Preliminary Inventory
Douglas Cannon and Cannon Scraps Collection
Collection Number: 1999-73

Date: 1858-2004

Number of containers: 1 Hollinger box

Brief description of collection:

The Douglas Cannon and Cannon Scraps Collection contains information on the historical Wesleyan traditions surrounding the Douglas Cannon, concerning the cannon scraps between the freshman and sophomore classes and efforts to steal and return the cannon. The collection consists of a brief typewritten history of cannon scrap traditions in the late 19th and early 20th centuries circa 1902; two editions of The Wesleyan Literary Monthly (circa 1916) with pertinent cannon chapters; photocopies of an article about the cannon scrap that appeared in The Wide World magazine; newspaper and alumni magazine clippings; histories of the Douglas Gun written by Edward C. Douglas, Anthony Eagles, and Spike Guernsey; a piece of rope used to pull the cannon; an index of cannon references in the Argus; a metal advertisement (?); alumni correspondence containing recollections of past cannon scraps; film negatives and photographs; printed emails and correspondence “from” the cannon; 1 DVD; ribbons and sign from the cannon’s 1997 return.

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