

Literary Societies and Publications Collection: Finding Aid

University Archives; Gardner-Webb University



Descriptive Summary

Repository – University Archives; Gardner-Webb University

Title – Literary Societies and Publications Collection

Quantity – 5 Boxes

Language – English

Abstract – Literary societies and publications have long been a tradition at Gardner-Webb University, beginning in 1908 when the institution was Boiling Springs High School. Kalliergeonean, Athenean, Kalagathean, and Rhamsauer literary societies focused on essay writing, declamation, debate, and self-governance. Societies held student-led assemblies throughout the year, recognizing outstanding student work. By 1934, the four societies merged into two coed societies; and by the late 1940's all societies were disbanded. The collection contains photographs of society members and their early publications, *The Argus* and *The Kalarathea*. By 1967, the Department of English reinvigorated literary pursuits on campus with the launch of *The Green Scribe*. This publication would eventually develop into the current, award winning literary journal *The Broad River Review*. The collection contains issues of *The Green Scribe*, *One Little Candle*, *Reflections*, and *The Broad River Review*.

Processing Information

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Acquisition Information

Editors of the publication and/or the Department of English have provided University Archives with editions of *The Green Scribe*, *One Little Candle*, *Reflections*, and *The Broad River Review*. Editions of *The Argus* and *The Kalarathea* were donated to the University by an anonymous alumnus.

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Preferred Citations for Publications

Author of work. (year). Title of work. *The Argus*. Boiling Springs, NC: Gardner-Webb University. Retrieved from URL.

Author of work. (year). Title of work. *The Kalarathea*. Boiling Springs, NC: Gardner-Webb University. Retrieved from URL.

Author of work. (1967). Title of work. *The Green Scribe, Vol. number*. Boiling Springs, NC: Gardner-Webb University. Retrieved from URL.

Author of work. (year). Title of work. *One Little Candle, Vol. number*. Boiling Springs, NC: Gardner-Webb University. Retrieved from URL.

Author of work. (year). Title of work. *Reflections, Vol. number*. Boiling Springs, NC: Gardner-Webb University. Retrieved from URL.

Author of work. (year). Title of work. *The Broad River Review, Vol. number*. Boiling Springs, NC: Gardner-Webb University. Retrieved from URL.

Arrangement & Inventory

This arrangement of this collection is chronological by publication and publication date. This collection is arranged in X series.

Series 1. Literary Societies & Publications; 1908 – 1947

Box 1 - Photographs of the Kalagathean, Athenian, Rhamsauer, and Kalliergeonean literary societies.
The Argus, 1911
The Kalarathea, 1925
The Kalarathea, 1934
News clippings

Series 2. The Green Scribe; 1967

Box 1 – The Green Scribe, 1967

Series 3. One Little Candle; 1969 – 1972

Box 1 - History of One Little Candle

One Little Candle, 1969 v.1

One Little Candle, 1969 v.2

One Little Candle, 1971

One Little Candle, 1972

Series 4. Reflections; 1973 – 1999

Box 1 – Reflections 1973

Box 2 - Reflections 1974

Reflections 1975

Reflections 1976

Reflections 1977

Box 3 - Reflections 1978

Reflections 1979

Reflections 1980

Reflections 1981

Reflections 1982

Reflections 1983

Box 4 - Reflections 1984

Reflections 1985

Reflections 1986

Reflections 1987

Reflections 1988

Reflections 1989

Box 5 - Reflections 1990

Reflections 1991

Reflections 1992

Reflections 1993

Reflections 1994

Reflections 1995

Reflections 1996

Reflections 1997

Reflections 1998

Reflections 1999

Reflections 2000

Reflections 2001

Series 5. The Broad River Review; 2002 – present

Archive Stack (14)

AS 14 - The Broad River Review 2002
The Broad River Review 2003
The Broad River Review 2004
The Broad River Review 2005
The Broad River Review 2006
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The Broad River Review 2008
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The Broad River Review 2010
The Broad River Review 2011
The Broad River Review 2012
The Broad River Review 2013
The Broad River Review 2014
The Broad River Review 2015

Scope & Contents

The Literary Societies and Publications collection contains items pertaining to Boiling Springs High School's, Boiling Springs Junior College, Gardner-Webb College, and Gardner-Webb University's societies and/or literary journals from 1908 to the present. With the exception of Series 1. Literary Societies & Publications; 1908 – 1947, the collection holds 3 copies of each publication.

Series 1. Literary Societies & Publications; 1908 – 1947. Includes materials pertaining to the school's four original literary societies: Kalliergeonean, Rhamsauer, Athenian, and Kalagathean. The four original societies were established in 1908 with Kalliergeonean and Rhamsauer acting as the two women's societies and Athenian and Kalagathean acting as the two men's societies. Societies, of which students were required to join at least one, focused on essay writing, declamation, debate, and self-governance. Societies held student-led assemblies throughout the year with society medals being awarded to the students with the most outstanding work or contribution. By 1934 the four societies combined to become two co-ed societies: the Athenian-Rhamsauer and the Kalatahian-Kalliergeonean. Both societies collaborated on *The Argus* (1911) and *The Kalarathea* (1920s – 1930s). The 1947 Anchor yearbook contains the last reference to either society.

Series 2. The Green Scribe; 1967. Includes a single issue of *The Green Scribe* published by the Gardner-Webb College Department of English. The publication was developed as a way for ENGL 102 composition students to highlight their work. It is believed that there are subsequent publications of *The Green Scribe* based on a notation in the first

issue of *One Little Candle*. Additional issues of this publication are not held by University Archives.

Series 3. One Little Candle; 1969 – 1972. Includes 3 copies of each issue of the *One Little Candle* literary journal. The Department of English opened publication in the journal up to include Gardner-Webb students, faculty, and the local community. Each edition contains a variety of prose, poetry, and art.

Series 4. Reflections; 1973 – 2001. Includes 3 copies of each issue of the Reflections literary journal. For the 1973 issue, the title of the publication was changed to *Reflections*. The rationale for the name change was to reflect that the “mind of a creative writer must have [a] certain quality that lends itself to mediation, musing, deliberation, and pondering” (*Reflections*, 1973). Issues include a variety of poetry, prose, and art from student, faculty, and community contributors.

Series 5. The Broad River Review; 2002 – present. Includes 3 copies of each issue of *The Broad River Review* which is currently in publication. With the rebranding and renaming of the journal, the publication expanded its scope to include works by regional and national authors and artists. Beginning in 2010, two well-known authors are selected as judges for the Ron Rash awards in fiction and poetry. The works of award winners are published in the following year’s issue of the journal along with the J. Calvin Koontz award in poetry.

Additional Authors, Titles, & Subheadings

The following entries represent persons, titles, and subjects documented in this collection.

Titles

The Argus

The Kalarathea

The Green Scribe

One Little Candle

Reflections

The Broad River Review

Authors

Ron Rash

Subjects

Gardner-Webb University

Gardner-Webb College

Boiling Springs High School

Kalagathian

Kalliergeonean

Athenian

Rhamsauer

Student publications

Literary societies

Student writing

Student Art

J. Calvin Koontz