

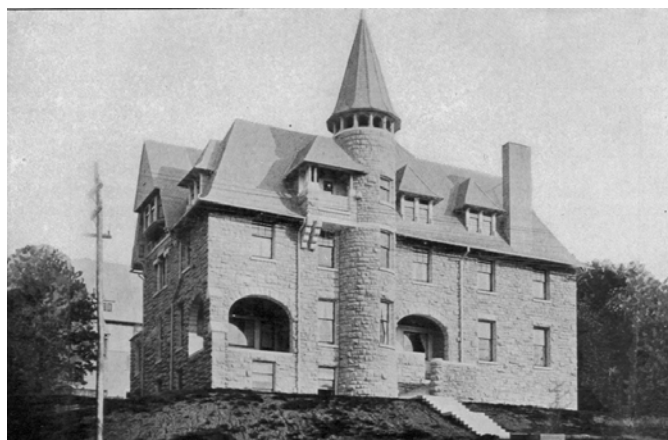
**DELTA KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY**  
**Delta Chi Chapter at Cornell University**  
**Office of the Alumni Historian**

**ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #19: Pledge Class Research Tasks, 1987-88**

Forward—

The modern Delta Chi Chapter History Program began circa 1985 with a transcription of the *Chapter Meeting Minutes* —seven bound manuscript volumes spanning the years 1870 to 1981— and a survey of what was known and what was not concerning the chapter's origins. In early 1987 the Alumni Historian (this author) devised a set of thirty-seven Research Tasks for the chapter's pledge class to investigate. These tasks addressed aspects of the chapter's founding, exploits of the members, and details concerning the architecture of the Cornell Deke House. Some tasks were completed successfully and some were not. This exercise was repeated in the following year with a set of twenty new tasks that were accompanied with considerable background information gleaned from the transcribed *Minutes*. The completion of this second campaign led to the 1988 petitions to list the lodge on the National and New York State Registers of Historic Places, and the 1993 publication of *The Cornell Deke House —A History of the 1893 Lodge*. Later the 1994 interim report, *The Deke House at Cornell: A Concise History of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1870-1930* sprang from this work.

This study is a transcription of the collected pledge program research tasks for the 1987 and 1988 campaigns. Appendix A depicts an image of 1987 Research Task #001 as an example of the manuscript forms used that year. Pledges completed their work on green copies and returned them to the Alumni Historian later in the Spring term. Appendix B is a letter of instruction to the 1987 Pledgemaster that explained how the program was to be administered. The 1988 tasks were entirely typewritten and appear here in the same format as they were at the time of issue. Appendix C is the "Interim Research Task Progress Report" form that was used in the 1988 program. A few editorial comments concerning the results obtained have been entered in red typeface. Text and images in green are results reported for selected inquiries.



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## Frontispiece

The Cornell University Deke House at 13 South Avenue, Ithaca NY, circa 1900. Waterman Thomas Hewett. *Cornell University: A History* (New York: University Publishing Society, 1905), v. I, facing p. 56. See ΔKE1-054 in the ΔKE Depository (Collection 37-4-1535), Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Carl A. Kroch Library, Cornell University, Ithaca NY 14853.

## 1987 Pledge Class: DKE History Project Research Tasks (#001 to #037)

### Research Task #001 Information Objective

Identify the architect of the Deke House at 13 South Avenue. A photocopy of documentary evidence is required. Additional data required: name and address of the architect's firm; [and] complete copy of building permit. Note: this task refers to the original 1893 building.

Potential Sources: Ithaca Municipal Records, Cornell Academic Departments, check Ithaca building permits, [and] consult with Prof. C. F. Otto, M. Tomlin and Kermit C. Parsons in Department of Architecture.

The architect of the 1893 lodge was quickly identified as William Henry Miller (1848-1922). Copies of his drawings were found in the files of the Cornell University Office of Planning, Design and Construction (PDC).

### Research Task #002 Information Objective

Identify the architect responsible for the south porch addition in 1906. Photocopy source material. Fully describe source.

Potential Sources: Ithaca Municipal Records [and] building permits. See Task #001.

Architectural plans for this addition were never found, but Miller was probably the designer.

### Research Task #003 Information Objective

Identify the architect responsible for the 1911 [sic] addition to the house. Photocopy source material.

Potential Sources: Ithaca Municipal Records (building permits). See Task #001.

The architectural firm of Arthur Norman Gibb and Ornan H. Waltz of Ithaca NY was identified. The addition was built in 1910.

### Research Task #004 Information Objective

Compile a list of the names of all members of the DKE 1987 pledge class. Include full name (no initials) home town, specific Cornell college (arts, engineering, etc.) [and] name & town of secondary school.

### Research Task #005 Information Objective

Compile a list of all bound volumes of the Deke Quarterly (DKE Quarterly) held in the House library. Identify same by year (e.g. 1924) and volume number (e.g. XLII).

Potential Sources: Deke Quarterly (Chapter Library).

### 3. RESULTS OF INQUIRY:

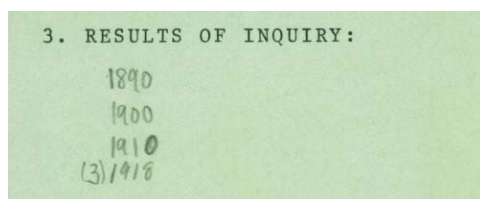
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VOL V 1886-87	VOL XV 1897	VOL XXV 1907	VOL XXXVI 1918
VOL VI 1887-88	VOL XVI 1898	VOL XXVI 1908	VOL XXXVII 1919
VOL VII 1888-89	VOL XVII 1899	VOL XXVII 1909	VOL XXXVIII 1920
VOL VIII 1890	VOL XVIII 1900	VOL XXVIII 1910	VOL XL 1922-23
VOL IX 1891	VOL XIX 1901	VOL XXIX 1911	VOL XLI 1924
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VOL XI 1893	VOL XXI 1903	VOL XXXI 1913	VOL XLIII 1928
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			VOL XLV 1931-34
			VOL XLVI 1935-38
			VOL XLVII 1974-78

### 4. CITATIONS (Specific Sources Employed):

### Research Task #006 Information Objective

Compile a list of all general catalogs of Delta Kappa Epsilon held in the

House library. Identify by year of issue.



Research Task #007 Information Objective

Identify the specific street number and location of the former Deke House on Buffalo street circa 1877-1893. Photocopy documentary evidence.

Potential Sources: DeWitt Historical Society, Cornell University Library, Cornell Academic Departments. Check old copies of the Cornellian yearbook circa 1888. Consult with a faculty expert on Cornell history in the History Department.

The chapter's first lodge, "The Old Deke House," was a two-story building situated at 111 Osmun Place. This structure (still standing, see Figures 1, 2 and 3) was leased by the brotherhood from 1877 until 1893. The society resided at 131 East Buffalo Street during the academic year of 1893-4 in a building "totally unfit for fraternity uses" while it awaited the opening of the grand lodge on South Avenue.

Research Task #008 Information Objective

Obtain a good quality pencil rubbing of the plaque dedicated to Clifton Beckwith Brown that is on the library fireplace.

Research Task #009 Information Objective

Produce a good quality pencil rubbing image of the memorial plaque on the fireplace in the front hall of the chapter house.

Research Task #010 Information Objective

Identify the specific date that Teddy Roosevelt planted the pine trees [sic] in front of the chapter house. Obtain a photocopy of the evidence.

Potential Sources: DeWitt Historical Society, Local Newspaper Morgues. Check for newspaper reports on or immediately thereafter the dates that Gable reports. See letter from John A. Gable, Theodore Roosevelt Association, in workbook.

On 29 September 1987, a committee of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation agreed to list the two Norway Spruce trees standing on the west lawn of the Cornell Deke House on the New York State Famous and Historic Trees Register. These stately conifers were planted by Governor Theodore Roosevelt on Cornell Day, 20 June 1899, in memory of Brother Clifton Beckwith Brown '00 who was killed in action during the Spanish American War. This official recognition of the Roosevelt Spruce Trees came in response to a petition submitted by the Delta Chi Association on 22 July 1987.

Research Task #011 Information Objective

Locate a photograph of Teddy Roosevelt planting trees in front of the Deke House.

Potential Sources: DeWitt Historical Society, Local Newspaper Morgues.

Photograph ΔKE1-040, ΔKE Depository, *CU-DRMC*. Governor Theodore Roosevelt is depicted visiting the Deke House on 20 June 1899.

Research Task #012 Information Objective

Determine if the Cornell library has a copy of the following book: Chapman C. E. A History of the Cuban Republic (Macmillan Company). Read the chapters on President Menocal.

Chapman, Charles E. (Charles Edward), 1880-1941. *A History of the Cuban Republic; A Study in Hispanic American Politics*, (New York: Macmillan, 1927). Library Annex and Uris Library, F1787 .C46

3. RESULT OF INQUIRY: "The book contains four chapters on General Mario Garcia Menocal, President of Cuba for two terms from 1913 to 1921. Menocal obtained a degree in engineering from Cornell in 1888 but no mention is made of his membership in DKE. As the conservative candidate in 1913 Menocal was highly respected and great things were anticipated during his presidency. However Menocal succumbed to the typically Latin weaknesses of graft, corruption and inefficiency such that by the end of his term as he had lost popular support. In 1917 for example, Menocal was forced to put down a revolution started by the rival liberal party. The author sums up his opinion of the Menocal by saying, "Fortunately for Menocal's ultimate place in Cuban history he was again to play a promising part in the politics of the country, and this time was to conduct himself more in keeping with the reputation he had before he first became president (P. 411).

I'm not sure what this latter role was because Menocal is mentioned only intermittently through the last part of the book. This means the whole book would have to be read to understand properly his role in Cuban history. Should you be interested in such a description you will find the book in Uris Library, Andrew White Tier 3."

Research Task #013 Information Objective

Determine the specific dates During World I one when the Deke House was taken over for use as an S.A.T.C. barracks: the date the occupation began; and the date the occupation ended.

Potential Sources: Cornell Administration (Day Hall).

3. RESULTS OF INQUIRY:

The Administration sent me to the dean of fraternities who sent me to the Olin Library Chapter Archives. Here I reviewed old minutes from the house meetings. From 1915-1920 the meeting occur on a weekly basis (excluding summer vacations) except for one exception. There were no minutes from Jan 14, 1917 - Sept 30, 1917. This could have something to do with a University house takeover.

U.B. The meetings were on consecutive pages and there was  
4. CITATIONS (Specific Sources Employed): nothing in the minutes to  
Chapter Archives (Olin Library) indicate a University Takeover

Research Task #014 Information Objective

Determine the role played by the Deke House in World War II. Verify or refute the story that the house was used by the U.S. Navy for officer training. Obtain photocopies of relevant documents. Establish specific dates (beginning and conclusion) of this service period.

Potential Sources: Cornell Administration (Day Hall), Cornell University Library, Cornell historian and archives.

3. RESULTS OF INQUIRY: The Deke House was closed during WWII from June, 1943, to October, 1945. On May 3, 1943 a brother Warner was notified that the Deke House "may not be taken over by the Navy" (from Deke House records of minutes of meetings). The house was used from June 1, 1943, to (approximately) October 4, 1945, to house Marines. (see Cornell Daily Sun,

July 08, 1943 The Deke House was used solely for housing purposes while the University taught the new V-12 basic training program, engineering courses, and so forth to the military men. The house and grounds were to be taken care of by alumni although the house was closed and no members were enrolled in Cornell. Pledging was to remain even though the house was closed, and bills still had to be paid, war or no war. The first installment in the Deke record of minutes of meetings after the house was reopened reads as follows: "Brothers Beersman and Smith rushed and pledged 16 men in the fall of 1945. This new blood was added without the help of a fraternity house. Much credit is due the alumni in the fine spirit they helped get the ball rolling. This is the spirit which perpetuates the fraternal system, and is always strived for by the ΔX chapter of ΔKE."

For ΔKE,  
John Livingston Beersman '46  
Donald Martin Smith '46  
October 4, 1945

4. CITATIONS (specific sources employed): Cornell Daily Sun, May 08, 1943 (page one); July 8, 1943 (page four); the Cornell Bulletin, November 03, 1945 (pages one and four); November 23, 1945 (pages one and two); Ithaca Journal, March 03, 1943 (page three); Deke House records of minutes of meetings (1936 to 1946).

Cornell Daily Sun, 8 May 1943, p. 1: **Houses to Hear Of Navy Plans.**

Fraternity presidents are urged to bring their house managers to the important Interfraternity Council meeting scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Barnes Auditorium, according to Edward D. Eddy '44, president of the Council. Because of today's Navy announcement, particulars regarding fraternities will be issued at the meeting

The closing of the houses, storing of furniture, and details of University agreements will be discussed along with rushing rules during the summer term. The Department of Residential Halls and the Office of the University Treasurer have asked the Interfraternity Council to make known University plans.

Cornell Daily Sun, 8 May 1943, p. 1. **More Than 1,600 in Navy College Training Program To Arrive at Cornell on July 1, Pres. Day Announces.**

On or about July 1 approximately 1,650 men in the Navy College Training Program will be assigned to Cornell University, President Edmund E. Day announced yesterday. In a recent letter to Dr. Day, Rear Admiral L. E. Denfield, assistant chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, indicated that. 1,642 trainees, having, the status of apprentice seamen, will train here under the new program.

The first contingents will be distributed among the three curricula which the Navy has prescribed: 1,100 will study engineering, 442 will be enrolled in the basic curriculum and 100 will take pre-medical work.

Captain B. W. Chippendale, commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Training School here at the University, said that an effort will be made to house all men in some 28 fraternity houses in the area between Cascadilla and Fall Creek gorges, although it might be necessary to utilize facilities in the Cornell Heights section in a few instances.

At the present time, 1,000 officers and officer candidates are enrolled in the Naval Training School at Cornell. The new group will bring to approximately 2,650 the total number of Navy men in training here. In line with the forthcoming influx of men, the Navy Mess Hall will be enlarged at once to accommodate the additional personnel.

**3 Classes of Men to Enroll.**

Men enrolling here at the University will be those high school seniors who took the special examination in early April to obtain a college education at government expense; those men specially selected from naval training station-personnel to take the college course, and those



college students who are already signed for the V-1 and V-7 programs.

The length of time the V-1 and V-7 men will continue here will depend on how long they have already attended college. Eight semesters, or a total of two years and eight months, will be re-required for the completion of the course.

**Cornell Daily Sun, 8 July 1943, p. 1. Chippendale Explains Residence Plans For V-12 Trainees on Cornell Campus**

Naval V-12 men have been quartered on the Cornell campus according to their classification and field of work in the college training program, Captain B. W. Chippendale, commanding officer, announced today. Thus, engineers live together, though at different points on the campus, and the marines have their own assigned sections.

The Marines have landed in Delta Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Telluride, and the University cottage at 9 South Avenue. Apprentice seamen are stationed in 31 fraternities, a section of Baker dormitory, and five other University properties. Pre-medical students have been assigned to Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Lambda Chi Alpha.

**Many Engineers Here**

Engineers, because of the number assigned here, represent the largest "special interest" group and have taken over most of the accommodation. They are living in the following fraternities and University properties: Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Sigma Kappa, Kappa Sigma, Alpha Delta Phi, Sigma Nu, Delta Tau Delta, Chi Phi, Theta Chi, Sigma Phi, Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, and 515, 601, and 706 Stewart Avenue, and 51« University Avenue.

Students in the basic course which includes not an engineer or Pre-medical student have quarters at Theta Delta Chi, Sigma Phi, Alpha Chi Rho and a section of Baker dormitory

The Navy designates the properties by unit numbers, and the large numbers appearing on the various fraternity houses denote the units to which the seamen are attached; Basic men, for example, are in units 1, 2, 3, and 4.

**Recruits In Battalions**

Captain Chippendale also revealed that "recruits" have been organized into six battalions, each battalion being further subdivided into companies and platoons. Three of the battalions are composed of students in the engineering course, and one each of students in the basic and pre-medical course, and one of marines. Enlisted men in the V-12 program are also permitted, he said, to take part in extracurricular activities, the same as regular college students if their study grades are satisfactory and if it does not conflict with academic careers. They may join recognized fraternities and clubs; participate in musical organizations, glee clubs and bands, athletics, and take part in student governing bodies.

**Research Task #015 Information Objectives**

Locate a set of architectural prints for the Deke House. Floor plans and elevation drawings are required.

Potential Sources: Ithaca Municipal Records.

Drawings of the Delta Kappa Epsilon lodge at 13 South Avenue, Ithaca NY (W. H. Miller Plan #428), are held on microfilm by the Cornell University Office of Planning, Design and Construction (PDC), Engineering Services Department, Facilities Information Group. The general accession number for the drawing series is 4719-VV-WW-XXX-YYY-ZZZ with YYY denoting the microfilm roll and ZZZ specifying the frame number on that roll.

**Research Task #016 Information Objectives**

Identify the specific property taxes paid by DKE to the town of Ithaca by amount and year from 1890 to 1970. Photocopy appropriate municipal records.

Potential Sources: Ithaca Municipal Records.

Research Task #017 Information Objective

Obtain a complete photocopy of the following article: White, Andrew D., "College Fraternities," The Forum, vol. iii, p. 243.

Potential Sources: Cornell University Library.

Research Task #018 Information Objective

Make photocopies of any old pictures in the Deke House that are earlier than 1915. Identify sources. Do not include material that is already in the House photo album.

Potential Sources: DeWitt Historical Society, Cornell photo archives.

Research Task #019 Information Objective

Find all material for suitable chronology entries that is in the Chapter Meeting Minutes. Entries must include the following: date, event, citation (volume and page). Include photocopies of each page that is cited.

Potential Sources: Chapter Archives: (Olin Library).

Research Task #020 Information Objective

Compile a list of the number of initiates in each class year from 1870 to 1985, i.e.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Initiates</u>
1870	1
1871	4
1872	3

Potential Sources: Chapter Archives (Olin Library). Refer to the volumes of personal record blanks.

**This work was completed. The manuscript report has been preserved in the Alumni Historian's files.**

Research Task #021 Information Objective

Locate any mention of the ΔX chapter coat of arms in the chapter meeting minutes. Establish the date the design was finished and the colors employed.

Potential Sources: Chapter Archives (Olin Library).

**RESULTS OF INQUIRY:**

Dear Mr. Fogle:

I'm sorry that I can find no information on the ΔX coat of arms. I read the minutes from 1869 to 1885 without result. When I found out that you surmised that it was designed around 1871, I went back and reread the minutes from 1869 to 1875. The problem may lie in the fact that the minutes around 1871 are often sketchy, frequently saying things like, "various other business was taking care of, though little importance." Also it was noted that the minutes from April 12, 1872 to September 13, 1872 had been unintentionally destroyed. Once again I'm sorry that I could not help you.

Sincerely,  
Rodney E. Will, Jr. '90

Research Task #022 Information Objective

Locate the depository for the papers of John Dewitt Warner 1872.

Potential Sources: possibly the Cornell archives.

**The search for Warner's papers has been largely unsuccessful. Inquiries have been made to Warner's law school in Albany New York, to the various law societies in the state of New York, and to other agencies thought likely to hold materials from this prolific writer. All have been to no avail**



Research Task #023 Information Objective  
Determine the class year for Clifton Beckwith Brown.  
Potential Sources: Chapter Archives (Olin Library), Cornell Alumni Office (Public Affairs).

### 3. RESULTS OF INQUIRY:

Class of 1900  
Residence: Cleveland, Ohio (September 25, 1876)  
Initiation: October 28, 1896  
Killed at the Battle of San Juan Hill - July 1, 1898

Research Task #024 Information Objective  
Determine the date that the Deke House tennis court was built.  
Potential Sources: Cornell Administration (Day Hall). See letter dated 8 August 84 from Gurowitz in workbook.

The original tennis court at 13 South Avenue was located where the 1910 wing now stands. When that structure was built, the court was relocated to the property's south lawn.

Research Task #025 Information Objective  
Obtain a copy of the 1984 court ruling that exempted the Deke House from property taxes.  
Potential Sources: Cornell Administration (Day Hall), Ithaca Municipal Records. Consult with the office of the Cornell legal counsel.

This document has never been located.

Research Task #026 Information Objective  
Obtain a photocopy of an article on the architect, William Henry Miller, in the 8/12/1908 issue of the American Architect.  
Potential Sources: Cornell University Library.

The reference was taken from Withey, Henry F., and Elsie Rathburn Withey. *Biographical Dictionary of American Architects (Deceased)*. Los Angeles CA: New Age Publishing Co., Inc., 1956, p. 420.

MILLER, WILLIAM HENRY. (died c.1921) Ithaca, N.Y. (A.I.A.)  
Member of the Central New York Chapter, A. I. A. from 1901 until his death, in practice with an office in the Sage Block in Ithaca (\*). During one period in the late nineteenth century, 1892-97, he was associated with Samuel H. Hillger (see) in designing the Boardman Law School and the Romanesque Library on the campus of Cornell University, and later was architect of an Annex to the Ithaca Hotel (\*\*).  
—References: A. I. A. Necrology List, 1921; A. I. A. Annuary, 1919 (\*); Item, American Architect, 8/12/1908 (\*\*).

Research Task #027 Information Objective  
Edward L. Feakes is believed to be a Delta Chi Deke who was killed in the Korean war: (1) confirm that he was a Cornell Deke; (2) determine his class year; (3) obtain his middle name; [and] (4) for find out if Cornell Carries him as a Korean war KIA.  
Potential Sources: Chapter Archives (Olin Library), Cornell Administration (Day Hall), Alumni Office, Personnel Records Blanks.

Brother Edward Livingston Feakes '49 was confirmed to be a Korean War KIA and a member of the ΔΧ

chapter.

Research Task #028 Information Objective

List the five ΔX brothers (full names and class years) who were killed in World War II. Produce a pencil rubbing of the plaque beneath the painting depicting these members.

Potential Sources: take names from painting in main drawing room.

Russell Henry Brennen '06	1942	World War II
Stanley Griswold Wight '20		World War II
John Talman Whiting, Jr. '41		World War II
William Hunt Eisenman, Jr. '43	1943	World War II
George Frederick Hewitt, III '43	1943	World War II

Research Task #029 Information Objective

Compile a complete list of Delta Chi chapter presidents (full names, dates elected and class years) by thoroughly going through all of the chapter meeting minutes starting from 1870. Potential Sources: Chapter Archives (Olin Library).

Research Task #030 Information Objective

Compile a list of past ΔX alumni association presidents by inspecting the lead pages in old DKE Quarterly numbers. Specify the following for each: full name data first listing.

Potential Sources: Deke Quarterly (Chapter Library).

Research Task #031 Information Objective

Obtain a good quality fully identified photocopy of each reference cited in Professor Otto's letter (attached). Send material immediately to Fogle.

Potential Sources: Olin Library has a microfilm set for the *Ithaca Daily Journal*.

CORNELL ARCHITECTURE  
GRADUATE FIELD OF ARCHITECTURE

29 January 1987

Mr. H. W. Fogle  
15 Green Valley Road  
Wallingford, PA 19086

Dear Mr. Fogle:

I thought that you would be interested in this information about the Cornell Deke House, found in a recent MA Thesis by David A. Rash, "The Works of Clinton L. Vivian, Architect, of Ithaca," pp. 114-118. The lease for the 13 South Av site was secured in 1891, the house, designed by William Henry Miller, built 1893-1894. The porch to the south-west added 1906; the new addition, by the firm of Gibb and Waltz, is from 1910.

You may wish to consult some other sources about the history of the house. Maxwell's Greek Letter Men of 1901 contains some information. The Cornell MARCH Thesis of 1957 by Edgar Raymond Dethlefsen, "William Henry Miller, Architect, 1848-1912," is not as thorough or accurate as the Rash thesis. Information about the building is contained in the Ithaca Daily Journal, in "Campus Notes" of 24 March 1888, 6 May 1889, 27 July 1891, and 20 November 1893, and in "Events in Society" of 27 October 1894; on the porch ("Dekes To Have Handsome Porch; Fitting A Commodious Billard [sic] Room Below Stairs") on 15 August 1906, and on the addition of 1910 on 25 February 1910 and 14 March 1910. Miller's plans for the house are contained in the Department of Manuscripts and

University Archives, Cornell University Libraries. Cordially,

Christian F. Otto

Research Task #032 Information Objective

Inspect the Gyrisco book in the Fine Arts Library (Sibley). Make good quality photocopies of all pages that mention the Deke House. Also copy the title page. Send material to Fogle.

Potential Sources: Cornell University Library.

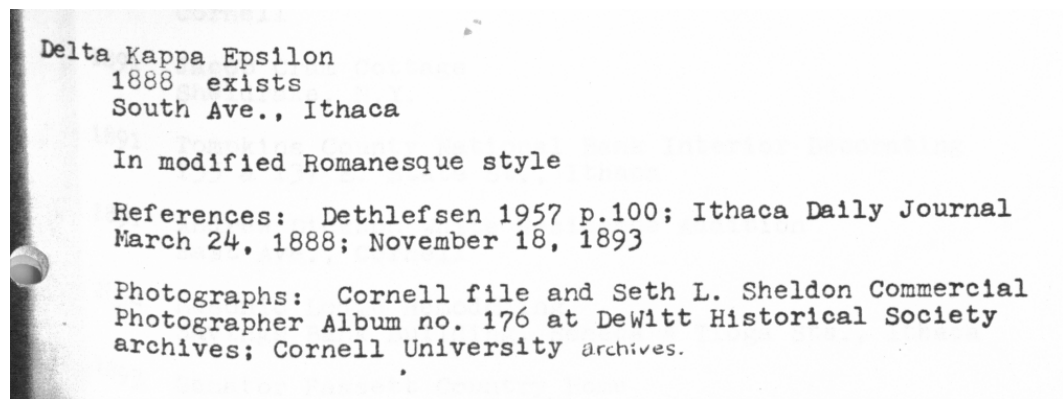
Gyrisco, Geoffrey Maitland. *A guide to the Works of William Henry Miller, Ithaca's Architect.*

Ithaca NY: Gyrisco, July 1976. Revised, 1978.

Description: v, 50 leaves, 44 leaves of plates : ill.; 28 cm.

Cornell University, Fine Arts Library Reserve, NA737.M61 G99 1978.

An image of the listing for the Deke House on page 8 follows. Note that the year given for the Deke House (1888) is incorrect. This mistake is repeated on page 37.



Research Task #033 Information Objective.

Obtain a good quality photocopy of each of the following articles about DKE: (1) *Cornell Era*, November 18, 1893, p. 92; (2) *Cornell Daily Sun*, September 27, 1910, p. 6; [and] (3) *Ithaca Daily Journal*, January 24, 1910, p. 6.

Potential Sources: Cornell University Library.

Research Task #034 Information Objective

Identify all changes of property ownership for 13 South Avenue. Identify a full name(s) of seller, buyer, and date of closing transaction from 1820 to present. Photocopy all records. In particular, look for transactions circa 1885 and 1964.

Potential Sources: Tompkins County courthouse, 320 N. Tioga Street, Ithaca NY 14850.

Research Task #035 Information Objective

Identify the name(s) of each pledge assigned to each Research Task. Compose a list [with headings]: "Task #" [and] "Assigned To."

Research Task #036 Information Objective.

There is some possibility that all DKE photographs and negatives are in the false ceiling overheads of the second floor. Check all of them thoroughly, particularly the ceiling in the Alumni Suite (room with bath) and the closet to that room. Report what you find.

Research Task #037 Information Objective

Carefully check through the subject and title catalog of the Cornelliana Collection in the Andrew White Room of Uris Library for any of the following subjects: Greek societies; fraternities; and Delta Kappa Epsilon. List by

title, author and call number any volume that contains a reference to DKE at Cornell. Photocopy any reference that is useful for our history.

Potential Sources: Cornell University Library.

Research Task #038 Information Objective

Interview Florence [Lansdowne] and ask her to recall the picture of Teddy Roosevelt. Write down her responses to the following questions: (1) size of picture; (2) number of people depicted; (3) portion of House visible [in picture]; (4) where picture was hung; (5) any other descriptive details; [and] (6) was T.R. holding anything? A shovel [for example]?

**1988 Pledge Class: DKE History Project Research Tasks (#01 to #20)**

**DELTA CHI ASSOCIATION  
DELTA KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY  
DELTA CHI CHAPTER AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
Office of the Alumni Historian  
15 Green Valley Road  
Wallingford PA 19086**

Date: 8 March 1988

Subject: Pledge Class (1988) DKE History Project Research Tasks

Research Tasks:

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- #3 - The 1878 Cornellian Editorial Board Dispute
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- #20 - The First Hall of Delta Chi

Each Research Task includes the following information:

- The historical BACKGROUND of the situation to be investigated;
- A statement of the specific research OBJECTIVE that the inquiry should be directed towards; and
- a suggested METHODOLOGY for completing the work.

The overall intent of this project is to thoroughly identify and ultimately obtain copies of all of the documentary source material available in Ithaca NY that bears upon the history of the Delta Chi chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

All substantive work should be completed and the results reported to the DKE Pledgemaster not later than 21 April 1988.

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## **Task #01 - Interfraternity Alliances at Cornell**

### Background

The Deke House was deeply involved in interfraternity politics from 1870 until World War II. We know that the STAR LEAGUE, an alliance of Delta Kappa Epsilon, Psi Upsilon, Zeta Psi, Alpha Delta Phi and Kappa Alpha evolved largely as an athletic league, but also as a social and rushing cartel, before the turn of the century. By the Nineteen-Twenties, the group of leading houses was known as the BIG SIX. The composition of this second alliance is uncertain, but it probably consisted of the original STAR LEAGUE members and Chi Psi.

The attached excerpts from the Chapter Chronology summarize all of the facts known at this time. All passages are taken from the Delta Chi Chapter Meeting Minutes unless otherwise noted.

### Objective

The intent of this research task is to identify and obtain source material on (1) the STAR LEAGUE, (2) the BIG SIX and (3) any other fraternity alliances that were significant at Cornell. The following specific questions should be answered:

- When was the STAR LEAGUE organized?
- Verify the identities of the fraternities belonging to the STAR LEAGUE.
- When, and under what circumstances, was the STAR LEAGUE disbanded?
- Find a description or a reproduction of the STAR LEAGUE banner that clearly indicates the design.
- What was the general opinion of the student body and faculty regarding the STAR LEAGUE?
- Did the STAR LEAGUE succeed as a cartel?
- Did Alpha Delta Phi initiate Patrick William Cullinan '72? Identify the fraternities comprising the BIG SIX.
- When did the term "BIG SIX" first come into use?
- Did any other fraternity alliances evolve at Cornell?
- Was there ever a journal or newsletter published by a fraternity alliance?
- Does the current Interfraternity Council (IFC) have a history of its origins in its files?
- Obtain basic data (date of founding, purpose, activities, date of demise, about the MUMMY CLUB and MADJURA CLUB, demise, about the
- Were any members of Delta Kappa Epsilon ever associated with either the MUMMY CLUB or the MADJURA CLUB?
- Are there any records or minutes of meetings available for either the MUMMY CLUB or the MADJURA CLUB?

### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:



- Discuss the general problem with Mr. Gould P. Colman, University Archivist, Department of Manuscripts and university Archives, 101 John M. Olin Library. His guidance will be invaluable.
- Old issues (1890-1940) of the Cornellian, the Cornell Yearbook, might contain some reference to the STAR LEAGUE. Back issues of this publication will be found in the stacks of John M. Olin Library. However, the odds of finding anything in this journal are slim.
- The Cornell Era is likely to have published editorial pieces or brief comments on fraternity alliances. Back issues of this journal will be found in the Office of Manuscripts and University Archives in John M. Olin Library.
- The Cornell Daily Sun is very likely to have commented on such alliances since it was generally critical of elitist fraternity affairs. Also, one would expect to find coverage of STAR LEAGUE athletic events. Back issues are available on microfilm in the basement level of John M. Olin Library.
- There is always a chance that a graduate thesis on the social system at Cornell might have addressed the fraternity system and touched upon such alliances.
- Find out what member of the Cornell History Department in McGraw Hall is considered the local expert on Cornell. He might have some ideas about how to research this topic.

Prepare COMPLETE citations of any published material that you locate. The following informational items MUST be included:

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Tab A to Task #01: Delta Chi Chapter of DKE Chronology Excerpts

28 Oct 1870

[Ithaca Hotel] A motion "to form a league in conjunction with Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Upsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, and Theta Delta Chi" carries.

30 Nov 1870

[Ithaca Hotel] Delta Chi considers "break<ing> off the combination with Alpha Delta Phi" and resolves to do so if "they put up <Patrick William> Cullinan '72."

14 Feb 1873

Delta Chi appoints a committee to discuss "an alliance" with Chi Phi concerning the forthcoming elections of members to the staff of The Cornell Era.

13 Oct 1877

Delta Chi forms "a permanent baseball committee."

26 Oct 1877

Also, Brother James Ward Warner '79 reports "acceptance of challenges for baseball from Chi Phi and Psi Upsilon."

May 1878

Also, motions to "accept <a> Chi Phi challenge to play a game of <base> ball on Tuesday next" and "to challenge Phi Gamma <chapter of> Delta Kappa Epsilon for a game of ball in Syracuse for May 10, 1874" carry.

5 Dec 1878

A motion "that this chapter send [sic] a communication to Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon and Kappa Alpha requesting a union of Delta Kappa Epsilon with them for the purpose of issuing a secret society publication" carries. Subsequent motions that the above "communication be sent immediately" and that Brother James Ward Warner '79 be elected as an editor of the subject publication also carry.

5 Apr 1890

"The Star League schedule of games is talked about" during a chapter meeting. This is the first recorded reference to that association.

28 Oct 1893

Also, "Brother Horner emphasizes need for money for Star League football."

8 Dec 1894

Also, a motion "that we send letters to all other fraternities in <the> Star League claiming <the> championship lost to Kappa Alpha for <the> baseball banner won by them last year" is seconded, but no record that it carries exists.

Jun 1895

"The Star League baseball games are now on, and DKE has won two and has a good show for victory. The league consists of five of the oldest fraternities at Cornell, namely, Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Kappa Alpha <Society>, Zeta Psi and Delta Kappa Epsilon." See "Chapter Letter," Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, Vol. XIII, No. 2, pp. 132-3, June 1895.

4 Jun 1898

Also, "Brother Miller offers to take charge of <the> Star League Banner."

13 May 1899

Also, the chapter grants Brother Arthur DeWitt Brooks '00 "permission to order the Star League banner when he receives design from makers provided price is \$25 or less."

Jun 1899

"By defeating Alpha Delta Phi early in May, Delta Chi won the championship of the Star League —composed of the five leading fraternities— and incidentally a banner valued at twenty-five dollars." See "Chapter Letter," Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, Vol. XVII, No. 2, pp. 154-5, June 1899.

8 Apr 1905

Brother Anton Vonnegut '05 speaks of his talk with Mr. Saleskey concerning revival of the Star League and advises secrecy concerning the matter.

9 May 1908

Delta Chi constitutes a delegation to attend a meeting of all fraternities at Cornell called for in a letter by President [Jacob Gould] Schurman. The purpose is "to arrange a better rushing system."

16 May 1908

Brother Lindsley reports that the Cornell fraternities voted 19 for and 12 against the newly proposed rushing rules. Delta Chi proposes a modification to the rules to be submitted if the opportunity occurs.

21 Nov 1909

A motion "that a committee of two be appointed to see about getting the old Star League banners framed" carries.

26 Mar 1911

A motion "that chapter go into agreement to postpone initiation of freshmen until second term provided these fraternities are included: namely, Psi Upsilon, Kappa Alpha <Society>, Alpha Delta Phi, and Chi Psi" carries.

Spring 1912

Delta Chi Chapter allies itself with Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Zeta Psi, and <indecipherable> Kappa Alpha to advocate postponement of pledging until after the Thanksgiving recess. Cornell University President Schurman and some thirty other clubs and fraternities offer bitter opposition. The dispute is resolved with a compromise that calls for pledging to be deferred three weeks after the beginning of rush.

31 Mar 1912

Brother Albert Carlton Miller '12, speaking about a newly formed organization to govern fraternity affairs, reports "that rushing will not be put off 'till the second term, <and that the> name of the organization is the Inter-Fraternity Association."

21 Apr 1912

A motion introduced by Brother Willfred Karl Krauss '13 "that we go into this <compact> with the four other fraternities <and> that we hold off our rushing and bidding to a later date" carries with an amendment "that the above motion take effect when the rules <of the proposed alliance> have been accepted by this Fraternity."

28 Apr 1912

A motion "that <Delta Chi> delegates <to the alliance of five fraternities> be instructed to make, if possible, a majority of four instead of three at the meeting of the five" carries.

30 Apr 1912

A motion "that delegates to the meeting of the five fraternities have power to act as to their own judgment <on the> motions that were made <during a meeting> on the 27th" carries.

16 Mar 1913

A motion that Delta Chi "enter into the old Star League in preference to the

interfraternity league if all the original fraternities go in" carries.

30 Mar 1913

A motion "that if <the> Star League is not reorganized, than we do not join the interfraternity league, but play such teams as we see fit" carries.

13 Apr 1913

Brother Edward Trainer '13 reports that the "Star League is reorganized."

1918

University President Jacob Gould Schurman calls the fraternities socially obnoxious and further states that "The fraternity must be baptized in the spirit of the University" in his annual report. (Bishop, pp. 435-6)

12 Jan 1921

The chapter plans to hold a dance during Junior Week at the Deke House. Kappa Alpha, Chi Psi and Alpha Delta Phi are invited to attend.

27 Mar 1921

Motions "that the more liberal plan of <the> Rushing Association be adopted with the reservation that nothing can be said to a man regarding his election to a fraternity" and "that the new Rushing Association should not be disbanded" carry.

3 Apr 1921

Brother Langdon Thomas Williams '21 "reports on <the> entertainment committee formed by the Big Six Fraternities." A motion that Brother L. Williams be elected our representative on the Big Six entertainment committee" carries.

May 1921

The constitution of the new Rushing Association is read to the brotherhood. A motion that it "be accepted as presented" carries.

30 Sep 1922

A motion "that we hold the fall house party with Chi Psi at <the> time of <the> Columbia game" carries.

15 Apr 1923

Motions "that <the> House not enter <the> baseball league" and "that the House pay <the> fee to enter <the> interfraternity basketball league" carry.

Nov 1924

The chapter is advised that Delta Chi of Delta Kappa Epsilon joins Alpha Delta Phi, Kappa Alpha, Psi Upsilon, Chi Psi and Zeta Psi in a formal agreement to hold initiation in the second academic term.

18 Mar 1928

Delta Chi plans a Spring House Party with Psi Upsilon.

14 Oct 1929

A motion "that the House share a box at the Princeton ball with Alpha Delta Phi and Chi Psi houses" carries.

Jun 1930

Brother James Anderson Hawes, Hon., General Secretary to the Council of Delta Kappa Epsilon, submits a report assessing the Delta Chi chapter to the Council of Delta Kappa Epsilon. An excerpt follows.

"DKE <at Cornell> for long was one of the five fraternities in the Star League, a sort of political and social 'mafia under the guise of an athletic league, the others being Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Chi Psi, and Zeta Psi, which organization has since been disbanded, but carries along in the minds of many. There are also

several interfraternity societies, more especially Mummy Club of twenty-five years old, and Madjura of some years less, as well as the usual athletic and gayer socially organized groups. All these local societies play quite a part at Cornell, and fill a want because of the intense fraternity life which tends to restrict the entire college life of four years to that of a man's chapter house."

2 Mar 1936

Plans for a "Big Six Beer Party" are made.

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## **Task #02 - The Disclosure of the Delta Chi Chapter Constitution**

### Background

Delta Kappa Epsilon and Zeta Psi enjoyed a close and friendly relationship with each other at Cornell since the early days of the STAR LEAGUE. Nevertheless, it appears that Zeta Psi once obtained a copy of the Delta Chi chapter constitution.

The following passages appear in the Delta Chi Chapter Meeting Minutes:

24 May 1902

Brother Ralph Prescott Beardslee '05 "reports that he was unable to find the constitution during the last week."

02 Mar 1913

Also, a motion that Brother Robert Irving Blodgett Inglehart '13 "be empowered to get our constitution and all copies of it in the hands of the Zeta Psi Fraternity and return the constitution of that fraternity now in our hands" carries.

09 Mar 1913

Brother Inglehart reports "not being able to see Mr. O'Connor of the Zeta Psi Fraternity concerning the constitution in their hands."

23 Mar 1913

Brother Inglehart reports "having seen Mr. O'Connor of the Zeta Psi Fraternity in regard to our constitution in their hands."

20 Apr 1913

Brother Inglehart reports "on constitution in hands of Zeta Psi Fraternity"

27 May 1913

Also, a motion "that the motto be stricken from the constitution returned to us by Zeta Psi and the document be placed in the safe" carries.

### Objective

The intent of this research task is to determine the circumstances by which the local chapter of the Zeta Psi fraternity obtained the constitution of the Delta Chi chapter. The following specific questions should be answered:

- Does the Cornell chapter of Zeta Psi have any record of this incident in their chapter meeting minutes?
- Can those isolated passages of their minutes be copied by hand?
- Determine the first name, middle name and class year of "Mr. O'Connor."
- What was the motto on the compromised constitution?
- Does Zeta Psi still have a copy of the document?

### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

- Make arrangements to visit Zeta Psi (534 Thurston Avenue) and request



their assistance. A letter from this office will explain the situation.

- Ask to see the student file on "Mr. O'Connor." This can be obtained through the Department of Manuscripts and University Archives, 101 John M. Olin Library.
- Old issues (1910-1915) of the Cornellian, the Cornell Yearbook, will contain membership rosters of the various fraternities at Cornell. Back issues of this journal will be found in the Office of Manuscripts and University Archives in John M. Olin Library.

Write a summary of what transpires during any meeting with Zeta Psi.

Prepare COMPLETE citations of any material that you locate. The following informational items MUST be included:

- name of author (if available);
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- name of the journal or newspaper;
- volume and number;
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- page numbers, inclusive; and page columns for newspapers.

Photocopy any relevant material and label same with the identifying citation.

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### **Task #03 - 1878 *Cornellian* Editorial Board Dispute**

#### Background

In 1878 a schism developed on the editorial board of the Cornellian, a publication that was dominated by the fraternity segment of the student population.

The attached excerpts from the Chapter Chronology summarize all of the facts known at this time. All passages are taken from the Delta Chi Chapter Meeting Minutes unless otherwise noted.

#### Objective

The intent of this research task is to identify published commentary on the dispute and determine just what happened. In particular, we wish to answer the following questions:

- What was the basis of the dispute?
- How was it resolved?
- Did the secret societies publish their own periodical as proposed on 5 December 1878 in the DKE meeting?
- What concerning fraternities was published in the Cornellian in 1878?

#### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

- Discuss the general problem with Mr. Gould P. Colman, University Archivist, Department of Manuscripts and University Archives, 101 John M. Olin Library. His guidance will be invaluable.
- Old issues (1875-1980) of the Cornellian, the Cornell Yearbook, might contain essential clues about the composition of the editorial board.
- The Cornell Era is likely to have published editorial pieces or brief comments on fraternity alliances. Back issues of this journal will be found in the Office of Manuscripts and University Archives in John M. Olin Library.
- The Cornell Daily Sun is very likely to have commented on the dispute since it was generally critical of elitist fraternity affairs. Back issues are available on microfilm in the basement level of John M. Olin Library. This will probably be the best source to dig through. Find out what member of the Cornell History Department in McGraw Hall is considered the local expert on Cornell. He might have some ideas about how to research this topic.
- There is a very good chance that a short history of the *Cornellian* was published. Back issues of the Cornell Alumni News are worth searching through in this regard.

Prepare COMPLETE citations of any published material that you locate. The following informational items MUST be included:

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- title of article;
- name of the journal or newspaper;
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Tab A to Task #3: Delta Chi Chapter of DKE Chronology Excerpts

28 Jan 1876

Delta Chi instructs Brother Elroy Delos Sherman '77, an editor of the Cornellian, "to vote against the admission of the so-called Psi Gamma chapter to the Cornellian board."

2 Feb 1877

After discussion, Delta Chi resolves "to vote against the admission of the Delta Upsilon fraternity to the Editorial Board of the Cornellian." However, the brotherhood does allow Delta Upsilon to have space in the forthcoming edition of the yearbook.

20 Apr 1877

Delta Chi selects the following question for debate: "Resolved that the rupture in the Cornellian Board was justified."

7 Dec 1877

Brother James Ward Warner '79 is elected as the Delta Chi representative to the Editorial Board of the Cornellian and is "instructed to favor the admission of the Delta Upsilon delegate to that body."

18 Jan 1878

A motion "that we resign our position on the Cornellian Board" carries and is then tabled.

25 Jan 1878

Brother James Ward Warner '79, "as editor of the Cornellian, reported that Zeta Psi, Chi Phi and Theta Delta Chi had resigned from the Cornellian Board, thus leaving Alpha Sigma Chi and Delta Kappa Epsilon. Alpha Sigma Chi will probably resign tonight leaving DKE to edit the Cornellian."

1 Feb 1878

The motion of 18 Jan 1878 "to resign our position on the Cornellian Board" is considered and fails to carry.

15 Feb 1878

Delta Chi receives "a communication from the Cornellian Board requesting the names of the members of Delta Chi of Delta Kappa Epsilon for insertion in their publication was read by the Cornellian editor, Brother Warner." A motion "that this invitation be declined" carries, and a supplementary motion "that our names not be inserted" also carries. Later in the meeting these resolutions are tabled.

1 Mar 1878

The motions of 15 February are debated and upheld.

8 Mar 1878

A motion "that a committee of five members be appointed to consider the feasibility of producing a fraternity publication at the close of next term" carries and Pater Primus appoints the members.

5 Dec 1878

A motion "that this chapter send a communication to Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon and Kappa Alpha requesting a union of Delta Kappa Epsilon with them for the purpose of issuing a secret society publication" carries. Subsequent motions that the above "communication be sent immediately" and that Brother James Ward Warner '79 be elected as an editor of the subject publication also carry.

13 Feb 1879

In a special meeting convened at the "Chapter House of House Delta Chi," a motion "that Brother Moffat be justified in sending our cut and names to the

Cornellian Board for publication" carries.

4 Feb 1882 A motion "that Brother <James Allen> Woodard '82 be editor-in-chief of the Cornellian" carries.

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#### **Task #04 - Anticoedism**

##### Background

The Deke House enforced a policy of "anticoedism" from 1920 until the beginning of World War II. Delta Kappa Epsilon was not alone in this regard.

The attached excerpts from the Chapter Chronology summarize all of the facts known at this time. All passages are taken from the Delta Chi Chapter Meeting Minutes unless otherwise noted.

##### Objective

The intent of this research task is to identify and obtain source material bearing upon "anticoedism" at Cornell with particular emphasis upon the roles played by the different fraternities. The following questions should be answered:

- What other fraternities practiced "anticoedism" and during what periods?
- Find statements of opinion expressed by Cornell coeds concerning this practice.
- Were there ever any criticisms of "anticoedism" published by members of the Cornell administration or faculty during the period between world wars?

##### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

- Discuss the general problem with Mr. Gould P. Colman, University Archivist, Department of Manuscripts and University Archives, 101 John M. Olin Library. His guidance will be invaluable. Old issues (1910-1940) of the Cornellian, the Cornell Yearbook, might contain some clues, but the odds of finding anything in this journal are slim.
- The Cornell Era is likely to have published editorial pieces or brief comments on fraternity social policies. Back issues of this journal will be found in the Office of Manuscripts and University Archives in John M. Olin Library.
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- There is always a chance that a graduate thesis on the social system at Cornell might have addressed the fraternity system and touched upon such matters.
- Find out what member of the Cornell History Department in McGraw Hall is considered the local expert on Cornell. He might have some ideas about how to research this topic.

Prepare COMPLETE citations of any published material that you locate. The following informational items MUST be included:

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"Dekes Resolve to Enforce Tradition of Anti-Coedism," *The Delta Chi Deke*, Nov 1939, p. 2, col. 1.

### **Dekes Resolve to Enforce Tradition of Anti-Coedism**

Despite the diminishing regard for anti-coedism among practically all fraternities at Cornell, the **Dekes** still strictly enforce the rule on freshmen—that is, no freshman may be seen with a coed or town girl under pain of such punishment as the upper class thinks fit.

The seniors in particular, as well as members of the other classes, have demanded the anti-coed rule be made more strict this term than it was last year and early this fall. For instance, bringing groups of coeds in cars to the yard during afternoons is frowned on and no longer tolerated.

Upper classmen will not bring coeds into the house except on specified occasions such as certain football weekends. Sophomores may not bring coeds to the house except by special permission from the upper classes.

Although the senior class is the only one still solidly in favor of at least this degree of anti-coedism, a majority of the juniors and sophomores are of the same opinion. It seems probable, therefore, the rule will continue at about its present degree of strictness for some years to come.

See also Charlotte Williams Conable, *Women at Cornell; The Myth of Equal Education* (Cornell University Press, Ithaca NY, 1977).

Tab A to Task #4: Delta Chi Chapter of DKE Chronology Excerpts

7 Apr 1876

A chapter meeting debate over the question, "that coeducation is advisable," is carried by the affirmative.

24 Jun 1894

The New York Herald publishes a sensational article "on the ostracism of coeds, especially by the 'better' fraternities." (Bishop, pg. 347).

9 Mar 1901

A motion "that no women be allowed in the house overnight at any time other than Junior or Senior Weeks except by a 4/5 vote of the chapter" carries.

17 Oct 1920

A motion "that no co-eds be asked to the dance on November 13" carries.

8 May 1921

A motion "that no member of <the> House should go out with University Co-eds" carries.

30 Oct 1927 Motions "that no unchaperoned women be allowed in the House without the consent of the Beta", and "that no gambling for money be permitted in the House" carry.

4 Dec 1927 The motion concerning "unchaperoned women" of 30 October is adopted as a Chapter By-law.

Jun 1928

Brother Hayward Kendall '00, a Cleveland OH oil and coal investor, creates a nationwide controversy by writing an open letter to Cornell University President <Livingston> Farrand that offered a gift of \$1,000,000 if the University would abolish the fraternity "caste system" and co-educational education. His letter conveyed his objections to "bare-kneed cuties scented up with Black Narcissus" and his disappointment with his only legacy from his days as a student: "the 'licker habit."

19 Nov 1928

Brother Kendall '00 dies of pneumonia in New York City. It is later determined that he did not have the million dollars that he offered to give to the University.

Nov 1939

The Delta Chi Deke announces that the chapter has resolved to stick by its policy of "Anti-Coedism.," meaning that the Dekes will continue to enforce the rule that "no freshman may be seen with a coed or town girl under pain of such punishment as the upper class thinks fit."

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## **Task #05 - 1921 Junior Prom**

### Background

The 1921 Junior Prom was nearly cancelled because of a dispute between the Deke House and the Cornell administration over liquor.

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12 Jan 1921

The chapter plans to hold a dance during Junior Week at the Deke House. Kappa Alpha, Chi Psi and Alpha Delta Phi are invited to attend.

3 Apr 1921

Brother Langdon Thomas Williams '21 "reports on <the> entertainment committee formed by the Big Six Fraternities." A motion that Brother L. Williams be elected our representative on the Big Six entertainment committee" carries.

4 Dec 1921

Brother William Emil Kugeman, Jr. '22 "reports <to the brotherhood> on <the> liquor question."

Dec 1921

The Cornell University Student Council demands "the enforcement of antiliquor rules in fraternities, the abolition of uncontrolled fraternity dances, and the persuasion of visiting alumni to keep sober and abate their generosity." (Bishop, pg. 490)

Fall 1921 [R. J. Kane letter to HWF, 2 March 1987]

The Junior Prom of 1921 is placed in jeopardy because of the rumor that the Deke House was the storehouse for several cases of liquor to be in readiness for the Prom. The word went out from the University President's office to Emmet J. Murphy, Chairman of the Prom Committee, that unless the contraband was sequestered (as far as use at the Prom) it would be cancelled. Chairman Murphy answered a few days later that the problem had been resolved. It was Prohibition then, even if the Dekes did not approve.

Note: the Junior Prom almost certainly occurred in December as it did in previous years.

### Objective

The intent of this research task is to identify all newspaper articles that bear upon the incident. There are probably at least a dozen articles to identify. Editorial items as well as news items are of interest.

### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

- The first thing to do is establish the date of the 1921 Junior Prom.
- The Cornell Daily Sun is the key source. Back issues are available on microfilm in the basement level of John M. Olin Library. A careful reading of back issues throughout the entire period of interest will be required.
- The Ithaca Daily Journal is also available on microfilm in the basement level of John M. Olin Library. It probably makes sense to go through this publication after all articles in the Cornell Daily Sun have been identified.
- Finally, Dean Kane might be able to give you some help if you get stuck.

Prepare COMPLETE citations of any published material that you locate. The following informational items MUST be included:

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R. J. Kane postcard to HWF, 3/16/87.

3/16 KANE

Dear Mr. Fogle:

I remember the Junior Prom story - it may have been in the Cornell Era, instead of the Sun. I'm not sure. <sup>(Chowman I do think was the Sun)</sup> I am sure about the time - it was the 1921 Prom, for the chairman was Emmett J. Murphy '22 (capt. of the 1921 football team) and the acting president of the University was Albert W. Smith; and I believe the president of IFC was Steve Harrigan - or he may have been chairman of the junior week committee. He was a varsity football player. If I were in Ithaca I could probably find my resource. vry, Bob Kane



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Dear Mr. Fogle:

Thank you for your letter of January 12 and the enclosed Delta Chi historical sheet. I appreciate your offer of exchange research but I'm afraid I can't help you very much. My research is focused on the sports and the athletes. That is a massive job in itself. I wouldn't want to expand it. I did run into a bit of DKE history in my exploration of the Cornell Sun.

The Junior Prom of 1921 was in jeopardy because of the rumor that the Deke House was the storehouse of several cases of booze to be in readiness for the Prom. The word went out from the President's office to Emmett J. Murphy, Chairman of the Prom Committee that unless the booze was sequestered (as far as use at the Prom) it would be cancelled. Chairman Murphy answered a few days later that the problem had been resolved. It was Prohibition then, even if the Dekes didn't approve.

Many thanks.

  
ROBERT J. KANE

RJK/nk  
Signed in Mr. Kane's absence. nk

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## **Task #06 - The Early Deke Houses**

### Background

The following information is believed to be accurate, but must be confirmed:

- DKE occupied the building now standing at 111 (25) Osmun Place in the fall of 1876. This property was jointly owned by Mr. John O. Marsh and Edwin M. Hall. The brothers leased individual rooms.
- On 5 August 1889, the property was sold to Mr. William Murray who retained same until 1 Oct 1927. See Liber 134 (Deeds), pg. 414, and Liber 213 (Deeds), pg. 121.
- The Gamma chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity replaced DKE as the tenant of 111 Osmun Place during the summer of 1894. DKE then leased a house at 523 (131) East Buffalo Street.
- DKE quit the 523 East Buffalo Street house and moved into the new lodge at 13 South Avenue in early 1895.
- Sigma Nu fraternity replaced Phi Sigma Kappa as the tenant of 111 Osmun Place in 1903.

Note: Modern street numbers are indicated without parentheses; the former, now superseded, street numbers are shown within parentheses.

Ithaca City Directories (available at Historic Ithaca, 120 North Cayuga Street) have the following entries:

1877	no listing for Delta Kappa Epsilon
1878	Delta Kappa Epsilon, Osmun Place, East Hill
1879	(directory missing)
1880-91	Delta Kappa Epsilon, Osmun Place, N. of 130 E. Buffalo
1892-93	Delta Kappa Epsilon, Osmun Place
1894-95	Delta Kappa Epsilon, 131 East Buffalo
	Phi Sigma Kappa, 25 Osmun Place
1903	Sigma Nu, 111 Osmun Place

The section/block/lot number for 111 Osmun Place is 50070063-10-1.

The attached excerpts from the Chapter Chronology summarize all of the facts known at this time. All passages are taken from the Delta Chi Chapter Meeting Minutes unless otherwise noted.

### Objective

The intent of this research task is to identify all deeds, leases and mortgages and other public records that pertain to the 111 Osmun Street and 521 East Buffalo Street properties at the time that DKE was resident therein. The following specific questions must be answered:

- What is the section/block/lot number for 521 East Buffalo Street and 13 South Avenue?
- Who owned 521 East Buffalo Street in 1894?
- Identify the deed (liber and page) in force for 521 East Buffalo Street in 1894.



- Locate any leases or rental agreements (by liber and page) between DKE (or any member thereof) and Hill & Marsh or Murray during the period 1886-94.
- Verify each individual point of information conveyed in the "Background" paragraph above for accuracy.
- Establish the dates involved with as much accuracy as possible.

#### Methodology

- Drop by Historic Ithaca to look at their Ithaca directories and to obtain guidance in how to look up deeds.
- Consult Appendix G in the 7 Jan 88 report held by the Pledgemaster for a list of other deeds previously identified.
- Recorded legal documents (deeds, leases, agreements, mortgages and releases) are filed in the Office of the Tompkins County Clerk, North Tioga Street, Ithaca NY 14850.
- The Tax Assessor's office next door has a master list of section/block/lot numbers.
- Consult the Delta Chi Chapter master membership list for the names of parties who might have signed lease agreements.

Provide document citations as per the following examples:

INDENTURE dated 1 Jul 1885, "The Psi Upsilon Association of Ithaca NY to John DeWitt Warner of New York NY," Liber 15 (Deeds), pg. 219, recorded 17 Oct 1885.

INDENTURE dated 17 Aug 1891, "Peter McAllister of Ithaca NY to Edwin Gillette of said city," Liber 88 (Mortgages), pg. 77, recorded 18 Aug 1891.

CERTIFICATION dated 19 Nov 1942, "First National Bank of Ithaca NY to Delta Chi Association of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity," Liber 24 (Discharge of Mortgages), pp. 316-7, recorded 20 Nov 1942.

Do not photocopy any material at this time.

Finally, prepare a table having thirty-one rows (for years 1875-1905, inclusive) and four columns in the following format:

YEAR	DKE	PHI SIGMA KAPPA	SIGMA NU
1875			
1876			
..			
..			
1905			

Enter the precise wording of the address given for each of the three fraternities for the year specified as published in the Ithaca City Directory. This is an easy task; a large part of the table will be blank. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE INVESTIGATION AND SHOULD BE DONE BEFORE THE DEED & LEASE SEARCH BEGINS.

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4 Feb 1876

A literary exercise debate over the resolution, "that the dormitory system existing in colleges is preferable to the one in vogue here," is decided in favor of the negative.

circa Sep 1876

Delta Chi establishes a Deke House at 111 Osmun Place to the north of Buffalo Street.

16 Feb 1877

A motion "that the number of keys to the Fraternity hall be three: one for Pater Primus, one for Guide and one for Scriba."

13 Apr 1877

"After much discussion, the empty rooms in the house were voted to be paid for by a tax upon the fraternity. It was further moved and carried that a tax of \$3.00 per month be levied for the remainder of the year. Brothers <George Matson> Welles '79 and <Edmund Judson> Moffat '79 were appointed a committee to see about the house for next year. <It was then> moved and carried that the house be considered a fraternity house."

29 May 1877

Delta Chi hosts a social evening "at their house on E. Buffalo Street" that is attended by the following special guests: Brothers Bayard Taylor, Omicron, the Reverend Charles Mellen Tyler, Phi '55, John DeWitt Warner '72, Ambrose Clothier Pike '72 and Henry Kinney Hause '75. "A very pleasant evening was had, and the fraternity dispersed with hand-shake at an early hour."

1 Jun 1877

Brother George Matson Welles '79, reports that the chapter secured the house for \$800 this year "together with <the> water works <fees>."

12 Apr 1878

A motion "that a committee be appointed to confer with Marsh & Hall regarding the renting of the house another year, and <also> be empowered to look up the rent of other houses" carries.

3 May 1878

Also, "after much discussion, it was decided not to take the house <next year> as a Fraternity affair."

6 May 1881

A motion "that a committee be appointed to interview Marsh & Hall regarding the plastering of the parlor ceiling and about glass in the front door" carries.

27 May 1881

Also, a motion "that a committee be appointed to look up a lodge room" carries.

3 Jun 1881

A motion that a "downstairs" room be outfitted as a billiards room for a cost of \$100 carries.

Also, a motion "that a committee be appointed to see Marsh & Hall about repairing the house and lowering the rent" carries.

10 Jun 1881 Brothers James Allen Woodard '82 and Herbert Dana Schenck '82 are authorized by the chapter to meet with "Marsh & Hall and rent house for another year."

24 Sep 1881

A motion "that a member of the lower classes be appointed to care for the lodge room" carries. Brother Ludlow Eliakim Lapham, Jr. '84 is elected to this office.

13 May 1882

The committee on the house reports that it has been "hired for another year for \$600."

13 Apr 1885

The Custos reports that "on account of <the> money due Marsh & Hall, they desire a mortgage on our furniture <for the amount of> \$500 or thereabouts," the "coal bill is in the hands of a lawyer and must be paid before Tuesday, <a> letter <has been received from the Delta Kappa Epsilon> Quarterly reprimanding us for slow payment," and a "card from Appleton requesting payment of \$6.00 <has been received>."

18 Apr 1885

The Custos reports that "we owe \$800, <of which> \$276 of this <is> to be paid by the alumni. <He, the Custos>, was obliged to give Chatlet <a> mortgage for this latter amount.

23 May 1885

The Custos reports "that the money received was paid on <the> coal bill. Marsh & Hill must be paid before end of term."

20 Oct 1885

The Custos reports that the chapter has "a note due at the bank <on> Saturday, October 24."

24 Oct 1885

The Custos reports "that the note held by the bank was paid in full."

10 Apr 1887

A motion "that members living outside the house contribute to pay rent of unoccupied rooms in <the> house" carries.

10 Oct 1889

The Custos "reports that he has had trouble with March & Hall concerning <the rent> bill <and> advises that at least a part of council tax be paid."

14 Feb 1891

Also, Delta Chi elects to renew its lease for the 111 Osmun Place House with Mr. Murray for one more year at a cost of \$650.

29 Apr 1893

Brother Herbert William Strong '94 reports on "the house trouble with <the chapter's landlord> Mr. Murray."

27 May 1893

Also, the Custos reports "that this house has been sold."

3 Jun 1893

A motion "that a committee of two, including the Custos, be appointed to see the Phi Sigma Kappas about securing this house <on Osmun Place> for another year" carries. Brother Brown '93 as Custos and Brother Frank Nelson Jewett '93 are duly appointed.

21 Apr 1894

Also, a report is delivered to the Brotherhood stating "that our present house <at 131 East Buffalo Street> is rented for next year, but we might have the old Deke House <at 111 Osmun Place back>."

Research Task #06 Figure: 111 Osmun Place c. 1900, West Façade, when the building had been taken over by the Sigma Nu Fraternity. Waterman Thomas Hewett. Cornell University: A History (New York: University Publishing Society, 1905), v. I, Facing p. 144.



Research Task #06 Figures: 111 Osmun Place c. 1985, West Façade, North and West Façades (below left), and East and North Façades (below right).



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## **Task #07 - East Turret Photograph**

### Background

The original 1893-4 Deke House at 13 South Avenue featured a stairway turret that projected from the east exterior wall of the building. This turret was almost directly opposite the prominent round tower on the west facade. The turret was demolished in 1910 to accommodate the addition of the west wing to the building.

### Objective

The intent of this research task is to locate photographs depicting this east turret and any other architectural detail associated with the east and south exterior elevations of the Deke House between 1893 and 1910.

This information is essential to an architectural analysis of the building that is now underway.

### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

- Discuss the general problem with Mr. Gould P. Colman, University Archivist, Department of Manuscripts and University Archives, 101 John M. Olin Library. His department has a large indexed collection of Cornell photographs. It is, by far, the most likely source of information. He may know of other private collections of Ithaca photographs that should be searched.
- A residence once stood immediately to the east of the Deke House on South Avenue. This lot is now used for University parking. During the period of interest (1893-1910), this residence was occupied by Professor Irving P. Church and also, possibly, by Evander B. McGilvary. It is very possible that a picture of Professor Church's house might also depict the Deke House and reveal details of the east exterior.
- Consult with Professor Kermit Carlyle Parsons, Cornell College of Architecture, Art and Planning, 117 West Sibley Hall. He, or someone in that department if he is not available, might be able to help locate other sources of photographs. Assistant Professor Michael Tomlan who is in the same office might also know of private collections that should be searched.
- The Dewitt Historical Society of Tompkins County, 120 North Cayuga Street, Ithaca NY, does have a photography collection and there are photographs of the Deke House there. It is possible that a view of the east exterior exists there although it was not noted in a previous search.

Prepare COMPLETE citations of any published material that you locate. The following informational items MUST be included:

- name of author (if available);
- title of article;
- name of the journal or newspaper;

- volume and number;
- date of issue;
- page numbers, inclusive; and
- page columns for newspapers.

Examples:

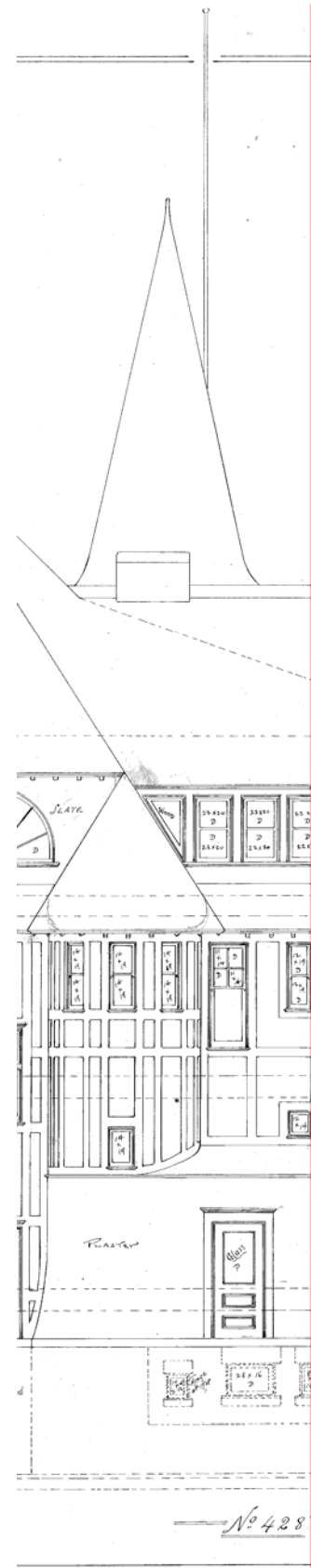
Brixton, C. F., "Fraternities and Life," Cornell Era, Vol. XX, No. 2, 30 Jan 1915, pp. 104-08.

"Cornell's New Greeks," Cornell Daily Sun, Thursday, 29 Jan 1891, pg. 1, col. 1.

Photocopy all material discovered except for newspaper articles. Newspaper articles will be copied at a later date.

Include a photocopy of the photograph with the citation.

Your list of citations should include all of the Deke House pictures that are indexed in the Cornell Libraries system.



Detail from William Henry Miller Plan #428, East Elevation, showing the East Turret as it appeared before addition of the 1910 wing.

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## Task #08 - Expulsions, Suspensions and Censures

### Background

The Delta Chi chapter has inducted men who later proved to be unsuitable for fraternity life. Fortunately, these cases were infrequent, and many other fraternities at Cornell had similar experiences. The men who suffered this indignity are listed below:

Patrick William Cullinan '72	Resigned
Potter '75	Censured
Eaton La Rue Moses '75	Expelled
John Henry Humphries '83	Resigned
Lewis G. Fay '82	Expelled
William Frederic Rachemann '89	Expelled
Clinton Backus Struble, Beta Phi '91	Expelled
John Archibald Lockard '92	Expelled & Reinstated
Edgar Fay Whitney '94	Expelled
James Edwin Coursen '97	Suspended
Charles Remson Robinson '11	Censured
Coleman Clark Keeler, Beta Chi '10	Censured
Raymond Elliot Laurence '15	Expelled
Oscar Pierson Vatet '28	Expelled

In general, the miscreants received a fair hearing with surprisingly formal due process procedures observed. In the major cases, formal charges were drawn up by a committee appointed for that purpose, prosecutors and defenders were appointed, the defendant was summoned to the trial, and the brotherhood voted a verdict. Appeals were possible, and in one case, eventually successful.

The attached excerpts from the Chapter Chronology summarize all of the facts known at this time. All passages are taken from the Delta Chi Chapter Meeting Minutes unless otherwise noted.

### Objective

The intent of this research task is to find out what happened to these men in later life. The following general questions apply to each of the above cases:

- Did the man eventually take his degree from Cornell? Or was he also dismissed from the University?
- What college or course of study was he registered in?
- Did he do well in his studies?
- What became of him in later life?
- Were any of these cases discussed in the various University or student newspapers?

In addition, the following specific questions should be answered:

- Did Patrick William Cullinan '72 later join the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity?
- What did Eaton La Rue Moses '75 write in the Cornell Era that so offended people? Cite particular articles.



- Determine the complete name (first, middle and last) and correct class year of Potter, Lockard and Fay.
- This inquiry falls into the "human interest" category. We are looking for clues to character and the "rest of the story."

### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

- The best, and perhaps only, information will be in the individual student files of each man. These are available through the Department of Manuscripts and University Archives, 101 John M. Olin Library. Mr. Gould P. Colman, University Archivist, heads this department and I am certain that he will be most helpful if you ask his advice.
- The Cornell Alumni News should also be checked thoroughly.
- The Cornell Era will be found in the Office of Manuscripts and University Archives in John M. Olin Library. The Rackemann articles should be found in this journal.
- The Cornell Daily Sun might have commented on the expulsions, but this is unlikely. Back issues are available on microfilm in the basement level of John M. Olin Library.
- Various published Cornell University alumni directories contain lists of graduates and the degrees they took in Ithaca. These will be found in John M. Olin Library.

For the material found in the student files, mark anything of significant interest as material to be photocopied and sent directly to H. W. Fogle, 15 Green Valley Road, Wallingford PA 19086. Advise the Department of Manuscripts and University Archives to bill H. W. Fogle directly for this service. Brief items and points of information should be copied out by hand.

Prepare COMPLETE citations of any published material that you locate. The following informational items MUST be included:

- name of author (if available);
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- name of the journal or newspaper;
- volume and number;
- date of issue;
- page numbers, inclusive; and
- page columns for newspapers.

Examples:

Brixton, C. F., "Fraternities and Life," Cornell Era, Vol. XX, No. 2, 30 Jan 1915, pp. 104-08.

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PATRICK WILLIAM CULLINAN '72

15 Oct 1870 Ithaca Hotel

Brother Patrick William Cullinan '72 submits his resignation to the chapter.

POTTER '75

12 Jan 1872

Delta Chi decides "to send officially the facts concerning Mr. Potter '75 to the Miami <University, Kappa> chapter & at the same time recommending his early expulsion from DKE. Said Potter was a DKE at Miami, came to Cornell & joined Chi Phi without making self known to Delta Chi as such."

EATON LARUE MOSES '75 AFFAIR

15 May 1874

A motion that Brother Eaton La Rue Moses '75 "be tried before the society tomorrow night" carries. A committee is appointed to produce Moses at that meeting.

16 May 1874

As per plan, the "committee appointed May 15th for the purpose of interviewing and summoning Brother Moses to appear before the chapter was received and Brother Moses introduced. After a few remarks, Brother Moses, by request, left the hall." Subsequent motions appointing a committee "to draw up charges against Brother Moses" and appointing Brother Daniel James Tompkins '75 "to confer with Brother Moses and to ask <for> his resignation" carry, and during a ten minute intermission of the meeting this conference takes place. Brother Tompkins returned at the conclusion of this break and presented the following hand written message to the brotherhood: "I shall not now resign from D.K.E. <signed> E. Moses."

21 May 1874

A committee consisting of Brothers Emilus Oviatt Randall '74, Daniel James Tompkins '75 and Walter Justin Sherman '77 draws up the following charges against Brother Eaton La Rue Moses '75:

- I. That by his dishonorable action and unworthy conduct among the society men of other institutions, especially of the East, he has caused himself to be held in great odium, and has reflected much discredit on the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon,
- II. That he has injured the Fraternity among business men by his continued course of dishonesty and irregularity, by borrowing money under false pretenses, and by general unreliability in business transactions,
- III. That he injures the standing of the Fraternity among the students of the University by his low reputation, thus injuring our prospects for obtaining new members,
- IV. That he spends his time as a vagrant while at the same time <being> heavily in debt, <and>
- V. That he has become a burden to the Delta Chi chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon and is unworthy of continued membership.

Brother Eaton La Rue Moses '75, charged as above, is expelled from the Delta Chi Chapter of D.K.E. by vote of the brotherhood in formal proceedings.

Moses, described as "uncouth, but very brilliant," is elected as editor of the Cornell Era. It is said that he "wrote with such freedom about the members of the faculty that he was advised not to try to come back for his senior year." Later, Brother John DeWitt Warner '72, "a warm friend of Moses," attempts

without success to overturn the expulsion verdict.

26 Sep 1874

The brotherhood reviews correspondence concerning the case of Brother Eaton La Rue Moses '75. A motion "to reconsider the vote taken to expel him was lost."

25 Apr 1878

A motion "that the <Eaton La Rue> Moses affair be brought up for discussion next Friday evening and decided at the following meeting" carries.

16 May 1879

As planned, the discussion of the "Moses affair" takes place and a motion "that a committee of one be appointed to write to former members of the chapter in order to get their testimony as to the truth of the charges against Eaton La Rue Moses in 1874 and to present the same to the <DKE> convention next fall if approved by the chapter" carries. Brother William Stirling Ostrander '81 is appointed to this function.

20 Oct 1879

Brother William Stirling Ostrander '81 reports "at great length" to the brotherhood concerning his investigation of the Moses affair. A motion that the committee of inquiry "be honorably discharged" carries as does a motion "that the report of Brother Ostrander be presented to the convention of DKE as the report of the Delta Chi Chapter." Finally, Brother Henry Alexander Cramplin '80 was requested by the brotherhood to "communicate with Brother <John DeWitt> Warner concerning abstracted articles" bearing on the case.

8 Nov 1878

"The question of the expulsion of Mr. <Eaton La Rue> Moses '75 was debated by the society and a committee consisting of Brothers <James Ward> Warner '79, <George Matson> Welles '79 and <Clarence Newman> Blowers '79 was appointed to look up the affair with a view of drawing up definite charges to be presented at the next convention, but subject to approval of the chapter."

JOHN HENRY HUMPHRIES '83

1 Oct 1881

The first humorous and caustic chapter meeting minutes are recorded the Scriba, Brother J. H. Humphries '83.

6 Feb 1882

A motion introduced in a special meeting that the "resignation of J. H. Humphries '83 be accepted and that his bill be sent to him" carries. The Scriptor is instructed to write a letter of acceptance to Humphries.

LEWIS G. FAY '82

30 Jan 1882 A motion introduced in a special meeting "that Lewis G. Fay '82 be expelled from the Delta Chi Chapter of DKE" carries.

WILLIAM FREDERIC RACKEMANN '89

5 Nov 1885

Delta Chi enjoys a chapter banquet after the initiation of Brothers Macomb Byron Grey '86, Isaac Curtis Brewer, Jr. '89, William F. Rackemann '89 and Cullan Frank Welty '89.

28 Jan 1887

A committee consisting of Brothers Guy Stirling '87, Winchester Fitch '88, Walter Leslie Puterbaugh '88, Henry Rueben Ickleheimer '88, Mario Garcia Menocal '88, Willett Warren Read '88 and Charles Foote Mack '90 draws up the following charges against Brother William F. Rackemann '89:

I. That Brother Rackemann, after having been excused from

- II. payment of dues, absents himself from meetings, That Brother Rackemann refuses to do his share of fraternity work,
- III. That Brother Rackemann does not associate with the members of the chapter, but instead with those who are not his social equals, thereby bringing discredit on the Chapter,
- IV. That he has acted in an ungentlemanly manner towards an upper classman (Brother Fitch) when said upper classman attempted, with the sanction of the Fraternity, to reprove him.

29 Jan 1887

Brother William F. Rackemann '89 is expelled from the Delta Chi Chapter of D.K.E. by vote of the Brotherhood in formal proceedings.

CLINTON BACUS STRUBLE '91

5 Jan 1889

Also, motions introduced by Brother Louis William Marcus '89 "that a committee be appointed to draw up charges against Brother Clinton Bacus Struble, Beta Phi '91; to report in one week" and by Brother Charles Foote Mack '90 "that Scriba notify Brother Struble to appear before the chapter one week from tonight to answer charges" carry.

7 Jan 1889

The committee appointed on 5 January, consisting of Brothers Ludlow Eliakim Lapham, Jr. '84, Isaac Curtis Brewer, Jr. '89 and William Root Everett '91 prepares the following charges against Brother Clinton Backus Struble, Beta Phi '91:

- I. That by his dishonorable and unworthy conduct he has caused himself to be held in great odium by all members of Delta Kappa Epsilon and has reflected much discord in the Delta Chi chapter of said Fraternity,
- II. That he has injured the standing of this chapter at Cornell University by his gross misrepresentations to independent students and members of other fraternities of the conduct of members of said chapter,
- III. That by word and deed he has on many occasions endeavored to culminate <sic> the good name of said chapter and the Fraternity as a whole,
- IV. That he has proved a traitor to the Fraternity in that by false statements he tried to persuade two members of this chapter to resign, <and>
- V. That he has become a burden to the Fraternity and a reproach to this chapter and is unworthy of continued membership.

8 Jan 1889

The committee appointed on 5 January "reports <that the> charges <have been> drawn up."

12 Jan 1889

Brother Clinton Backus Struble, Beta Phi '91, charged with five general counts of "dishonorable and unworthy conduct," is expelled from the Delta Chi Chapter of D.K.E. by vote of the Brotherhood in formal proceedings.

23 Feb 1889

The Scriptor "reports that he has answered the Consul's letter in regard to Mr. <Clinton Backus> Struble, <Beta Phi '91.>"

5 Apr 1889

Brother William Colin Robinson '91 "reads a letter from the <Delta Kappa Epsilon> Council as regards Mr. <Clinton Backus> Struble '91 wherein the

Council decides that the expulsion is void as Brother Struble was at the time an active member of <the> Beta Phi chapter." Afterwards, a motion "that copies of charges <against Struble> be sent <to> Beta Phi and also copies of the minutes of the trial and that a request be also sent to Beta Phi for them to set a night and summon Brother Struble for trial, and that a member of Delta Chi will be sent to the trial to support these charges" carries. However, after further consideration the brotherhood rescinds the above resolution in favor of a motion "that a copy of charges be sent <to> Beta Phi and a request for them to take a vote as to whether they (the charges) are sufficient to sanction Brother Struble's expulsion, and if they vote unanimously that they are sufficient, then Delta Chi will send a member to substantiate said charges on any convenient night of trial" carries.

JOHN ARCHIBALD LOCKARD '92

23 Jan 1892

A motion "that <John Archibald> Brother Lockard '92 be given notice that unless his initiation fee be paid in one month, he must appear to answer charges why he should not be expelled" carries.

25 Feb 1893

Also, the brotherhood discusses "Brother John Archibald Lockard's case."

22 Apr 1893

A motion "that Brother <John Archibald> Lockard '92 appear before the chapter in person, or in writing, three weeks from tonight to show reason why he should not be expelled" carries.

6 May 1893

Also, motions "that Brother <John Archibald> Lockard's time be extended two weeks longer" and "that a very explicit telegram be sent to Brother <Charles Shaw> Horner '94 in Philadelphia to see Brother Lockard personally concerning his case" carry.

27 May 1893

Also, a motion "that Brother <John Archibald> Lockard '92 be instructed to appear here in person one week from today or else to write and show cause why he should not be expelled from Delta Kappa Epsilon" carries.

3 Jun 1893

Also, a motion "that a committee be appointed to draw up more specific charges <against Brother John Archibald Lockard '92 than were just read by Brother Charles Shaw Horner '94 who is appointed a prosecuting attorney for the chapter>" carries.

4 Jun 1893

Brother John Archibald Lockard '92 is expelled from the Fraternity by vote of the Brotherhood after a formal arraignment and trial. Brother William Hiram Brown '93 is appointed by the brotherhood to defend Lockard. No record of the charges exists.

5 Dec 1896

Delta Chi discusses "the matter of Mr. <John Archibald> Lockard's reinstatement" and the report of Brother Robert Julius Thorne '97 "that Brother Lockwood declined the invitation of the chapter to affiliate." A motion by Brother Thorne "that hereafter we ask no men from other chapters of DKE to join our chapter" is laid on the table.

23 Jan 1897

A motion "that Brother Beta appoint a committee to investigate <the case of Mr. John Archibald Lockard '97>" carries.

30 Jan 1897

"Brother <Maurice Francis> Connolly '97 reports for the Lockard Investigating Committee."

10 Apr 1897

John Archibald Lockart '92 is re-elected to membership in the Delta Chi chapter.

1 May 1897

Mr. John Archibald Lockard '92 is "elected conditionally" as a member of the Delta Chi chapter by a vote called by Brother Lester Norton Cobb '97.

8 May 1897

Delta Chi imposes the condition that Mr. John Archibald Lockard '92 pay the sum of \$65 "before 12 June or his election shall be null and void."

EDGAR FAY WHITNEY '94

22 Feb 1896

Also, a motion "that Brother <Edgar Fay> Whitney's name be brought up for expulsion" carries.

7 Mar 1896

A motion "that the Whitney affair be postponed <for> another week" carries.

14 Mar 1896

Brother Edgar Fay Whitney '94 is expelled from the Fraternity by vote of the Brotherhood.

7 Feb 1897

Brother David Rader Thomas '01 reports on behalf of a special committee formed to investigate the expelled Edgar Fay Whitney '94. The committee decides "to proceed with the <civil> suit against Whitney."

17 Apr 1897

Also, Brother Edward Hubbard Fitch, Jr. '97 reports having received "a letter from Brother Daniel Sanford Tuttle '92 concerning the <Edgar Fay> Whitney affair and says that they have not been able to collect so far."

JAMES EDWIN COURSEN '97

25 Apr 1896

Brother James Edwin Coursen '97 is involved in a "fracas on State Street" in Ithaca.

26 Apr 1896

Delta Chi draws up formal charges (later destroyed) against Brother James Edwin Coursen '97 after considering evidence from several brothers who witnessed the State Street incident. Brother Otho Carlton Snider '94 "spoke of how much the good name of the Fraternity had been injured." Brother Frank Warren Cool '95 reports "that evidence as to statement of facts had been substantiated by two of the brothers going down <town> and interviewing Mike Casey." Brother Cool further states that "he thinks it time to establish a precedent."

9 May 1896

Brother James Edwin Coursen '97, charged with "general immoral, loose and unguarded conduct," is suspended from membership in the Delta Chi Chapter of D.K.E. by vote of the brotherhood in a formal proceeding. Brother Beta rules that Coursen's right to wear the DKE pin is abrogated.

19 Apr 1897

A motion is made "that a committee of three be appointed to draw and replace as nearly as possible the resolutions in the Coursen trial which were torn out

of the book by Brother <Robert Julius> Thorne '97." Brother Arthur Tirrell Hellyer '01 completes this task later in the year.

CHARLES REMSON ROBINSON '11 AND COLEMAN CLARK KEELER '10

5 Nov 1908

Delta Chi enacts the following resolutions regarding Brothers Charles Remson Robinson '11 and Coleman Clark Keeler, Beta Chi '10:

WHEREAS Brother Robinson has been very careless in his conduct and,

WHEREAS he has broken his promise to the Delta Chi chapter of DKE by using his automobile, and that the faculty will not permit such conduct, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Delta Chi chapter of DKE request a humble apology from Brother Robinson, and be it further

RESOLVED that Brother Robinson take a written promise that he will not, during the present semester of the University, use his automobile while in Ithaca, and will attend all of his classes except when it is utterly impossible, and be it further

RESOLVED that he will not remain downtown after eight thirty in the evening until he has satisfied the Student Committee that his work will warrant such privilege, and be it further

RESOLVED that the above resolutions be read before the Delta Chi chapter of DKE assembled in meeting and inscribed in the minutes of the meeting of the above chapter together with Brother Robinson's <sic> written promise and apology.

RESOLVED this fourth day of November, Nineteen Hundred and Eight Anno Domini and Sixty-Four Anno Fraternatis.

WHEREAS Brother Keeler has acted in a way unbecoming a gentleman and a true Deke, and

WHEREAS he has broken his solemn promise to the Delta Chi chapter of DKE in going riding with Brother Robinson in the latter's automobile, and

WHEREAS Brother Keeler has caused, among the faculty and students of Cornell University, a great deal of undesirable comment concerning himself and the laxity of the Delta Chi chapter of DKE in permitting such conduct by one of its members, and

WHEREAS he is bringing the said chapter of the said fraternity into disrepute, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Delta Chi chapter of DKE request a humble apology of Brother Keeler, and be it further

RESOLVED that Brother Keeler shall give his solemn promise in writing to the said chapter that he will neither ride in an automobile with Brother Robinson nor will he drink any intoxicating liquors when in the company of Brother Robinson during the present semester of the University, and be it further

RESOLVED that the above resolution be read before the Delta Chi chapter of DKE assembled in meeting and inscribed in the minutes of the meeting of the above chapter together with Brother Keeler's written promise and apology.

RESOLVED this fourth day of November, Nineteen Hundred and Eight Anno Domini and Sixty-Four Anno Fraternatis.

1 Oct 1911

Delta Chi enacts the following resolution:

WHEREAS it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to take from us our beloved brother Charles Remson Robinson of the Class of Nineteen <Hundred and> Eleven, be it

RESOLVED that we extend out most heart felt sympathy to the family of the deceased, and be it  
RESOLVED that in his death our chapter loses a faithful and earnest alumnus and the fraternity a true and loyal brother, and be it further  
RESOLVED that copies of these resolutions be recorded in the archives of our chapter and published in the Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly.

RAYMOND ELLIOT LAURENCE '15

10 Oct 1915

A motion introduced by Brother Joseph Guy Shaeffer '16 "that Brother Raymond Elliot Laurence '15 be expelled from the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity" carries unanimously.

18 Jan 1916

A motion "that <a> note be sent to Mr. <Raymond Elliot> Laurence '15 expressing our feeling in regard to his conduct at Cleveland during the Christmas vacation" carries. Note: Laurence's home was Cleveland OH.

OSCAR PIERSON VATET '28

24 Oct 1926

A "general discussion <within the chapter> of Brother Oscar <Pierson> Vatet '28 who asked that he be allowed to resign from Delta Kappa Epsilon" takes place.

29 Oct 1926

A motion "that Brother Oscar <Pierson> Vatet's resignation from DKE be accepted" carries unanimously.

16 Dec 1926

Delta Chi takes further action against Vatet by voting to formally expel him from the chapter and the fraternity. Note: correspondence exchanged between the chapter and Vatet has been lost.



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#### **Task #09 - The Lost Clifton Beckwith Brown Memorial Tablet**

##### Background

The University emplaced a memorial tablet to Brother Clifton Beckwith Brown '00, the only Cornellian to be killed in the Spanish American War, in the University Library circa 1900. The present location of this memorial is unknown.

The only facts at hand are the following, listed in chronological order:

7 Oct 1891

The University Library, now Uris Undergraduate Library, is dedicated. The building was designed by William Henry Miller, the architect of the 1893-4 Deke House.

21 Oct 1899

The Cornell Era reports on page 28 that the Class of '00 commissioned a bronze tablet measuring approximately 24" wide by 42" high depicting a draped female figure holding a naked sword in one hand and resting the other on an oval shield bearing the following words:

TO THE  
MEMORY OF  
CLIFTON BECKWITH BROWN  
WHO DIED ON THE  
FIELD OF BATTLE AT  
EL CANEY,  
JULY FIRST  
1898

This article furthermore states that the tablet, sculpted by Bella L. Pratt, is destined to be placed in the University chapel.

20 Oct 1900

A motion introduced by Brother Paul Griswold Chace '02 at a meeting of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon "that the chapter has roses placed on the tablet erected to the memory of Clifton Beckwith Brown in the University Library at the beginning of each year in September" carries.

1950

Romeyn Berry publishes an essay entitled "The University Library Revisited" in Behind the Ivy (Cornell University Press, Ithaca NY) with the following passage on page 91: "The Bronze tablet to Clifton Brown, who was shot at El Caney, is right where it always was <in the University Library>. Clifton Brown was the only soldier-hero we had in my time and he helped to give us self-respect. Cornell didn't start until after the civil war and very few people one knew were killed in the Spanish War."

circa 1961

The University Library is remodeled and renamed as Uris Undergraduate Library. [Parsons, Kermit Carlyle, The Cornell

Campus, Cornell University Press, Ithaca NY 1968, pg. 264.]

1962

Morris Bishop publishes A History of Cornell (Cornell University Press, Ithaca NY 1962) with the following passage on page 350: "One student, Clifton Beckwith Brown '00, was killed at San Juan Hill. A memorial to him stands in the College of Architecture." --THE REFERENCE TO THE "COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE" IS BELIEVED TO BE ERRONEOUS.

2 Oct 1987

Ms. Joan L. Ormondroyd, Head Reference Librarian, Uris Undergraduate Library, reports by letter that the Clifton Brown tablet is not to be found in Uris Library.

5 Oct 1987

Mr. Robert R. Johnson, Director, CURW, reports by letter that the Clifton Brown tablet is not to be found in Sage Chapel.

15 Dec 1987

Mrs. Catherine Reed, Executive Assistant to Dean John J. Clark, Jr., School of Hotel Administration, reports by letter that the tablet is not to be found in Statler Hall.

13 Dec 1988

Mr. Harold D. Craft, Jr., Associate Vice President for Facilities and Business Operations, reports by letter "that the tablet was transferred from Architecture to the ROTC at Barton Hall in 1975. The Army ROTC inventory list clearly shows the tablet, but so far the Army has been unable to locate it." ---THIS INFORMATION IS SUSPECT.

14 Dec 1988

Ms. Ellen McCollister, Director of Public Affairs for the Cornell College of Architecture and Planning, reports by letter that Professor Michael Tomlan has "established the present location of the tablet in Barton Hall here on campus." ---THIS INFORMATION IS BELIEVED TO BE ERRONEOUS.

31 Jan 1989

LTCOL C. R. Buchwald, Jr., USA reports that a search of Barton Hall failed to locate the tablet. He expresses doubt that the Army ROTC unit ever took possession of the artwork and suggests that the basement of Rand Hall be searched.

27 Mar 1989

Professor Alexander Kira, College of Architecture, Art and Planning reports (1) that Rand Hall doesn't have a basement, (2) that he is certain that the Rand vault does not contain the plaque, (3) that the Department of Architecture was in White Hall in 1962 [cf. Bishop, 1962], and that he has a photocopy of a memo by Ms. Barbara Sheperd dated 9/19/72 that states: "The actual memorial tablet is now in the vault of Uris Library - apparently it was not re-erected after the library was redesigned.

4 Apr 1989

Mr. W. Barlow Ware, Director of Special Projects, reports that a reference to the subject plaque is to be found on page 78 of Contributions to Cornell's History, by Elizabeth Baker Wells '28. Mrs. Wells advises that the plaque still exists and that it is in the vault of Uris Undergraduate Library. Mr. Yoram Szekely, Librarian, Uris Undergraduate Library, reports that the Uris vault has been emptied and is now used for another function.

There is a Clifton Beckwith Brown Memorial Medal, founded in 1910 by John Harkness Brown in memory of his brother, to be awarded "to that member of the <Cornell University> graduating class who has obtained the highest cumulative average in architectural design over the entire course of study."

### Objective

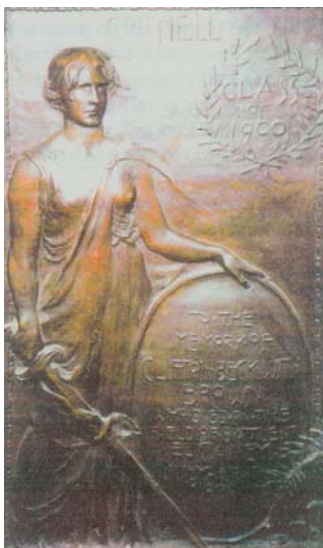
The intent of this research task is to locate the subject tablet and collect ancillary data. The following questions should be answered:

- Where is the tablet at present?
- What Cornell University official is currently responsible for the maintenance and safekeeping of the tablet?
- What are the dimensions of the tablet?
- What inscription does the tablet bear?
- What is the present condition of the tablet?
- Prepare a lead pencil rubbing of the tablet. Alternatively, obtain a photograph of same.
- Establish the exact dates that the tablet was moved from one place to another.
- What course of study was Clifton Beckwith Brown '00 pursuing?
- Why is he associated with the College of Architecture?

### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

- Discuss the general problem with Mr. Henry E. Doney, Director of Engineering and Facilities, Humphreys Service Building. His department may have a record of the tablet being relocated from the University (Uris) Library.
- Verify that the Cornell College of Architecture was established in Sibley Hall in 1962.
- Conduct a detailed and thorough search of Sibley Hall.
- Mrs. Joan L. Ormondroyd, Head Reference Librarian, Uris Undergraduate Library, has a "directory of all plaques, memorabilia, portraits and the like located on the Cornell Campus." Consult with her and make a thorough search of her reference book. Obtain a complete citation for that book.



The search for the lost memorial was extensive and time consuming, but it was finally found in 1989 in a locked storage room on Stack Level #2 of Uris Library. That said, "found" may only be a temporary state of affairs for an artifact in the University's keeping.

"Clifton Beckwith Brown '00 Memorial Plaque Found!" Delta Chi Deke, Summer 2000, p. 5.

See ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #07: Artifacts, Furnishings and Memorials.

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## **Task #10 - The Dedication of Myron Taylor Hall**

### Background

It is known that Brother Cuthbert Winfred Pound '87, Chief Justice of the New York State Court of Appeals, gave the ceremonial speech for the dedication of Myron Taylor Hall circa 1932.

### Objective

The intent of this research task is to obtain details concerning the subject speech. The following questions should be answered:

- On what date (exactly) was the speech given?
- Obtain the complete text of Brother Pound's speech.
- Completely cite all newspaper articles pertaining to this event.

### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

- Discuss the general problem with Professor W. David Curtiss, Cornell Law School, Myron Taylor Hall. His guidance will be invaluable.
- The Cornell Daily Sun will most certainly have reported on the ceremony if it occurred during the school term.
- The Ithaca Daily Journal will have reported on the ceremony.
- Back issues of the above newspapers are available on microfilm in the basement level of John M. Olin Library.

Prepare COMPLETE citations of any published material that you locate. The following informational items MUST be included:

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- title of article;
- name of the journal or newspaper;
- volume and number;
- date of issue;
- page numbers, inclusive; and
- page columns for newspapers.

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Brixton, C. F., "Fraternities and Life," Cornell Era, Vol. XX, No. 2, 30 Jan 1915, pp. 104-08.

"Cornell's New Greeks," Cornell Daily Sun, Thursday, 29 Jan 1891, pg. 1, col. 1.

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Results of Inquiry:

Myron Taylor Hall was dedicated on 15 October 1932.

“Myron Taylor Hall Dedicated in Impressive Ceremony.” *Cornellian Council Bulletin*, XVIII, #1 (October 1932), pp. 1-3: “Mrs. Taylor Presents Keys — Judge Pound Makes Notable Address.”



An earlier likeness of Brother Pound is found in Hewett, Thomas Waterman, *Cornell University: A History* (New York: University publishing Society, 1905), facing p. 254.

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## **Task #11 - The Strong Memorial Window**

### Background

On 12 Jun 1892 Brother Clinton Eugene Strong '93 drowns in Fall Creek while swimming in the company of his brother, Herbert William Strong '94, and other members of Delta Chi. His body is recovered and brought back to the Deke House where futile attempts at resuscitation are made. Brothers Frederick Morton Black '92, Daniel Sanford Tuttle '92, William Hiram Brown '93, Ernest Vail Stebbins '93, Otho Carlton Snider '94 and Charles Shaw Horner '94 accompany the two Strong brothers back to their home in Cleveland OH on the following day. The Delta Chi chapter goes into a thirty day period of mourning and accepts the kind offer of the Chi Phi Fraternity to take over the D.K.E. box at the Senior Ball and escort the their guests.

A stained glass window, known as "The Strong Memorial Window," composed and manufactured by the studios of Louis Comfort Tiffany, is known to be installed in a building of Cornell University.

### Objective

The intent of this research task is to determine if a link exists concerning the death of Brother Strong and the alleged stained glass window. The following questions should be answered:

- Precisely where is the Strong Memorial Window located?
- Describe the window.
- Is there an inscription on the window? If so, note the exact wording.
- To whom is the window a memorial, if not to Brother Strong?

### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

- Conduct a thorough search of Sage Chapel.
- Consult with Ms. Joan Ormondroyd, Head Reference Librarian, Uris Undergraduate Library. She has "a directory of all plaques, memorabilia, portraits and the like located on the Cornell Campus."
- Consult with a faculty member in the Department of Art, Tjaden Hall, or the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art.

This window has not been found, nor has its existence been established, at the time of writing. Efforts to find the artifact were renewed in 2006. The following references are being exploited in the search.

Duncan, Alistair . *Tiffany Windows*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1980. "Appendix: A Partial list of Tiffany Windows," p. 205, lists an ornamental Strong Memorial Window by Tiffany at Cornell according to Kimberly Hyde, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland OH (message of 8/8/2006).

Northup, Clark Sutherland, 1872-1952. "Sage Chapel, a description, being, in abridged form, an address delivered in Sage Chapel, April 17, 1904." Ithaca NY: Cornell University, 1904. Olin Library: LD1375.S12 N87 1904a.

Wells, Elizabeth Baker. *Contributions to Cornell History: Portraits and Memorabilia*. Revised. Ithaca NY, 1984. Cornelliana N582.I85 W45 1984

Nelson, Diane B. *Contributions to Cornell history: Portraits, Memorabilia, Plaques and Artists: 1990 addendum to the revised 1984 edition by Elizabeth Baker Wells*, Cornell 1928. Ithaca, NY: Office of Special Projects, University Development, Cornell University, 1990. Cornelliana N582.I85 W45 1984 addendum 1990.

*A Partial List of Windows: Designed and Executed by Tiffany Studios*. New York: Tiffany Press, 1972, 2nd Edition. Arkansas State Library: NK5398.T53 P27 1972.

*A Partial List of Windows: Designed and Executed by Tiffany Studios*. New York: Tiffany Press, 1979, 3rd Edition. ISBN 0914800027. College of Wooster, Andrews Library: NK5398.T53 A56 1979.

*A Partial List of Windows: Designed and Executed by Tiffany Studios (1972)*. Image from page 26 follows.

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Strong Memorial Window, Ornamental.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Bush Memorial Window, "Figure of Christ."

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## **Task #12 - The 1892 Visit of Brother Whitelaw Reid, Kappa '56**

### Background

On 29 Oct 1892 a special meeting of the Delta Chi chapter is convened to form a committee to organize a reception for Brother Whitelaw Reid, Kappa '56, formerly the U. S. Minister to France and currently the Republican nominee for Vice President. Brothers Ernest Vail Stebbins '93, James Roscoe Davy '94 and Fred Ford Jewett '95 are chosen to serve.

### Objective

The intent of this research task is to obtain details concerning the visit of Brother Reid to the Deke House. The following questions should be answered:

- When, precisely, was Brother Reid in Ithaca?
- What did he do while in town?
- Do news accounts mention the DKE reception?
- Identify all newspaper articles covering Brother Reid's visit.

### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

- The Cornell Daily Sun and the Ithaca Daily Journal will most certainly have reported on Reid's visit.

Back issues of the above newspapers are available on microfilm in the basement level of John M. Olin Library.

Prepare COMPLETE citations of any published material that you locate. The following informational items MUST be included:

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- name of the journal or newspaper;
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## Task #13 - Tragic Early Deaths

### Background

From time to time the Delta Chi Chapter has suffered the unexpected loss of a brother through mortal illness or fatal accident. The following brothers died, either during their undergraduate residence at Cornell, or shortly thereafter:

Samuel Knox Johnson '75	21 Sep 1875
Frank Daniel Bennitt '75	4 Nov 1878
Jay Glasford Perry '77	1875
Thomaz d'Aquino e Castro '77	22 Apr 1878
Lewis Cass Van Horne, Lambda '77	1882
William Edgar Hugill '86	11 Jul 1886
William Root Everett '91	22 Nov 1891
Percival Henry Chandler '91	13 Oct 1889
Francis Victor Marbach Provost '00	24 May 1901
Ralph Butler '03	26 May 1902
Charles Remsen Robinson '11	2 Jul 1911
Clayton Caskey Ingersoll '18	26 Apr 1918
Eugene George Mergenthaler '07	1918
Walter I. Finney '17	1919
Deyoe Lohnas Ashton '19	31 Mar 1919
Franklin G. Miller '21	1920
Clarkson Lewis Farnsworth '2	17 Jan 1921
Henry Howard Cissel '22	10 Mar 1920
Ralph Douglas Courson '3	06 Feb 1928
Thomas Keppen Humble '32	2 Jun 1929
Denison Eldredge Avery '27	Oct 1931
George F. Hewett, III	1943
George Harmon Coxe, III '53	27 Jul 1951

In most cases the brotherhood declared a formal period of mourning, published appropriate resolutions in the Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, and conveyed sympathies to the family of the lost brother.

### Objective

The intent of this research task is to verify/correct the above data and to determine the precise circumstances of each brother's death. The following issues should be addressed for each case:

- Verify the class year and date of death. Correct omissions in the above data.
- Identify any obituary or death notice published in any periodical.
- Determine the cause and circumstances surrounding the brother's death.

### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

- The best, and perhaps only, information will be in the individual student files of each man. These are available through the Department of Manuscripts and University Archives, 101 John M. Olin Library. Mr. Gould

P. Colman, University Archivist, heads this department and I am certain that he will be most helpful if you ask his advice.

- The Ithaca Daily Journal will carry a death notice and often an obituary for any student who died in the Tompkins County area. Back issues are available on microfilm in the basement level of John M. Olin Library.
- The Cornell Alumni News should also be checked thoroughly.
- The Cornell Era will be found in the Office of Manuscripts and University Archives in John M. Olin Library. Deaths within the student body will probably be noted therein.
- The Cornell Daily Sun will have carried notices if the death occurred during the school term. Back issues are available on microfilm in the basement level of John M. Olin Library.
- Various published Cornell University alumni directories may contain relevant information, particularly death dates. These will be found in John M. Olin Library.

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For the material discovered in publications, prepare COMPLETE citations of any items that you locate. The following informational items MUST be included:

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#### **Task #14 - Brothers Who Perished During Military Service**

##### Background

The Delta Chi Chapter has lost a number of brothers through the misfortunes of war. The following is a partial list of those who died while in the service of their country:

William Bayer '18 World War I

Stanley Griswold Wight '20 World War II  
John Talman Whiting, Jr. '41? World War II  
William Hunt Eisenman, Jr. '43 1943, World War II  
George Frederick Hewitt, III '43 1943, World War II

Edward Livingston Feakes '49 1953, Korean War

St. Clair McKelway, Jr. '52 1954, France  
Frederick Ernest Weiker, Jr. '55

##### Objective

The intent of this research task is to verify/correct the above data and to determine the precise circumstances of each brother's death. The following issues should be addressed for each case:

- Verify the class year and full name for each brother;
- Determine the exact date of death;
- Determine the service branch, rank or grade, and military organization of the deceased;
- Identify any obituary or death notice published in any periodical; and
- Determine the cause and circumstances surrounding the brother's death.

##### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

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- The Ithaca Daily Journal may carry a death notice, but this somewhat uncertain. Back issues are available on microfilm in the basement level of John M. Olin Library.
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## **Task #15 - Leasehold Estate Deeds of 1906, 1910 and 1923**

### Background

The land upon which the current 13 South Avenue Deke House sits was a leasehold estate consisting of three parcels. The 1 October 1893 deed for the original parcel has been identified, but the deeds for the subsequent 1 June 1906 property (required for the south porch) and 4 May 1910 property (required for the east addition) have not yet been discovered. Furthermore, It appears that these properties were transferred from DELTA KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY, INC., to THE DELTA CHI ASSOCIATION, INC. in October 1923. These facts may be ascertained from the following documents filed in the Office of the Tompkins County Clerk, North Tioga Street, Ithaca NY 14850.

INDENTURE dated 1 Oct 1893, "Cornell University to D.K.E. Fraternity," Liber 141 (Deeds), pp. 386-8, recorded 25 October 1893.

INDENTURE dated 18 July 1963, "Delta Chi Association of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at Cornell University to Cornell University," Liber 446 (Deeds), pp. 644-5, recorded 18 July 1963.

The Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Cornell Board of Trustees record the approvals of that body for adding the 1906 and 1910 parcels to the DKE leasehold estate. See Chapter Chronology entries dated 29 May 1906, 4 Jan 1910 and 18 Jan 1910.

### Objective

The intent of this research task is to obtain complete citations in the above format (Liber number, page numbers and recording date) for the presumed 1906, 1910 and 1923 deeds that should be on record in the Office of the Tompkins County Clerk.

### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

- Visit the Office of the Tompkins County Clerk and examine the two deeds cited above. Then conduct a thorough search of the public records for the three missing deeds.
- If this track peters out, then consult with Ms. Shirley K. Egan, Associate Counsel, University Counsel's Office, Day Hall. She may be able to suggest an alternative approach.

Do not copy any documents found. They will be ordered when citations are in hand.

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## Task #16 - The 1893/1910 Arches of the Deke House

### Background

The predominance of the Romanesque style throughout the 13 South Avenue lodge is achieved by the harmonious distribution of circular and elliptical arches:

- 1893 West Entry Loggia. The main entry to the house is through a small gallery formed from an elliptic Romanesque arch abutting the west tower.
- 1893 Northwest Loggia. The original structure featured a loggia at the northwest corner of the first floor. The gallery was formed by an elliptic arch on the west facade and a round arch on the north. A single sloping buttress braces the pier formed by the juncture of the two arches. Access to this space was gained by a door opening to the reception room. The architect's drawing of the loggia depicts decorative iron railings beneath the two arches, but there is no evidence to suggest that they were ever installed. The 1901 extension of the dining room enclosed this gallery and thus absorbed this feature.
- 1910 Carriage Portal. An arched gallery completely penetrates the first floor level of the 1910 addition originally allowing vehicular passage from the roadway of South Avenue on the north to the inner courtyard of the house. Prominent globe lamps flank the sides of the north arch and a pendant lamp hangs in the center of the passageway.
- 1910 Lunette Window Arches. One large and four small arches pierce the first floor level of the 1910 addition to form lunette windows glazed in stained glass.

### Objective

The intent of this research task is to obtain basic statistical information about these arches for the "Architectural Analysis of the Deke House" that is being prepared as part of an application to register the building on the National Register of Historic Places.

Data for each entry indicated by a question mark (?) in the below table should be supplied:

ARCH	TYPE	IMPOST	SPAN	RISE	VOUSOIRS
1893 northwest loggia					
north circular		?	?	?	?
west elliptical		?	?	?	?
1893 west entry loggia	elliptical	?	?	?	?
1910 carriage portal					
north	circular	?	?	?	?
south	circular	?	?	?	?
1910 lunette windows					
north (2)	circular	?	?	?	?
east	circular	?	?	?	?
south (2)	circular	?	?	?	?

Notes:

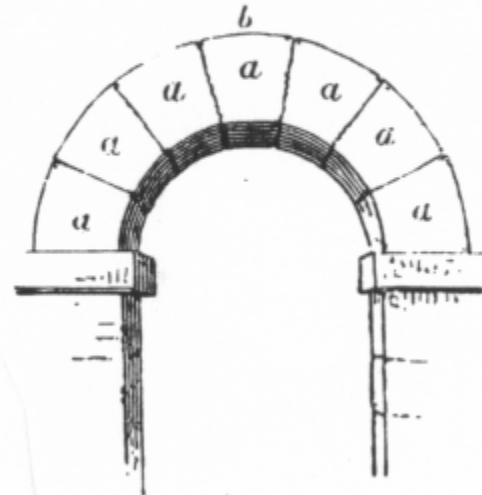
- (1) The impost is the height (in inches) of the spring line over the horizontal base plane or sill of the arch;
- (2) The span is the distance (in inches) between the inboard faces of the springers;
- (3) The rise is the distance (in inches) between the spring line and the crown of the keystone; and
- (4) The count of voussoirs includes the keystone and the springers.

#### Methodology

Obtain an accurate tape measure and collect the specified data.

Excerpts from Parker (1986).

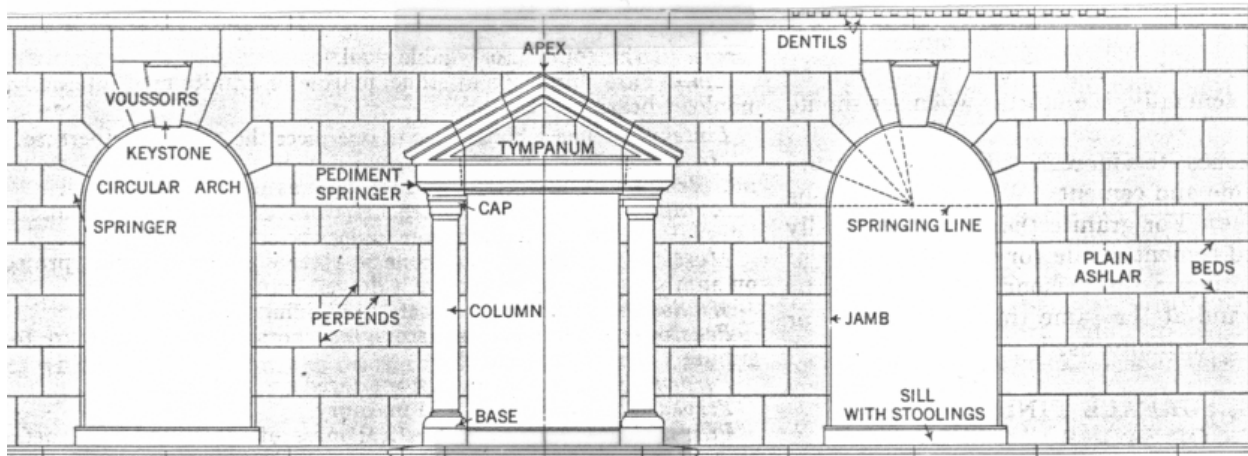
**Voussoir**, a name adopted from the French for the wedge-shaped stones (or other material) with which an arch is constructed, as marked in the engraving, *a, a, a, ;* the upper one, namely *b*, at the crown of the arch, is termed the *Key-stone*. The lowest voussoir, or that which is placed immediately above the impost, is termed the springing-stone, or *springer*.



Voussoirs.

**Key-stone**, the central stone, or voussoir, at the top of an arch; the last which is placed in its position to complete the construction of an arch. The *Bosses* in vaulted ceilings are sometimes called Keys. See *Voussoir*.

**Springing, Springer,** the impost or point at which an arch unites with its support. The bottom stone of an arch, which lies immediately upon the impost, is sometimes called a springer or springing-stone. Also the bottom stone of the coping of a gable. [See *Voussoir* and *Skew*.]



#### Reference

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## Task #17 - The 1893/1906 Columns of the Deke House

### Background

A number of classical Tuscan columns distributed throughout the Deke House lend a subtle unification of the constituent structures:

- 1893 Tower Belfry. A ring colonnade supports the conical roof.
- 1893 West Balcony/Porch. A roofed third floor balcony/porch projects from the west facade. The roof is supported by columns set atop stonework pedestals.
- 1893 North Compound Window. The second floor northeast study features a triple sash window with engaged Tuscan column mullions and a segmented three-piece lintel beneath the north gable.
- 1893 South Porch. The second floor porch bay features a roof supported by six Tuscan columns.
- 1893 Parlor. The first floor parlor features a bay opening to the south that is set off by peripheral columns atop wooden pedestals.
- 1906 South Porch/Veranda. Exterior access to this spacious porch is from either the west facade walkway or by a flight of steps leading to ground level on the east side. The roof is supported about its interior line of abutment by structural attachment to the 1893 south wall and about its exterior extent with a regularly spaced array of Tuscan columns mounted atop ashlar stone pedestals with rubbed stone cornices.

### Objective

The intent of this research task is to obtain basic statistical information about these columns for the "Architectural Analysis of the Deke House" that is being prepared as part of an application to register the building on the National Register of Historic Places.

Data for each entry indicated by a question mark (?) in the below table should be supplied:

COLUMN LOCATION	NUMBER	HEIGHT	DIAMETER
1893 original edifice			
west facade			
tower belfry drum/ring	?	?	?
balcony/porch (third floor)	4	?	?
north facade			
compound window	2	?	?
south facade bay			
porch/veranda (second floor)	8	?	?
parlor bay (first floor)	?	?	?
1906 porch/veranda	?	?	?

Ascertain that each column is indeed properly classified as "Tuscan." If not, obtain a proper identification.

Accurately describe the base, shaft and capital of each column type found in the House. Provide a dimensioned sketch of each that clearly identifies the shape and size of the plinth, torus, astragal, neck, ovolo and abacus.

### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

- Obtain an accurate tape measure and collect the specified data;
- Prepare legible dimensioned sketches; and
- Consult with the Cornell Department of Architecture to verify the classification of the columns.

### Reference

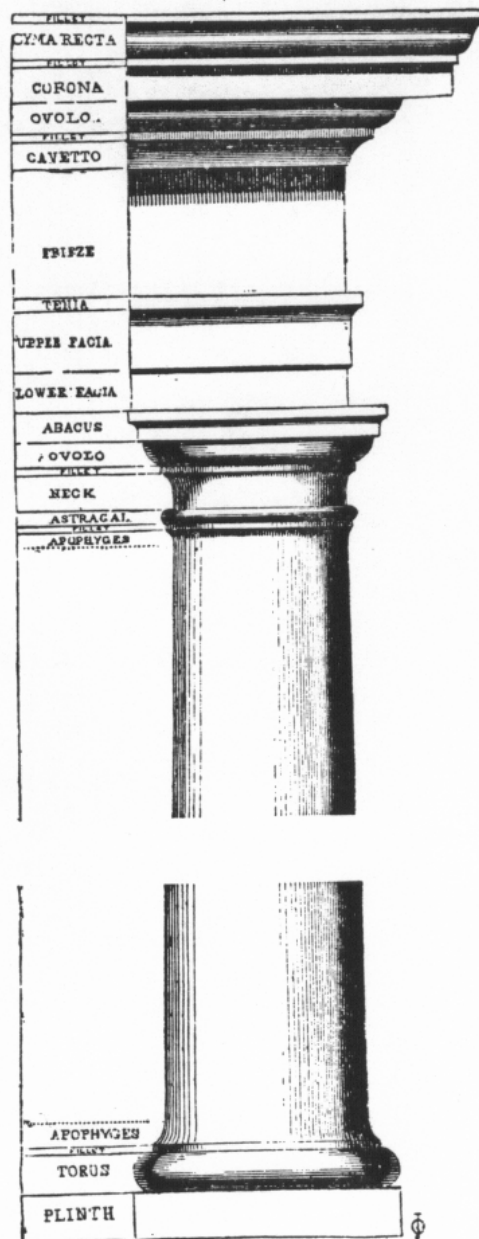
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**Column**, a round pillar; the term includes the base, shaft, and capital: in Grecian and Roman architecture. The column is so important a feature that the exact proportions of its several parts are settled, and vary according to the Order.

In the illustration which is given here the chief features are shewn, with the nomenclature of the details commonly employed. Under the Composite Order [vide *Order*] will be found additional nomenclature. [See also the words *Corona* and *Cymatium*, and the illustrations given under *Astragal*, *Cavetto*, *Cyma*, *Ogee*, *Ovolo*, *Pedestal*, *Portico*, *Scotia*.]

The term is also sometimes applied to the pillars or piers in Norman and Gothic architecture.



**COMPOUND ARCH**, a term applied to signify a *Recessed* arch.

**COMPOUND PIER**, a clustered column.

**CONCHA** (Lat.), name applied to the apse from the shell-like

shape of the vault.

**CONDUIT**, properly a water-course (or *Specus*), applied also to the structure forming the reservoir for water.

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## **Task #18 - Architectural Precedents by Richard Norman Shaw**

### Background

The 13 South Avenue Dele House is considered to be Romanesque Revival in the tradition of Henry Hobson Richardson (1838-1886). However, certain elements of the Queen Anne Revival style as practiced by Richard Norman Shaw (1831-1912) figure in this work:

- the tall chimney stacks;
- a prominent compositely styled roof;
- the congruent hipped dormer roofs;
- the three projecting bay and oriel windows;
- a north facade window having mullion piers supporting a segmented lintel; and
- half-timber decorative facings on the 1893 east side and north gable.

### Objective

The intent of this research task is to identify examples of buildings designed by Shaw that relate to the design of the Deke House. This information will be incorporated in the Architectural Analysis of the Deke House that is being prepared as part of an application to register the building on the National Register of Historic Places.

Provide the following information on not less than five different works attributed to Shaw that are clearly related to the Deke House:

- name of the building;
- location (town and country);
- year of erection; and
- features of the building that are similar to those found in the William Henry Miller Deke House.

### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

- visit the Fine Arts Library in Sibley Hall and examine the any "picture" books of works by Shaw; and
- consult with any member of the Cornell faculty in the College of Architecture.

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#### **Task #19 - The 1893 North Façade Compound Window**

##### Background

The 1893 northeast study on the second floor features a triple sash window with engaged Tuscan column mullions and a segmented three-piece lintel beneath the north gable.

##### Objective

The intent of this research task is to produce a proper and complete architectural description of this window that will be incorporated in the "Architectural Analysis of the Deke House" that is being prepared as part of an application to register the building on the National Register of Historic Places.

Write a short paragraph describing the window in full detail using correct architectural terminology.

##### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

- make a rough sketch of the window;
- consult with a member of the Cornell faculty in the College of Architecture and obtain guidance concerning the proper description and classification of the window;
- visit the Fine Arts Library in Sibley Hall and find classified examples of such windows.



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## **Task #20 - The First Hall of Delta Chi**

### Background

The first and only public mention of the facilities employed for Delta Chi's chapter meetings was published in 1894:

"Meetings were held till the end of the year 1869-70 in a room in the old Ithaca Hotel (burned 1871); during the first part of 1870-71 in Sabin's room at 29 South Cayuga Street; during the latter part of that year, till June, 1871, at Warner's rooms at 36 West State Street; then, until October, 1873, in a hall leased in the Sprague Block on State Street; then, until September, 1877, in the new hall specially built for the chapter in the Morrison Block, and for the next seventeen years at the DKE House on Buffalo Street." (Warner, John DeWitt, "Early History of Delta Chi Chapter," Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly: Vol. XII, No. 3, pp. 191-204, Nov. 1894)

The historical record substantially verifies the above account as noted in the Chapter Chronology:

4 Nov 1870

The Hall Committee reports that "Mr. Babcock offered to Ithaca H. rent his hall for \$400 per annum." Delta Chi resolves to counter offer \$330.

18 Nov 1870

Also, the Hall Committee reports "that they had engaged the room of Mr. Babcock for \$350."

16 May 1871

Also, plans concerning the decoration of the Hall are put forth.

3 Jun 1871

The first meeting in the "Society Hall," a room leased in the "Sprague Block" on State Street, takes place.

6 Oct 1871

A motion "that a committee be appointed to superintend the inauguration of <the> Hall" carries.

18 May 1872

Also, a motion that the Hall be leased for five years is considered.

30 Apr 1873

A special meeting is called to organize the movement of furniture from the Hall to a summer storage location. This is presumably the last chapter meeting held in the Sprague block site.

Examination of the Delta Chi Chapter Meeting Minutes reveals that the brotherhood utilized the Sprague Block site once on 3 June 1871 (shortly after it was leased, but probably before any furniture was installed) and then continuously from 13 October 1871 until 30 April 1873.

The lease agreement was probably signed by Mr. Babcock (or perhaps a Mr. Sprague) as grantor and one or more members of DKE (class years 1871-1874) as grantee(s).

### Objective

The intent of this research task is to obtain a complete citation (Liber number, page numbers and recording date) for the presumed 1871 lease of the Sprague Block hall that should be on record in the Office of the Tompkins County Clerk, North Tioga Street, Ithaca NY.

### Methodology

The following approaches are suggested:

- Visit the Office of the Tompkins County Clerk and examine the deed index for 1871 using the names provided herewith. Then conduct a thorough search of the public records for the subject deed.
- Visit Historic Ithaca and determine the exact location of the Sprague Block in 1871.

Do not copy any documents found. They will be ordered when citations are in hand. A list of brothers who might have signed the lease for the Sprague Block hall follows. Dates are, in order, birth, initiation and death.

#### Class of 1870

1 James Julius Chambers	21 Nov 50	11 Feb 70	12 Feb 20
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#### Class of 1871

2 Sidney Howard Soule		11 Feb 70	6 Aug 14
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#### Class of 1872

4 John DeWitt Warner	30 Oct 51	11 Feb 70	27 May 25
6 Frank DeElwin Nash		11 Feb 70	30 Jun 25
7 Darius Adams Ogden, Jr.		11 Feb 70	24 Sep 18
8 Charles Victor Parsell		11 Feb 70	15 Apr 20
9 Ambrose Clothier Pike		11 Feb 70	15 Mar 03
14 George Adrian Iselin		1 Feb 70	8 Nov 09
15 William Winterhouse (AKA Winterhorn) Sabin		15 Mar 70	87
16 Millard Thorn Conklin		25 Jun 70	29 Nov 28

#### Class of 1873

11 Ebenezer Barstow Kellogg		18 Jan 70	11 Jun 04
12 Henry Alonzo Monfort		1 Feb 70	11 Oct 30
13 William McKenzie (AKA Henry) Hughes		1 Feb 70	25 Jun 15
21 Edwin Gillette		13 Jan 71	24 Sep 26
25 Henry Kinney Hause		22 Sep 72	12 Sep 83
31 Leverett Gibes Boies		26 Jan 72	9 Mar 20
33 Frederick Jay Knight		21 Sep 72	9 May 20
36 William Livingston Klein		31 Jan 73	20 Aug 31

#### Class of 1874

17 Charles Addison Wheeler		10 Oct 70	31 Jul 06
18 Charles Albert Wiley		14 Sep 70	6 Jan 80
19 Ernest Grey Sawyer		15 Oct 70	Aug 04
20 Frederick Morris Stevens		21 Nov 70	8 Apr 23
22 Emilus Oviatt Randall	28 Oct 50	21 Apr 71	18 Dec 19
23 Frederick Baker		9 Jan 71	15 May 38
40 Birchard Austin Hayes		7 Oct 73	24 Jan 26
55 Wilbray James Thompson		24 Apr 75	21 May 27
George Beatty, Lambda			22 Dec 16

Appendix A: 1987 Research Task #001 —Image of Original Form.

<p>DELTA KAPPA EPSILON DELTA CHI CHAPTER 13 South Avenue Ithaca NY 14850</p>	<p>CHAPTER HISTORY PROJECT</p> <p>RESEARCH TASK # <u>001</u></p>		
<p>Originator: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fogle <input type="checkbox"/> Morrison <input type="checkbox"/> Luebbe</p>	<p>Assigned by _____ Pledge Master to: _____</p>		
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<p>1. INFORMATION OBJECTIVE: <i>IDENTIFY THE ARCHITECT OF THE DEKE HOUSE AT 13 SOUTH AVENUE. A PHOTOCOPY OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IS REQUIRED. ADDITIONAL DATA REQUIRED: NAME &amp; ADDRESS OF THE ARCHITECT'S FIRM. COMPLETE COPY OF BUILDING PERMIT.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: THIS TASK REFERS TO THE ORIGINAL 1893 BUILDING.</i></p>			
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<p>3. RESULTS OF INQUIRY:</p>			
<p>4. CITATIONS (Specific Sources Employed):</p>			
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<p>Copy: Original (green) Workbook (white)</p>	<p>When complete, return mail Original to H. W. Fogle '70, 15 Green Valley Road, Wallingford PA 19086</p>		



**Appendix B: HWF2 letter of 1988 to Brother Jonathan C. Neuman '88**

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8 March 1988

Mr. Jonathan Christopher Neuman '88  
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Dear Brother Pi:

As per our telephone conversation, I am enclosing some general informational handouts for the pledge class, and also a set of forms for each team or individual to report the current state of progress for the twenty research tasks. There is one form for each task.

Please have the pledges fill out the forms and return them to you for "analysis" and comment. When you have a complete set of twenty, mail them back to me in the enclosed postage paid envelope. I would appreciate it if you could have this done as quickly as possible so that I have time to respond before initiation comes to pass.

We will have a final "gathering of raw material" just before initiation, but it will be quite useful to examine the information collected so far.

Finally, I can only suggest that you have the appropriate brothers review the METHODOLOGY paragraph for each RESEARCH TASK to make sure that the pledges are putting a reasonable effort into the job.

Hope all is going well.

Sincerely,

H. William Fogle '70  
Alumni Historian  
Delta Chi of D.K.E.

**Attachments:**

- Listing of 1988 Research Tasks, 8 Mar 88
- The Roosevelt Spruce Trees (draft, 4 Mar 88)
- Interim Progress Report Forms (20)

## Appendix C: Interim Research Task Progress Report

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### INTERIM RESEARCH TASK PROGRESS REPORT

Please provide the information solicited in this form to assist the Alumni Historian in the management of the 1988 DKE History Project:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ March 1988

RESEARCH TASK Number \_\_\_\_\_

RESEARCH TASK Title \_\_\_\_\_

Names of pledges assigned to this task:

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_

How would you rate your general progress with regard to satisfying the specified OBJECTIVE of the RESEARCH TASK so far? (circle answer)

NIL    SLOW    REASONABLE    FINISHED

How many man-hours of serious effort would you estimate that you have put into this task so far? (circle answer)

TEN    TWENTY    THIRTY    MORE THAN THIRTY

Have you run into a particularly knotty problem that is holding up further progress? \_\_\_\_\_ If YES, please describe:

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Identify by check mark the individuals and/or organizations that you have already visited and worked with so far:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Gould P. Colman, University Archivist, John M. Olin Library
- \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper microfilm files, basement level, John M. Olin Library
- \_\_\_\_\_ Zeta Psi Fraternity
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cornell Department of History, McGraw Hall
- \_\_\_\_\_ Historic Ithaca
- \_\_\_\_\_ DeWitt Historical Society of Tompkins County, North Cayuga Street
- \_\_\_\_\_ Office of the Tompkins County Clerk, North Tioga Street
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cornell College of Architecture, Art and Planning
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cornell University Libraries (general collection)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Department of Engineering and Facilities, Humphreys Service Bldg.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Joan L. Ormondroyd, Head Reference Librarian, Uris Library
- \_\_\_\_\_ Professor W. David Curtiss, Cornell Law School
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cornell Department of Art, Tjaden Hall
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Deke House, 13 South Avenue (for architectural measurements)

Using the remainder of this page and the back of same, list all citations for papers, articles and documents that you have identified so far. Attach any material, photocopies or notes that you have at this time.

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The author presents transcriptions of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon Pledge Program Research Tasks for 1987 (thirty-seven tasks) and 1988 (twenty tasks), all directed towards investigations of the chapter's history since founding in 1870. Subjects include source material inventories, activities of the brotherhood, architectural studies, searches for lost memorials, and alumni issues.

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