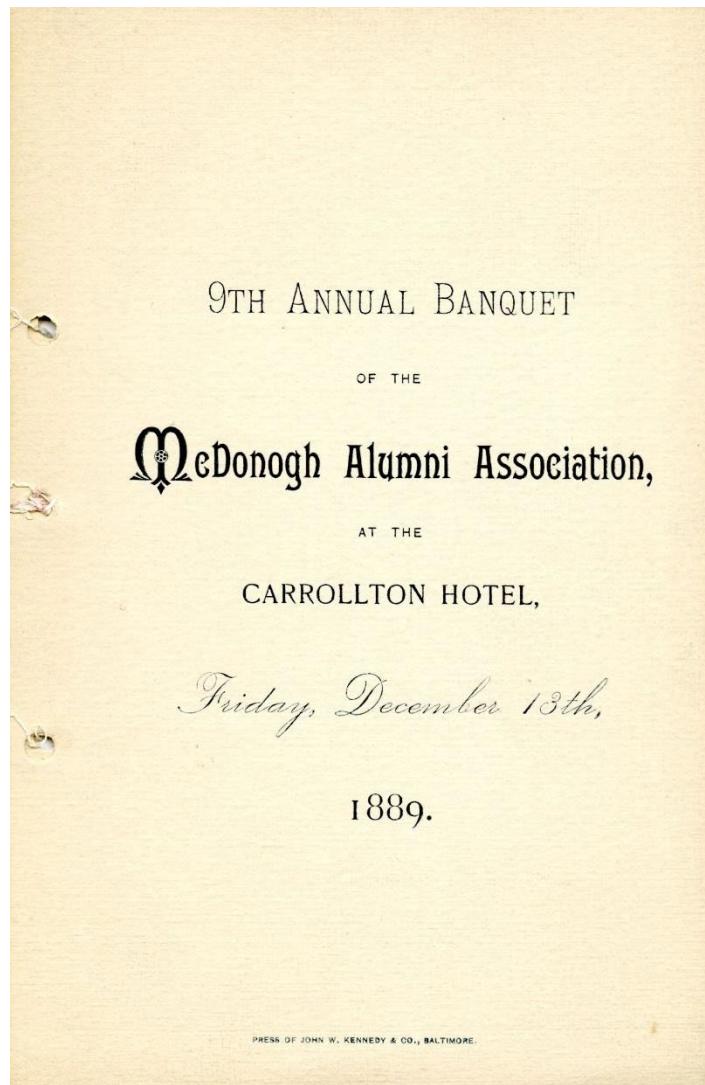




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**Papers of the McDonogh Alumni Association**



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## MS-08: The Papers of the McDonogh Alumni Association

(22 Boxes; 9.9 cubic feet)

**Inclusive Dates:** 1880 - 2016

**Bulk Dates:** 1914 – c.1960s

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### Agency Sketch

The McDonogh School Alumni Association (originally, McDonogh School Alumni Society), was founded on June 26, 1880 by a group of alumna whose main object, according to its constitution was, "friendship and mutual help." Every graduate of the School become members upon their graduation. Initially acting like a fraternal organization whose primary responsibility was to host reunions for alumni, the Association slowly grew to form committees with various responsibilities such as fundraising, event planning, recruitment of new students, and others.

The Association was crucial in maintaining a connection between fellow alumni, evidenced by the officers' keen interest in maintaining contact with every alumni and for a time routinely submitting a death notice upon the passing of fellow alums. Members could subscribe to the Association by contributing a nominal fee and in return, would receive a copy of *The Week*, the School's newspaper, to keep them up-to-date on the events occurring at McDonogh. Records of this membership perk end in 1956, but that does not preclude the possibility that it was still available after 1956.

The Association was also responsible for hosting events to keep alumni engaged and in contact with one another. Monthly alumni luncheons assured that local alumni maintained close contact, while out-of-town chapters provided the same opportunities for alumni living in other locations by hosting dinners and get-togethers as well. The Association also hosted an annual springtime fair which brought alumni and McDonogh families together. Additionally, the Association was responsible for the 50<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> anniversaries (1923 and 1948) of the School's founding, which they celebrated by hosting dinners and other events for all alumni, including the laying of the cornerstone for the Memorial Field House in 1948.

Beginning in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century (c. 1903), the Alumni Association also undertook various fundraising campaigns in efforts to keep the School financially stable. Even though a sustaining, annual fund was not established until 1958, smaller targeted funds were occasionally created to fundraise for specific purposes, such as the Memorial Fund, which raised money to build the Memorial Field House and Memorial Court in the late 1940's. These fundraising campaigns ultimately contributed the most substantial financial contributions to these various causes, and at the time of its creation, the Annual Fund was the only continuous fundraiser for the School.

## **Series Description**

**Series 1:** Organizational Documents & Minutes; **Series 2:** Correspondence; **Series 3:** Business Records; **Series 4:** Publications; **Series 5:** Committee; **Series 6:** 50<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries; **Series 7:** Association Chapters; **Series 8:** Photos; **Series 9:** Miscellaneous.

## **Scope & Content Notes**

This collection consists of 21 boxes (9.45 cubic feet) of records and materials organized into 10 Series, which reflects and records over 120 years of McDonogh School history and the history of the organization – one of the earliest alumni organizations to be established. The bulk of the collection consists of official organizational documents, minutes, business records, and correspondence (**Series 1** through **Series 3**.), as well as materials from the 50<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> McDonogh School anniversary celebrations (**Series 4**.)

The collection also contains two boxes of materials from various alumni chapters from around the country (**Series 7**), the largest collection of materials being from the Washington, D.C. Chapter from 1916 through 1967. This Series also contains several scrapbooks from the “Duncan Campbell Lyle Scrapbook Collection”, (see: Vertical File Manuscript Collection VFM for other Lyle Scrapbooks.) Lyle was chosen by Col. William Allan to be his first assistant when the school opened in 1873 and taught German and Mathematics until he was elected Principal upon the death of Allan in 1889. He served in that capacity until 1893, and returned to teaching until his retirement in 1919. Lyle compiled individual scrapbooks for every McDonogh student, club and organization until his death in 1938.

Other materials of interest include, but are not limited to, photographs from some of the earliest alumni gatherings (pre-1900), a letter detailing the Association’s relationship with “shell-shocked” World War I veterans, and physical prototypes and papers regarding an alumni pin, first dated 1892.

**Series 1: Organizational Documents & Minutes** consists of minutes from annual and executive council meetings, and Association constitutions and bylaws.

**Series 2: Correspondence** consists of letters exchanged between club officers, Association members, and external sources, as well as form letters sent to all members of the Association and annual subscription mailers.

**Series 3: Business Records** contains financial documentation for the Association. Most are records for transactions (invoices, check fillers and receipts, and mail deposit receipts) or follow the Association’s balances over time (budget and treasurer’s reports, balance sheets, and ledger books).

**Series 4: Publications** primarily consists of invitations for alumni Association events, but also includes newsletters sent to alumni and various other publications. *Alumni Addresses* are speeches given to alumni and published by the School and/or the Association.

**Series 5: Committees** consists of papers from various committees or fundraisers created and managed by the Association. While the focus of the committees vary widely, the most substantive are the annual fair papers regarding the annual fair hosted by the Association each spring and the distinguished service award records.

**Series 6: 50<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries** consists of a variety of materials regarding the anniversary celebrations hosted by the Association (1923 and 1948), including pamphlets, newspaper clippings, minutes, correspondence, and others.

**Series 7: Association Chapters** contains official records and correspondence of individual chapters of the Alumni Association in Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburgh, and Washington D.C., as well as "Lyle Journals"; scrapbooks of chapter news compiled by Duncan C. Lyle (McDonogh School Headmaster, 1889 – 1893.)

**Series 8: Photos** consist of photos taken at Alumni Association events; primarily alumni gatherings. The dates range from 1930 – 2005, and the bulk of the photos were taken from 1980 – 2000.

**Series 9: Miscellaneous** pertains to any documentation that does not fit neatly into another series. Included in this file are: leadership rosters, address registries, necrology reports, and other information.

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**Series 1: Organizational Documents & Minutes**

- 1-1** Minute Book Number 1, June 26, 1880 – December 1895
- 1-2** Minute Book Number 2, July 4, 1896 – May 7, 1938

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- 2-1** Minute Book Number 3, 1939 – 1954
- 2-2** Minute Book Number 4, 1955 – 1962

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- 3-1** Alumni Council Handbook, 1995 – 1996
- 3-2** Annual Meeting Minutes, May 1932 - 1983 (with gaps)
- 3-3** Constitutions and Bylaws, 1900 - 1939 (with gaps)
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- 3-5** Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 1938 - March 1972 (with gaps)
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- 3-9** Meeting Minutes from the files of Howard Scotland, Secretary, 1971-72 (overlaps with 3-3)
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- 4-5** General Correspondence, January 1, 1947 - November 13, 1947
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- 5-9** Form Letters to Alumni, 1920 – 1948 (with gaps)
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- 6-5** Balance Sheets, September 1944 – April 1947
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- 11-8** Alumni Sporting Event Invitations, 1991-2015
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