Lancaster County Academy Records
MS 5

Summary Information
Creator
Lancaster County Academy

Title
Lancaster County Academy Records

Dates
1827-1841, 1827-1830 (bulk)

Extent
.125 LF (.5 ms. boxes)

Arrangement
Collection organized into folders corresponding to the type of records such as correspondence, reports, minutes etc.

Language of Materials
All materials in English.

Abstract
This collection contains records of the Lancaster County Academy a secondary school that operated in Lancaster Pa from 1827 to ca. 1840. Materials include committee reports, trustees minutes, correspondence, receipts, and construction bids.

Subjects
Lancaster County Academy--History.
Schools--Pennsylvania--Lancaster.
Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
Source unknown.

Custodial History (Provenance)
Provenance unknown. Possibly acquired by Franklin College with the purchase of the building in 1841.

Access Restrictions
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Processing Information
Processed by Charlotte B. Brown, May 1985. Description based on DACS.

Accruals
No further accruals are expected.

Additional Information

Bibliographical Note
For additional history of the Academy see:

Related Materials
Records of Franklin and Marshall College (RG 1- RG 15), Archives and Special Collections, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA.

Historical/Biographical Information
The Lancaster County Academy was located at 109-115 N. Lime St., Lancaster, PA. The academy was incorporated on 14 April 1827 by an Act of Incorporation passed in the Pennsylvania Legislature. The amount of $3000. was appropriated at the time of incorporation. The appointment of a principal and the construction of the Academy building both occurred in the Summer of 1827.

The first classes met on 23 October 1827 in a private home on W. King St. since construction on the N. Lime St. building had not been completed. Instruction in both classical and mathematical departments were offered.
Principals of the Academy:

1827 - Feb 1829    James P. Wilson, Jr.
Apr - May 1829     Joel Erwin
Sum 1829 - Dec 1830 Robert Birch
Oct 1831 - ?      John B. Patterson
Jun 1832 - ?      Dr. James Power
Aug - Oct 1833    John Keenan
Oct 1833 - Spg (?) 1836 Rev. Charles A. Van Vleck
Spg 1836 - 1839  Rev. Aaron A. Marcelus

With the departure of Rev. Marcelus, classes were never resumed.

In 1837 the Academy building was also used by the Lancaster Conservatory of Art and Sciences and by the City Lyceum. Franklin College purchased the Academy building in Aug 1840 for $593.34. For a history of the Academy see: Worner, William Frederic. "Lancaster County Academy." Papers read before the Lancaster County Historical Society. v.36:2. 1932. pp. 83-100.

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Inventory/Contents

BOX 1  Building construction bids.  1827 Jun. (1f)
   Charter, by-laws, regulations, reports.  1827;
   1841. (1f)
   Committee. ...device and inscription for a seal.
   report. 1827 Jun 1. (1f)
   Committee to ascertain probable number of students...
   report. 1827 Jun 29. (1f)
   Committee. ...to plan a building. report. 1827. (1f)
   Correspondence. (1827) - 1841. (1f)
   Executive committee to appoint a principal.
   reports. 1827. (1f)
   Letters of recommendation for students. 1829. (1f)
   Receipts. (1827 ?) - 1841. (1f)
   Subscription lists. 1827 Jun; n.d. (1f)
   Trustees. Minutes. 1829 Oct 1 - 1830 Dec 27. (1f)