SUMMARY INFORMATION

Title: Daniel Townsend Smith Papers
Dates: 1861-1929 inclusive
Accession #: 0000-020
Creator: Smith, Daniel Townsend, 1842-1929
Physical Description: 0.42 linear feet (1 box)
Languages: Collection material in English.
Processing: Julia A. Cowart processed the collection in 2018.

Collection Summary: Papers of a Furman alumnus and prominent Greenville citizen, documenting his service in the Civil War; with data on the Washington Artillery, and his daily life in Greenville while a professor at Furman University. Includes minutes of the Greenville Literary Club, 1871-1874.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition:
Mrs. George A. Adams (Theodora Elizabeth “Bonnie Bet”), daughter of Daniel Townsend Smith, donated the original journal and notebook in 1978. The photocopies of the diaries may have been donated during the period between the microfilming of the journal in 1977 and when the original materials were donated in 1978.

Related material:
- Furmaniana folder – Daniel Townsend Smith, Special Collections and Archives, Furman University
- Microfilm, Papers of Daniel Townsend Smith and Thomas P. Smith, 1814-1903, Special Collections and Archives, Furman University
- Microfilm, Greenville Literary Club, 1871-1874, Special Collections and Archives, Furman University
- Belton O. Mauldin Family Correspondence, 1856-1902, Special Collections and Archives, Furman University
- Thomas Peter Smith Family Papers, 1778-2010, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Archives
- George Smith Adams Papers, 1826-2010, College of Charleston
Biographical Sketch:

Daniel Townsend Smith was born August 9, 1842 on Edisto Island, SC to Thomas Peter Smith (1814-1903) and Theodora Elizabeth Townsend (1820-1899), fifth daughter of Captain Daniel Townsend and his wife, Hephzibah Jenkins Townsend.

Smith attended South Carolina College before serving as a member of Washington Light Artillery from Charleston during the Civil War. He earned an A.B. from Furman University in 1867, and then graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Greenville in 1869. Smith taught in the Furman’s School of Ancient Languages 1871-1881, and in the School of English Language and Literature 1877-1881.

Smith’s father, Thomas Peter Smith, was on the Furman University Board of Trustees for many years (1866-98). He served on the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1868-1897) and was a member of the committee responsible for the decision to relocate the seminary to Louisville, Kentucky in 1877.

Smith married first, Elizabeth Sloan “Betty” Mauldin (1843-1874), and second Mary Tallulah Tyler (1852-1933). He and his second wife had eight children, five living to adulthood; Daniel Townsend Smith Jr., Thomas Pressley Smith, Mrs. R.W. Matheny (Carrie), Mrs. George A. Adams (Theodora Elizabeth), and Mrs. E. Brooks Walker (Ella May). Smith died June 13, 1929.

USING THE COLLECTION

Access Restrictions: None.

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ARRANGEMENT

This collection is arranged into three series:

Series 1: Chemistry notebook, 1861
Series 2: Diaries, 1863-1877, 1929
Series 3: Journal, 1871-1888

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Daniel Townsend Smith Papers consist of a notebook, diaries, and a journal. The original notebook is inscribed, “Lectures by Dr. Joe Leconte to the Sophomores of 1861. From April to the July term.” Dr. Joseph Leconte was Professor of Chemistry and Geology at South Carolina College.

1 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary: The First Thirty Years, 1859-1889, by John Richard Sampey, 1890
2 General catalog of Furman University, 1852-1899, by Clinton Capers Brown, 1899
The diaries are photocopies and cover 1863 – 1877 inclusive, and 1929. They detail Smith’s thoughts, experiences, activities, and neighborhood news. Included is an expense account covering 1873 to 1883.

The original journal covers 1871-1888. It contains minutes of the Literary Club of Greenville, SC, January 17, 1871- December 23, 1874, D.T. Smith Secretary [during the years he was at Furman], including their Constitution and Bylaws. These minutes have been microfilmed.

The journal also contains a daily diary covering July 1884 – December 1887 that describes his activities. The death of his first born, daughter Mary Tallulah, age 5, is described on December 18, 1886. It also contains an expense account, July 1884 – January 1888. The journal excluding the Greenville Literary Club minutes was also microfilmed.

**COLLECTION INVENTORY**

**Series 1:**
- Folder 1. Notebook, “Lectures by Dr. Joe Leconte to the Sophomores of 1861. From April to the July term.” Original.

**Series 2:**
- Folder 2. Jan 1863 – Dec 1865
- Folder 3. Jan 1867 – Sep 1868
- Folder 4. Feb 1869 – Dec 1869
- Folder 5. Jan. 1871 – Sep 1871
- Folder 6. Feb 1873 – 1883
- Folder 7. Feb 1877 – Aug 1877
- Folder 8. June 1929

**Series 3:**