
of the
Stockholders and Trustees
of the
Columbus Female Institute
Commencing
May 15, 1847
and ending
September 5, 1884

May 15, 1847 Stockholders meet at the office of Col. Andrew A. Kincannon, Chairman; Col. George H. Young, Secretary; Dr. William W. Humphries. Purpose to be purchase of late residence of Major Joseph I. Moore, deceased, for Female Institute for \$5,700.00. Shortage of \$300.00 to be raised by additional subscription.

Committee for contribution: Joseph W. Field, John S. Topp, James T. Harrison, William L. Harris, Dabney Lipscomb, Samuel Butler, and William H. Humphries.

Special thanks to Col. Andrew A. Kincannon for raising subscriptions.

May 22, 1847 CONSTITUTION

Annually elect a principal instructor who shall select his own assistants, one at least for each 25 pupils after taking 25 pupils for the principal.

Principal may use buildings for dwellings as well as [_____?]

Elect 12 Trustees

Annual meeting of Friday preceding 1st Monday in October to elect Trustees.

Trustees elect President and other officers.

Trustees take care of property.

May 29, 1847 TRUSTEES:

Andrew A. Kincannon

John S. Topp

George R. Clayton, President

James T. Harrison

Samuel Butler

Thomas G. Blewett

Richard Evans

William L. Harris

William W. Humphries

Dabney Lipscomb

Green Hill

George H. Young

Stephen A. Brown, Secretary
Jonathon Descherd, Treasurer

June 1, 1847 Professor G. J. Hardermann invited as principal.

July 17, 1847 Mr. Collins had applied for Principal position after refusal of Professor Hardemann.

Committee for laws for Board: Topp, Harris, and Humphries. 2/3 majority required for election of Principal.

July 21, 1847. Rev. Aristides S. Smith applied as Principal.

Committee for courses of study: William L. Harris, George S. Topp, W.W. Humphries, Richard Evans, and D. Lipscomb.

July 23, 1847 – Report of by-laws and course of study.

Rev. Aristides S. Smith elected Principal.

September 20, 1847 – Meeting with Smith.

October 23, 1847 (September 23) - Newspaper ad: School to commence October 4 next.

From September, 1847 to October 1848 several meetings and visits to school.

March 4, 1848 Incorporated

October 2, 1848 Second year commenced.

September 9, 1848 Newspaper ad:

Teachers:

Rev. A.S. Smith, Principal, Language and Science

Miss Louise Cunningham, English

Miss Mariah Greenleaf, English

Miss R. Francis Horne, English

Miss Helen Douglas, Music and Ornamental

Resume Monday October 2nd. Two sessions – five months each commencing 1 October and 1 March.

Tuition payable in advance, per session

Preparatory \$15.00

Fourth Class 15.00

Third Class 20.00

Second Class 20.00

First Class 20.00

Languages (each) \$10.00

Music (Piano or guitar) 25.00

Use of Instrument 5.00

Drawing/Painting 15.00

Ornamental Needlework 10.00

Contingent expenses 1.00

Board per Month 12.50

- October 7, 1848 Stockholders Meeting at offices of Evans & Topp
Trustees:
George R. Clayton
Harrison Johnston
William M. Cozard
John S. Topp
Thomas G. Blewett, Sr.
Andrew A. Kincannon
Alexander F. Young
Richard Evans
Joseph W. Field
William W. Humphries
Samuel Butler
James W. Harris
George R. Clayton, President
Stephen A. Brown, Secretary
Jonathon Descherd, Treasurer
Principal for year October 2, 1848 to October 2, 1849: Rev. Aristides S. Smith. \$100.00 charge to Smith for use of buildings. Also Smith to keep buildings, fences, and grounds in good order.
- February 4, 1849 Committee appointed to visit once a week.
- February 12, 1849 Trustee Vacancies:
Col. John S. Topp resigned from Board
Col. Andrew A. Kincannon - died.

Stephen A. Brown and Dr. Sidney S. Franklin elected to Board.
Rescinded \$100.00 charge to Rev. Smith
- July 12, 1849 Recent "domestic affliction" of Mr. Smith
Agreed to dispense with public examination of pupils.
Board will attend funeral of Mr. Smith's infant daughter 5 o'clock this evening.
Re-instate \$100.00 charge for use of buildings.
Committee to hire Smith another year.
- July 14, 1849 Subscriptions of stock for erection of additional buildings payable March 1, 1850 and 1859.
Expression of appreciation to Misses Louisa Cunningham, Mariah Greenleaf, R. Francis Horne, and Helen Douglass, assistants to Rev. Smith. If Smith resigns, they will be recommended to new Principal.
- July 16, 1849 Smith to finish term and take new offer. Committee appointed for subscriptions.
- July 23, 1849 Robert A. Means elected Principal.
- August 14, 1849 Contract with Mr. Hardy Stevens for erection of additional buildings.

September 28, 1849 Stockholders

Trustees:

William W. Humphries

George R. Clayton

Alexander F. Young

James W. Harris

Thomas C. Billups

Richard Evans

Thomas G. Blewett, Sr.

Harrison Johnston

Samuel Butler

Sidney S. Franklin

Steven A. Brown

Joseph W. Field

George R. Clayton, President

Stephen A. Brown, Secretary

Oscar T. Keeler, Treasurer

November 19, 1849 Resignation of Richard Evans

Election of Dr. William W. Topp

Contract for new buildings not made. Committee appointed.

November 24, 1849 Building Committee reported plan for “two story frame house, 57 feet long by 42 feet wide and the proposal of James S. Lull to build same, to be completed by 1st day of August 1850 for sum of \$3250.00 – half payable March 1, 1850 and half March 1, 1851.” Voted to proceed.

April 4, 1850 Building committee reported change in contract with Lull by placing large room in the second instead of first story - \$80.00 – approved.

Committee appointed to confer with “Hosford Family” for musical concert benefit. Call for 1st installment of subscriptions.

June 22, 1850 Rehired Mr. Robert A. Means, Principal. Rent \$300.00 annum – probably to be raised.

Various arrangements for collection of subscriptions. Rent surplus to be used to retire debt of buildings “recently erected” and to be paid to Lull.

June 24, 1850 Mr. Means accepted,
Secretary requested to address at examinations of pupils.

July 16, 1850 Public examinations of pupils 24, 25, 26th at 5 p.m.
Board examined new building. Accepted.

July 24-26, 1850 Public examination: Reading, Geography, Arithmetic, History, Logic,
Mental and Moral and Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Chemistry, Philosophy,
and Latin.

Vocal music, Professor Markstein.

January 25, 1851 Statement of Building Account

1 st installment due Lull, March 1, 1850	\$1665.00
Paid in notes, cash, etc.	808.80
Balance of first installment drawing interest from March 1, 1850	856.20
2 nd Installment due March 1, 1851	\$1665.00
Paid in cash due March 1, 1851	\$790.00
Paid in Order of R.A. Means for \$300.00 – value 1 March 1851 – 289.00	<u>1079.50</u>
Balance due March 1, 1851	585.50

Several meeting – Mr. Means to decline Principal ship.

July 21, 1851 Application for Principal – J.C. Croft of Georgetown, S.C., D.G.
Sherman of Macon, MS; and N.W. McCain of Columbus, MS.
Elected Nathaniel H. McCain.

July 22, 23, 1851 Examination of students. Concert on evening of 24th.
Absent graduate, Miss Sarah Harris speech and list of graduates on
program missing from book.

October 11, 1851 Trustees:
George R. Clayton, President
Samuel Butler
Harrison Johnston, Treasurer
Thomas C. Billups
James M. Harris
Stephen A. Brown, Secretary
William W. Topp
William W. Humphries
James S. Lull
William Burt
Joseph B. Cobb
John Morton

August 12, 1852 Death of Rev. Samuel Butler
Elected Thomas G. Blewett, Sr.
Committee to report on repairs

August 21, 1852 Major Blewett declined.
James W. Harris resigned.
Elected: Col. John S. Topp
Abraham Murdock
Resolved to apply rents to repairing Portico of old building and putting
blinds on new building and painting and repairing fences.

May 28, 1853 Nathaniel W. McCain re-elected

June 15, 1853 In view of declining enrollment ...if below 100 in 1853/54 year, then rent
not due from principal.

Sept. 30, 1853 Trustees:

George R. Clayton, President
William W. Humphries
Alexander F. Young
Jeptha V. Harris
Abram Murdock
Sidney S. Franklin
James T. Harrison
James H. Turner
Stephen A. Brown, Secretary
Isaac Williams
William W. Topp
Harrison Johnston, Treasurer

Visiting committees appointed.

- July 25-26, 1854 Graduates:
Miss Henrietta Banks (“The Progress of ‘Truth’”)
(Mrs. D. F. Armstrong)
Miss Lucy A. Harris (“The Light of School Days”)
Miss Julia A. Clayton (“Distance Lends Enchantment
to the View”)
(Mrs. John W. Chandler)
Miss Julia A. Garvin (Valedictory)
Address: Colonel Joseph B. Cobb
- July 27, 1854 Resigned: George B. Clayton
Elected: Major Thomas G. Blewett, Sr.,
then elected President
Subscription for \$800.00 scholarships – 1 student per scholarship.
Resolved to pay excess monies to James Lull for building contract.
Committee to re-use \$1500.00
Elected Robert A. Means, Principal
Resolution of high satisfaction to Nathaniel H. McCain on retirement.
- July 29, 1850 Subscriptions complete
Committee to make plans for improvements: Blewett, Humphries,
Harris, Williams.
- August 23, 1854 Building committee submitted plan – accepted – ordered to proceed.
Harrison and Lull added to committee.
- September 29, 1854 Trustees:
Thomas G. Blewett, Sr., President
William W. Humphries
Stephen A. Brown, Secretary
William W. Cozart
Abram Murdock
James S. Lull
James T. Harrison
Jeptha V. Harris
Isaac Williams

Sidney S. Franklin
Charles Baskerville
Charles R. Crusoe

No treasurer – monies to be deposited in “Columbus Life and General Insurance Company”

October 30, 1854

Met at Hale & Murdock
Eight of ten scholarships – proceed with contract for contemplated buildings to be completed by 1 September 1855.
Scholarships commence on 1 March 1855
Three notes total

Abram S. Humphries	\$800.00
James H. Turner	800.00
S.A. Saltonstall	800.00
S.S. Franklin	800.00
William R. Cannon	800.00
Robert H. Carson	800.00
James Hamilton	800.00
Charles McLaran	800.00
Joseph T. Gay	400.00
James Blair	<u>400.00</u>
	\$7200.00

Contract executed with Hardy Stevens and James S. Lull for buildings.

July 19, 1855

Graduates:
Miss Laura V. Young (Mrs. Henry B. Whitfield)
Miss Ellen Weir
Miss Antoinette B. Malone
Miss Alberta D. Sykes (Mrs. George W. Vaughn)
Miss Pauline M. Waldron
Miss Emma P. Moore (Mrs. Sykes)

August 18, 1855

Re-Elected Robert A. Means
Trustees meeting
Contracts for building complete
Purchase an apparatus
Contract for boring Artesian well and putting blinds on new building
Claim of Mr. W.H. McCain for \$90.00 for furniture allowed.
Committee to solicit additional subscriptions
Mr. Saltonstall not able to meet note.
Murdock and Franklin appointed.

September 28, 1855 Stockholders Meeting

Trustees:
James S. Lull
Thomas G. Blewett, Sr., President
Sidney S. Franklin
James T. Harrison
Abram Murdock

William W. Cozart
Jeptha V. Harris
Charles W. Malone
Charles Baskerville
Stephen A. Brown, Secretary
Isaac Williams
William W. Humphries

- October 25, 1855 Officers: Thomas G. Blewett, Sr., President
Stephen A. Brown, Secretary
Con??? Building Committee: Procure Stones, repair ???, etc.
Meet 1st Monday each month.
- April 28, 1856 Conflict over purchase of 2 pianos by Means
Effort to collect scholarships.
- November 14, 1856 Robert A. Means re-reelected principal
\$214.28 for furniture allowed
Allowed leave of absence for Means if needed for health reasons.
Resignation of Charles W. Malone
Election of George B. Clayton
- November 17, 1856 Cancellation of two scholarships and notes.
\$175.00 paid for pianos - \$30.00 annum rent from Malone.
- March 31, 1857 Letter from N.Y. regarding apparatus
\$30.00 for purchase of pair of globes.
- April 27, 1851 Means informs board he will not be an applicant for principal
Committee for terms of employment of teachers
- June 15, 1857 Rules
Principal pay board of \$2.00 per pupil per session
Board responsible for upkeep of property
Encourage boarders.
Social restrictions
Required church attendance
Uniform be adopted
- July 9, 1857 Benjamin F. Larrabee elected principal
Rent for property to begin 1 September
- July 31, 1857 Executive committee appointed for 6 months:
Lull, Humphries, Harris, Clayton and Baskerville
Changed per capita rent to \$2.00 per annum
Larrabee to deliver public lecture on education
- August 15, 1857 – Circular Letter:
Faculty:
Rev. B. F. Larrabee, Pres., Prof Moral Theology

Thomas B. Bailey, Natural Science and Latin
J.W. Shattuck, Math
George W. Chamberlain, Vocal/Inst. Music
Mrs. M.A. Curtis, Matron
Mrs. E.E. Shattuck, English
Miss C.R. Seabury, French
Miss E. Hyde, Music
Miss E. Abernathy, Drawing & Painting
Mrs. L. Street, English

Columbus – several stage lines and railroad
Several Institute buildings
President came from Alabama
Other faculty salaries total over \$9,000.
Three departments: Collegiate (4 years)
Preparatory (2 years)
Primary
2 years of Latin or French required for diploma –
Otherwise “Certificate of Scholarship”

Plans for expansion
Post graduates encouraged

Fees per year (40 weeks):

Board \$135.00	Music Piano, Guitar, Melodeon \$50.00
English – College \$48.00	Instrument use \$10.00
Prep \$30.00	Needlework, wax work \$20.00
Prim. \$25.00	Harp \$80.00
Languages - \$20.00	Painting \$50.00
School room use \$1.00	Watercolor College \$20.00
Library fee \$1.00	Prep \$10.00
Graduation fee \$10.00	

Uniform adopted:

Winter: Dark green worsted, solid color, Talmas of same, plain English straw hats or bonnets trimmed with gray plaid ribbon. No flowers or plumes. Plain warm gaiters or buskins, common hose, no silk, black kid gloves, plain linen collars (may be confined with a simple gold broach) No other jewelry.

Summer: School room – pink calico or gingham dresses, collars same, Brown linen and banned muslin aprons.

Sabbath: white jackonet trimmed with blue ribbon, no flowers. Black pimi gloves.

Exams: plain white dresses, pink silk aprons, no decorations.

October 2, 1857

Trustees:

Thomas G. Blewett, Sr., President
George R. Clayton
Isaac Williams
William M. Cozart
William W. Humphries
Charles Baskerville

Sabbath except silks, satins, and jewelry
Committee to investigate selling some lots: Humphries, Johnston, Lull

July 5, 1859 Resolution of regret at leaving of Thomas B. Bailey – same for George W. Chamberlain

1859 Graduates:

Miss Holly A. Bell
Miss L.A. Regina Borders (Mrs. Peters)
Miss Betty C. Brown (Mrs. Llewellyn)
Miss Cally Cannon (Mrs. Redwood)
Miss Kate Dale
Miss Lou Dyer
Miss Eliza H. Ervin (Mrs. Ervin)
Miss Mag M. Ervin (Mrs. Brown)
Miss Emma Gaston
Miss V. Addie Gregory
Miss Molly O. Harris (Mrs. Dr. J.A. Lanier)
Miss Bessy Harris (Mrs. L.D. Wallace)
Miss Mary E. Hughes
Miss Virginia A. Irby (Mrs. Bonsall)
Miss Valora Johnson
Miss Mary E. Krucher (Mrs. Summer Baker)
Miss Josephine Lewis
Miss Kate L. Nelson
Miss Theo Odeneal (Mrs. Jones)
Miss Molly L. Sykes (Mrs. E. H. Hargrove)
Miss Clara A. Shields
Miss Monty E. Shropshire
Miss May G. Shaeffer (Mrs. S.A. Brown)
Miss Kate Saltonstall
Miss E. Blanery Southall
Miss Mary E. Tabb
Miss Mary D. Thompson
Miss Lou Witherspoon (Mrs. Tenerson)
Miss Ophelia D. Watkins
Miss Fanny N. Watkins

August 30, 1859 Larrabee plans to improve institution
Resolution adopted: Add one year to course of study
Committee to fix fences and corners
Board to solicit subscriptions of \$10,000.00 for new Boarding House

September 14, 1859 Discussion of circular regarding curriculum – proceed

September 15, 1859 Discussion of circular– proceed

December 9, 1859 Larrabee: need
1. Additional recitation rooms
2. Larger boarding house

3. Purchase of cabinet of fossils collected by Dr. William Spillman

- December 13, 1859 Resolution for new recitation rooms by extension of building and for new Boarding house.
James S. Lull instructed to prepare plan and estimate
- April 27, 1860 (Friday) in P.M. Boarding house discovered on fire – completely in ruins – School building saved, no person injury – Fire originated from a paper balloon released by a student which landed on the roof and caught shingles on fire. School suspended until following Wednesday
- April 28, 1860 Provision for temporary homes for Boarders
Committee to issue statement of cause of fire
Committee to solicit subscription of additional \$40,000.00 for rebuilding: James Whitfield, Thomas C. Billups, James Hamilton, William D. Humphries, James Sykes, John K. Ashley, John M. Billups, Henry A. Pope, Milton G. Bean, James Wno Sykes, Charles W. Malone
- May 8, 1869 Uniform change – pink dresses not required any time
Fund raising committee \$27,000.00 – requested to continue efforts
- May 16, 1860 Stockholders – Fundraising \$28,980.00 – continue efforts
Trustee's election (116 votes)
Thomas G. Blewett, Sr. -111 – President
James S. Lull – 110
Stephen A. Brown – 102 – Secretary
John M. Billups – 98
William W. Humphries – 89
Isham Harrison, Jr. – 88
George R. Clayton – 80
Amzi E. Love – 78
Henry A. Pope – 73
Harrison Johnson – 63
Second Ballot (72 votes)
Daniel Williams – 59
Third Ballot (56 votes)
Richard Evans – 29
Trustees Meeting
- May 17, 1860 Settlement of claims for damages
Committee plans for new building or buildings:
James S. Lull, William a. Humphries, Henry Pope, John Billups
New uniform regulations: Winter Exams – green fabric of some kind, Summer Exams – pink, Commencement – white drapes with pink sash ribbon or belt...No silk, satin, or jewelry. One plain finger ring and one plain breast pin. Other times – whatever.
- May 22, 1860 New building plans by Lull unanimously accepted
Lull asks leave of absence from board

- May 28, 1860 Course of study committee – long report – extract:
Primary Department:
 20 (30) Reading, spelling, slate exercises, vocal music
Intermediate Department:
 30 (40) Reading, spelling, writing, Juvenile arithmetic, Geography with
 outline maps, drawing on slate or blackboard, and vocal music
Academic Department:
 40 (50) Reading, spelling and defining, Arithmetic – mental and written,
 Geography, English, Grammar, Penmanship, History, Latin, and vocal
 music
Collegiate Department:
 50 (60) Reading, analysis, penmanship, Analytical Orthography,
 Arithmetic, Geography, History, English Grammar, Composition, Latin,
 Greek, Botany, Algebra, Rhetoric, Geometry, Trigonometry, Muorology,
 Zoology, National Philosophy, Intellectual Philosophy, Moral
 Philosophy, Evidences of Christianity, Logic, Chemistry, Physiology,
 Bookkeeping, English literature.
- May 28, 1860 Report of settlement with Larrabee
 Larrabee asking additional \$1000.00 in expenses – adopted motion to
 allow \$230.00 in piano rents
- June 20, 1860 Resolved to start new constitution
- July 9, 1869 Catalogue to prohibit students from taking classes outside the Institute
 Rescinded regulation to accept students only for full year
 Richard Evans resigned
 Capt. Charles Baskerville elected
- September 28, 1869 Stockholders
 Trustees:
 Thomas G. Blewett, Sr. -88
 James S. Lull – 86
 John M. Billups – 84
 William W. Humphries – 58
 Isham Harrison, Jr. – 72
 George R. Clayton – 76
 Amzi E. Love – 70
 Henry A. Pope – 91
 Harrison Johnson – 61
 Daniel Williams – 76
 Charles Baskerville – 74
 James Hamilton -28
- October 18, 1860 Blewett, President
 S.A. Brown – Secretary/Treasurer - \$150.00 per year salary
 Harrison resigned
 S.A. Brown elected
 Changed resolutions adopted on July 9
 Discussed partition to be erected in Northeast room in upper story of

Institute

- October 20, 1860 Plank petition OK
Public displeasure at rule about no classes off campus in any subject taught by Institute – caused by competition of music teachers in town undermining Department in school
- December 20, 1869 Discussion of new building re: monetary affairs of the country
Resolved to proceed with erection of new building
- December 31, 1860 Report on cost of piano repair
- January 11, 1861 Discussion of suspending work on new building [*Mississippi had seceded from Union – this was the date of the Columbus Riflemen's departure to Mobile and Pensacola to secure the naval yards from the Union*]
New building – proceed
- March 11, 1861 Resolved to pay building debt
- March 14, 1861 Report of assets to building committee
- March 15, 1861 Report of assets: \$32,465.48
- March 18, 1861 No action
- June 25, 1861 Resolved to hold election of principal on Thursday 1 August and to advertise for same
Discussed procuring tin for roof of new building
- June 28, 1861 Larrabee addresses Board about newspaper ad and submit resolution he asks be passed affirming him. Board declines, adopts substitute motion (lukewarm), Larrabee resigns
- July 1, 1861 1861 Graduates:
Salutatorian Corinne V. Campbell (Mrs. Mistes)
Valedictorian Mary C. Welch
Laura B. Billington (Mrs. Dugucon)
Sally V. Cannon (Mrs. Bledsoe)
Cary L. Clayton (Mrs. Larrabee)
Molly D. Harris (Mrs. C.S.W. Price)
Matty C. Hughes (Mrs. Kennedy)
Sally A. Knox
Hopia A. Lumpkin
Mary T. Sanders (Mrs. Goodrich)
Laura F. Sanders
Ellen E. Sommerville (Mrs. Hughes)
Lou C. Watkins (Mrs. Wisner)
- Juniors: Susan Cannon
Anna Evans

Lucy Harris
 Cally Harrison
 Augusta Johnston
 Mary Nance
 Sue Nance
 Sophy Neilson
 Betty Stevens
 Blannie Shields
 Mary Williams
 Lida Williams

July 1, 1861 Concert – direction of Prof A. Poleman
 Graduation July 2, 1861 at 9 a.m.

July 2, 1861 Petition of stockholders to retain Larrabee – refused
 Allowed Lull architect fee payment \$200.00
 Allowed Brown secretary salary \$105.60
 Amzi Love resigns
 Suggests appointing new board
 Discussion of election or not
 No election

July 12, 1861 Nine board members had resigned

July 19, 1861 Resolution to re-employ Larrabee
 Trustees – all came back on board except Henry Pope
 Henry Dickinson elected to Pope's place

July 26, 1861 Baskerville resigned – Richard Evans elected
 Blewett resigned – no replacement – tabled
[Blewett went to Richmond to be an unofficial advisor to Jeff Davis WHEN?]

Financial Statement 1860-61

<u>Department</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Profit</u>
Collegiate	5951.06	4200.00	1751.06
Academic	1324.00	1000.00	224.00
Intermediate	817.25}		
Primary	276.80}	775.00	319.05
Music	4388.95	2800.00	1588.95
French	729.85	575.00	154.85
Drawing/Painting	<u>440.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>(less 60.00)</u>
Total	13,927.91	9,950.00	3,977.91
Cost of Wood		275.00	
Servants hire		200.00	
Printing		200.00	
Traveling Expenses		100.00	
10% of Tuition for deduction & bad debts		1,342.79	<u>2,167.79</u>

Margin for hiring and a Fortune \$1,810.12

August 1, 1861 Love and Blewett withdraw resignation
Voting for principal:
Rev. B.F. Larrabee 6
John W. Chandler 3
H.I. Carter 1
Larrabee elected –
Instructed to provide more detailed expense accounting

August 16, 1861 More discussion of accounts of Larrabee

October 1, 1861 No report from Larrabee settlement
Approved advance of \$500.00 to M.I. Howard for construction of new building @ 8% interest
\$37.50 to Brown for balance of secretary salary

October 4, 1861 More Larrabee finance discussion

October 4, 1861 Stockholders
Trustees:
George R. Clayton 51 (President)
John M. Billups 51
Henry B. Whitfield 47
James S. Lull 57
William W. Humphries 56
Henry Dickinson 44
Daniel Williams 65
— Thomas Christian 37
Amzi E. Love 14
William W. Topp 20
— Jephtha V. Harris 18
Isaac M. Knapp 23
Brown – Secretary

October 29, 1861 Officers: Clayton - President
S.A. Brown – Secretary
Isaac Knapp not eligible – John B. Ramsey elected
Resolved to stop brickwork on November 1 and resume in Spring
M.I. Howard authorized second payment on construction
Authorized final settlement with Larrabee

March 28, 1862 Report of settlement with Larrabee
Accounts:
2/1/58 W.H. O’Neal for belfry 138.50
3/1/58 M.G. Bean for 57 pr blinds 510.00
1/15/58 M.G. Bean for addition to

	Institute building	1400.00
“	2 long - 4 short	24.00
	Hang 3 windows	4.00
	50 feet tin conductor	12.50
	2 pair blinds Extra	16.00
4/15/59	I.H. Southall lathing and Plastering addition	217.20
7/20/59	I.J. Shaw for materials	175.00
	“ Stair, chimney, pillars, work on kitchen	60.30
	I.A. Bacon - lightening rods	38.00
	McCrane & Harris items	200.00
	George H. Harris – painting	119.75
5/20/60	I.J. Shaw lime and building pillars for Negro house	18.50

Comment on boundary lines Humphries and Lull
Conflict over right of principal to exclude a pupil
Note from Larrabee to Dr. Malone about daughter

- March 29, 1862 Larrabee appeared before board about student expelled –
Resolved that CFI is public school and has no power to exclude students
who pay fees and obeys rules
- March 31, 1862 Letter to Dr. Malone regarding Lida –
He (L) will not teach her but others may
Letter to board from Larrabee saying pupil has all rights
Resolution of Board requiring Larrabee to adhere to wishes of Board
regarding Lida Malone
- April 18, 1862 Larrabee has received notice to vacate Institute for use as a hospital;
from Dr. Pine and Westmoreland, Committee to remove furniture and
apparatus. Larrabee be entitled to receive rent from Confederates States
for use of Institute building
- June 25, 1862 Graduates:
Agnes Goolsby
Mittie Williams
Julia Davis
Sue Cannon
Lida Williams
Augusta Johnston
Mary Nance
Bettie Stevens
Pattie Williams
- July 22, 1861 No action
- August 21, 1862 Re-elected Larrabee
Principal authorized 25% increase in tuition

President authorized to settle with proper parties for damage done while used for hospital purposes

August 22, 1862	Tuition:	Collegiate <i>per month</i>	10.00
		Academic <i>per month</i>	8.00
		Primary <i>per month</i>	6.00
		Music <i>per month</i>	10.00
		French <i>per month</i>	6.00
		Latin <i>per month</i>	6.00

November 21, 1862 Trustees:

- William W. Humphries
- Jeptha V. Harris
- George H. Harris
- James T. Harrison
- James S. Lull
- Thomas G. Cannon
- Robert F. Matthews
- John C. Ramsey
- Henry Dickinson
- Thomas Christian
- Isaac Williams
- Harrison Johnston

November 24, 1862 Officers:

- William W. Humphries, President
- S.A. Brown, Secretary

Read letter from Larrabee and called meeting on L's return

December 6, 1864 Report of number of scholars

College:	Sub-senior	11	
	Post junior	28	
	Junior	19	
	Sophomore	11	
	Freshmen	9	
			78
Academic			29
Primary			<u>30</u>
			Total - 137

Music Scholars	31
Latin scholars	11
Music practice	5
Scholarship pupils	7
Gratuitous pupils	12
Absentees	13
Non-paying	5

Number of paying pupils 100

College Department	54	paying @ \$10.00	\$540.00
Academic	23	" " " 8.00	184.00

Primary	“	23	“	“	6.00	138.00
Latin	“	8	“	“	8.00	64.00

Total \$926.00

Expenses for assistant teacher	\$424.00
Other Expenses	150.00

Music:

Paying music scholars	29	\$290.00	
Paying music practice	5	10.00	\$300.00
Paid to Kreckler			<u>232.00</u>
Balance		\$	68.00

Voted to raise tuition:

College \$10.00 to \$13.00 per month
 Academic \$8.00 to \$ 10.00 per month
 Primary \$6.00 to \$8.00 per month
 French \$6.00 to \$8.00 per month
 Latin \$6.00 to \$8.00 per month
 Music \$10.00 to \$13.00 per month
 Use of piano \$2.00 to \$2.00 per month

To commence at end of term 3 months

July 10, 1865 Discussed election of Principal
 Voted to wait until 5 p.m. tomorrow

July 11, 1865 Principal: Rev. Benjamin F. Larrabee 6
 Rev. ? Mitchell 4
 Rev. James A. Lyon 1
 Larrabee elected
 Reverted to tuition rates of 28 May 1860

August 28, 1865 Larrabee appeared and discussed fee and executive committee
 Harris moved that Principal be authorized to add difference between specie and
 currency in collection of fees (Lost)
 Baskerville & Whitfield asked for note payment without interest – denied
 Conversation about condition of new building

September 29, 1865 Trustees:

William W. Humphries, President
 James T. Harrison
 James S. Lull
 Thomas Christian
 Jephtha V. Harris
 Thomas E. Cannon
 John C. Ramsey
 Stephen A. Brown, Secretary
 Dunstan Banks
 James Sykes
 Harrison Johnston
 Charles R. Crusoe

November 19, 1865 Officers:

William W. Humphries, President
S.A. Brown, Secretary
Dunstan Banks resigned – not accepted
Baskerville and Whitfield asked to substitute notes – rejected
Committee to collect notes from Baskerville and Whitfield to complete
Boarding House
Larrabee asked for fee increase

Graduates:

Lizzie Batie (Mrs. Black)
Lizzie Goodwin
Ella Green
Lizzie Caskin
Anna Billups (Mrs. Harris)
New Executive Committee

March 17, 1866 Letter from Larrabee which was withdrawn

Graduates:

Norma Clayton
Irene Harris
May Baldwin
Georgia Beaty
Sem Williams
Willi Odeneal
Tilla Cage
Guadaloo Frazee
Marian Bradford
Rebecca Shaeffer
Julia Powell
Lydia Boss
Mary Mullen
Mary Lyon
Alice Bean
Lizzie Eager
Josie Grigsby
Lucy Goodwin
Annie O'Haver

March 21, 1866 Larrabee interview – resigned – unanimously accepted
Mrs. Eager to continue exercises of Institute
Executive Committee directed to collect notes

April 4, 1866 Executive Committee authorized to settle with William H. O'Neal for
work done and make a new contract for putting on the top joists, rafters,
and sheathing preparatory for a tin roof – On completion O'Neal to
return "over plus" that has been paid – then rescind first contract

April 21, 1866 Elected Rev. Allen S. Andrews, Principal – he appeared, then left –

accepted by letter April 24

May 25, 1866

Tuition:

Primary \$30.00

Intermediate 40.00

Academic 50.00

College 60.00

Music on Piano or Guitar \$60.00

Others same as 28 May 1860

Moved to turn buildings over to Andrews as soon as possible but not later than 1 July

June 26, 1866

Larrabee refuses to turn over property

Board demands possession of the property so it can be turned over to Andrews

Issue Certificates of Stock

Effect insurance as large as possible

August 2, 1866

Resolved to modify contract with W.H. O'Neal to complete

September 11, 1866

Damage to the College building due to want of money to enclose it

Rent - \$2.00 per pupil

Miss Lewis hired as music teacher

Principal recommends stopping parties and social gatherings by parents and guardians during sessions

June 1867

Graduates:

Nannie C. Heard

Lucy W. Goodwin

Josephine M. Lock

Sallie G. Turner

Dicy Hargrove

Pulcheria E. Kidd

Rosa O. Carr

Orline B. Lowry

Neppie Cannon

Cornelia J. Dyer

Julia R. Banks

June 26, 1867

Andrews presented account for repairs of \$505.70

Andrews reported average number of students at 170

Piano rent settled at \$30.00

Building committee authorized to contract for plastering at \$1800.00

September 17, 1867

Letter from C.M. Ottley, Treasurer of Columbus Tournament giving \$341.50 and lumber from tournament grounds

June 7, 1867 ?

Commencement

Sermon preached by Rev. A.S. Andrews

June 6, 1869 Commencement sermon by Rev. J.R. Burgett, DD, Mobile, AL

June 7, 1869 Junior Class Exhibition
 Literary address by S.M. Meek, Columbus
 Lillian Ward, Macon
 Mattie Snell, Columbus
 Annie B. Stinson, Columbus
 Hattie Hale, Columbus
 Luella T. Smith, Enterprise
 F. Albrina Cooper, Port Gibson
 Emma Phillips, Vaiden
 Anna Bradford, Columbus
 Anna Cannon, Columbus
 Absent:
 Nettie Smith, Enterprise
 S. Lizzie Payne, Mobile

June 9, 1869 Graduation
 Miss M.C. McNeill
 Miss M. Wood
 Miss O.L. Tillman
 Miss M.E. Skinner
 Miss R.F. Winston
 Miss E. Foote
 Miss C.A. Cline
 Miss V. Chambers
 Miss S.E. Tarrant
 Miss M. Munger
 Miss M. Bean
 Miss L.M. Andrews
 Miss M.E. Cohen
 Miss Ruth A. Koger – Absent – ill

April 20, 1870 Trustees:
 William W. Humphries
 James T. Harrison (resigned – J.A. Orr)
 James S. Lull (died- W.L. Lipscomb)
 Thomas Christian (Resigned – J.M. Billups)
 John C. Ramsey
 Stephen A. Brown (Resigned – L.B. Tucker)
 James Sykes
 George T. Stainback
 John F. Hudson
 Amzi E. Love
 Abram S. Humphries
 Charles F. Sherrod

April 30, 1870 S.A. Brown resigned – Rev. L. J. Tucker elected
 Humphries, President
 S.A. Brown Secretary/Treasurer

Visiting Committee
Board to attend Commencement in body
Executive Committee appointed
Executive Committee to report on sale of surplus lots

- May 7, 1870 Principal to make property inventory
- June 25, 1870 Rent for building and grounds \$1000.00
Remind Principal that no contracts can be made to bind the Trustees
without authority
- June 1870 Commencement (*Blank Page*)
- July 2, 1870 Rescinded \$1000.00 rent
Committee to approve or reject improvements
- July 5, 1870 Rent fixed at \$600.00 – half due 1 October; other half 1 February
Inventory required
Prof. Poleman reported to have sold grand piano to Rev. J.T. Tarrant in
June 1869
Note January 1, 1870 unable to pay - \$265.00

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