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**BURRITT COLLEGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTE BOOK,  
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## INTRODUCTION

The minute book on this microfilm was loaned to the Tennessee State Library and Archives by the Burritt College Archives. After filming, the book was returned to the Burritt College Archives.

The book, dated 1848-1915, contains minutes from the meetings of the Board of Directors for Burritt College in Spencer, Van Buren County, Tennessee. (Please note that microfilm accession numbers 1609 and 1122 at the Tennessee State Library and Archives contains Burritt College records.)

Burritt College was founded in 1848. It was named for Elihu Burritt, a blacksmith and prominent member of the peace movement. Burritt believed that all youth should have a chance to pursue the education that was denied him. During the Civil War, Burritt College was burned and later rebuilt. It closed in 1939 as a result of the economic hardships of the Great Depression and the development of public education. It was the first coeducational college in the South.

Source: The biographical information on Burritt College was gleaned from the following websites:

<http://tennesseencyclopedia.net/imagegallery.php?EntryID=V001>

<http://www.vanburenchamber.com/history.html>

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~tnvanbur/j-burritt.jpg>

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