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**Description**
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Agency Sketch:
(taken from *Fourteenth Annual Public Exercises of Penn and Sword Society*, 1912)

The Pen and Sword Society was founded in September, 1897, by Wm. J. Geis, Ph.D., 1893. A mass meeting of the students was held on Saturday, September 4, of that year, and as a result the Society was formally organized and consisted of eleven charter members, eight undergraduates and three alumni. These charter members are C. T. Lark, 1898, W. M. Burns, 1901, S. M. Lutz, 1898, D. Dale, 1900, R. W. Woods, 1898, L. S. Weaver, 1899, E. W. Meisenhelder, 1898, O. G. Klinger, 1886, H. C. Alleman, 1887, and W. J. Gies, 1893.

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Scope and Content Notes:

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Box 1:

Minute book, Pen and Sword Society, 1904 – 1943 (includes correspondence)

1 – Correspondence, Constitution and By-Laws, Account Book, 1928-1930
2 – Pen and Sword Collation programs, 1907 (2), 1908, 1909, 1910 & 1911
3 - Pen and Sword Public Exercise programs, 1908, 1909, 1910 (2), 1911 (3), & 1912
4 - Pen and Sword Banquet programs, 1901, 1904
5 - Pen and Sword Annual Public Meeting programs, 1904, 1907 & 1913 (2)