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## **A Research Design: Organizing or Framing Written History to Find Out More Information**

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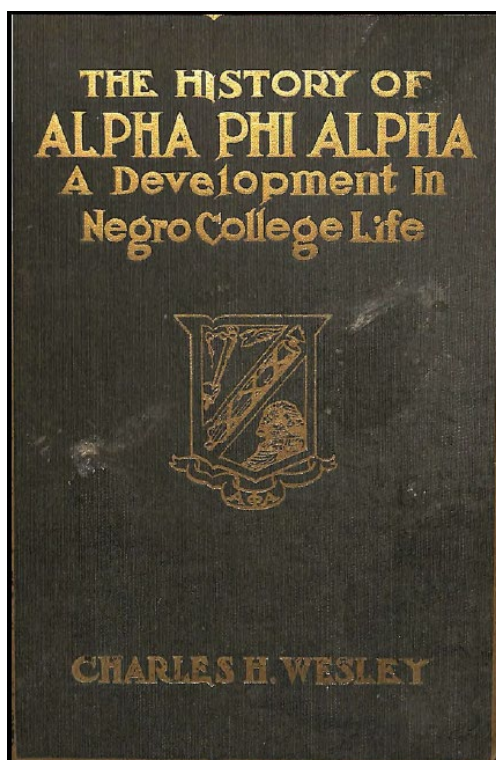




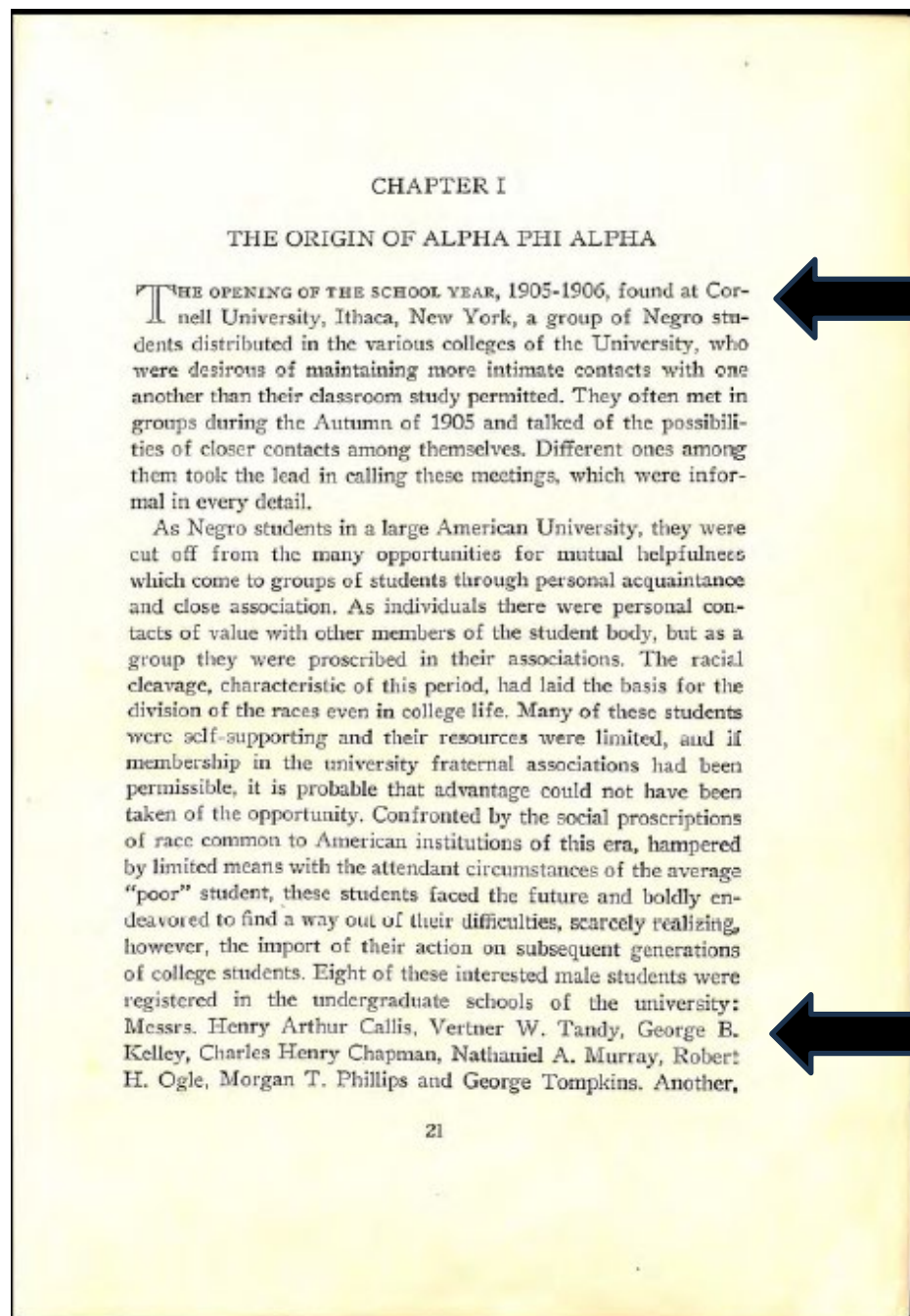
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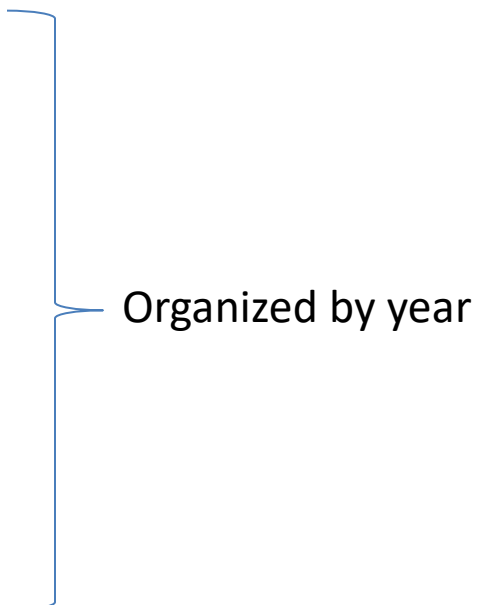


Wesley, Charles 1929



#### Bro. Wesley's Chapter Research Designs:

- School Name
- Establishers (already members)
- Club/Society name
- Meeting Location
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- Charter Date
- Chapter 2: List of professional titles for Jewels.
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#### Contemporary Research Designs

- School Name
- Establishers (already members/Chapters)
- Club/Society name
- Meeting Location
- Charter members
- Charter Date
- City
- Chapter 2: List of professional titles as profiles
- Line Lineages
- *Decades of awards and achievements*
- *Photos (timed stamped via social media)*

Organized by year





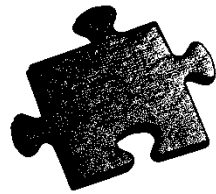
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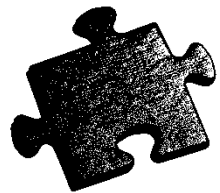
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What pieces of your history is missing? What information could help fill the gaps in history?

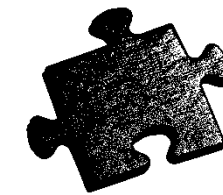
What do we know about the School(HBCU/PWI)/City (urban/Rural) that is related to the college or alumni chapter's history ?



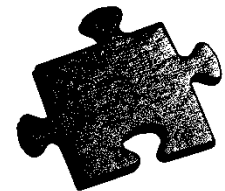
Are there photos of the charter members ?



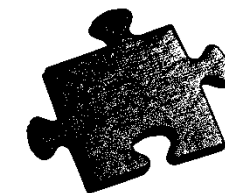
What do we know about our charter members?



When did your chapter first appear in the Sphinx?



What is the origin of traditions that are connected to your chapters?





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#### Recommended Additional Research Designs:

##### 1. School History (PWI)

- Identify timeline prior to college chapter's charter date
  - School mottos/traditions
  - Curriculum/Departments
  - First black to enroll or graduate
  - Identify social/racial conditions on campus
- College chapter's charter date, charter **member's profile**

##### 2. School History (HBCU)

- Identify timeline prior to college chapter's charter date
  - School mottos/traditions
  - Curriculum/Departments
  - Black progression on campus
- College chapter's charter date, charter **member's profile**

##### 3. City's History

- Migration of African Americans/Immigrants
- Development of neighborhoods and communities (School's, YMCAs, Churches etc.,)
- Alumni chapter's charter date, charter member's profile and contribution to communities.
- How has the chapter shaped these neighborhoods.





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Table 1. Examples of school history related to college chapters.

	School Founding Date	Motto	Campus/Black Experience	Chapter.....	Charter date.....
Cornell University	October 7, 1868	Marketing Strategy: "I would found an institution where any person can find Instruction in any study.	[Brother] E.U.A. Brooks was one of the earliest if not the first documented Black student to graduate from Cornell with LLB in 1892 and LLM in 1893.	Alpha Chapter	December 4, 1906
Ohio State University	Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College was established in 1870 later named Ohio State University (OSU) in 1878.	<i>Disciplina In Civitatem</i> -Latin Education for Citizenship - English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fred Patterson was the first African American man to attend OSU in 1889, but he did not graduate.</li> <li>The first African American man to attend OSU and graduate was [Brother] Shermin Hamlin Guss in 1892 (initiated into AZ Chapter of the fraternity in 1922 at WVSU).</li> <li><b>Poindexter (OSU) and OMU students socialized in 1902.</b></li> <li><b>OSU and OMU students founded Pi Gamma Omicron on January 3, 1906.</b></li> <li><b>OSU and OMU students formed <i>Omusu</i> Club later Kappa Chapter of the fraternity.</b></li> </ul>	Kappa Chapter	January 13, 1911





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Table 2. Examples of school history related to college chapters cont.

	School Founding Date	Motto	Campus/Black Experience	Chapter	Charter date.....
University of Minnesota	University opened in 1851; closed during civil war. The university reopened in 1867 and reorganized as a university in 1869.	<i>Commune Vinculum Omnibus Artibus</i> -Latin  A common bond for all the arts -English	In 1882 Andrew F. Hilyer (Canadian) became the first African American to earn a bachelor's degree at this institution. He is also the father of Gale P. Hilyer (Canadian) who later became a Mu Chapter charter member of the fraternity.	Mu	April 12, 1912
Wilberforce University	August 30, 1856	<i>Suo Marte</i> Latin  By one's own toil, effort, courage - English	African Methodist Episcopal (AME) church led a 20-year movement to establish this 1 <sup>st</sup> private HBCU for educating African Americans establishing an educational environment for excellence.	Xi	December 14, 1912
Case Western Reserve University	Founded In 1826 and was located in Hudson, Ohio	<i>Christo et Ecclesiae</i>  "For Christ and the Church" -English	The first African American student to enroll at the college was John Sykes Fayette in 1832. The two institutions, Western Reserve and Case School of Applied Science, were collaborators and rivals using a fence to create a boundary to separate them on shared land ( <i>Pi Chapter charter members experienced these boundaries during there enrollment as students of these institutions</i> ).	Pi	May 14 & Friday, May 15, 1914





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Table 3. Examples of city history related to Alumni chapters

City	Black Migration	Prior to Charter	Chapter	Charter date.....
Kansas City, Missouri	African Americans arrived as slaves through the Underground Railroad crossing the Missouri River to Quindaro, Kansas, (10 mile north of Kansas City) which was the headquarters for free-state advocates.	Informal meetings/gatherings of among brothers.	Beta Lambda	January 19, 1919
	The core of Kansas City's African American community was in Church Hill. The allocation of land for African Americans allowed for the creation of several churches and the area's first black school in 1867 called Lincoln School ( <i>Brother John Oliver Morrison charter member of Beta Lambda Chapter of the fraternity taught there; and was the site of the 13<sup>th</sup> General Convention.</i>			





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#### Recommended Research Designs for College Charter Members:

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  - Timeline as a student
  - Life after leaving University
- **Decades of awards and achievements**
- **Photos**

