

My Recollections of the Adventures of the
Alpha Upsilon Chapter of the Sigma Chi
Fraternity since 1891.

Dated at Los Angeles, June 1, 1950.

The Alpha Upsilon Chapter was installed on June 8, 1889, at the University of Southern California. There were seven charter members initiated. Their names were: George Sinsabaugh, William C. Whitcomb, Clinton A. Bradley, George D. Christy, Lloyd B. Christy, Elger A. Reed and Edward B. Stuart.

At the time I entered the Freshman Class all of them had graduated and the active members of the Chapter were Thomas W. Robinson, Elmer E. Hall, Robert T. Hall, Don C. Porter, Lewis R. Garret, Hartley Shaw, Rae G. Van Cleve and David Arnold.

The Alpha Upsilon Chapter was not composed of men who had previously been drawn together in any club, local fraternity or association. The Charter members were picked by a group of comparatively young men who had come to California from various points in the Middle West and, being still keenly alive to the pleasures and advantages of association with men who believed in the principles and precepts of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, as well as being members of it, concluded it would be very wise to establish a Sigma Chi Chapter in what was the only college (or university) then in existence south of San Francisco. These men were Nathaniel P. Conrey, Theta Theta '93; Orr Haralson, Pi '83; Clarence A. Miller, Beta '81; Charles C. Davis, Gamma '73, and Freeman G. Teed, Kappa '73. Together they promoted, and finally accomplished the issuance of, a Charter by the Fraternity, and were the preceptors and, in a sense, the "Fathers" of the Chapter and the college fraternity movement and growth in Southern California; and it is worthy of note that the lively personal interest of all these men in the Chapter and its