

but somehow either I, or Percy Thomson (who was initiated in 1893) always heard about them.

These, and other adventures, some of which will be mentioned later, caused the "old boys", that is to say the Sigma Chi Alumni who had graduated prior to 1894, to feel for reasons which were never exactly discoverable, that Nellie should be concealed, and as a consequence the active Chapter did not have possession of Nellie, nor did Nellie take part in Hallowe'en rides, from 1895 until about 1920.

Even though the Chapter at no time had a Chapter House, or even a private room which it could call its own for some fifteen years after it was organized, the Fraternal spirit of Sigma Chi never burned brighter than in the hearts and memories of the members of the Chapter during all these years. As a matter of fact, for about twenty years after the Chapter was founded it was the only national fraternity at the University of Southern California. In the early years referred to, Chapter meetings were held at odd and divers places; at the home of some member or alumnus, in the law office of some of the "organizers" above referred to, or in the printing shop of Garner Curran who was initiated in 1893 and had a printing establishment in the basement of Old College, the brick building above referred to. Initiations were likewise held in similar places. I was initiated at the home of Elger Reed on a small farm west of the University, the "active" part of the initiation taking place in the horse barn.

Percy Thomson (the 25th Grand Consul of the Fraternity) was initiated in 1893 in the home of Freeman G. Teed on Scarff Street in Los Angeles.

Charles Christy was initiated in 1904 in Aristotelian Hall on the third floor of Old College, very successfully although strictly contrary to the rules of the institution.

Austin O. Martin was initiated in 1896 in a law office in the Bryson Building at Second and Spring Streets, in Los Angeles.