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Administrative History: Originally a student organization in the Southern Normal School used to teach students debate and government simultaneously, the Moot Congress was recreated by Henry Cherry at Western Kentucky University ca. 1909. The May 1910 Elevator picks up the story:

On account of the tremendous amount of work involved in the construction of the State Normal, Congress, or rather the Moot House of Representatives was temporarily disbanded. However, it was reorganized on April 29th, and the present session promises to be one of the strongest that has ever been held. The first bill to come up for discussion was the Baucum Tobacco Bill, a bill prohibiting the production and sale of tobacco in the United States, and providing for payment for that machinery made useless by the enactment of the bill.

The Kit Kat Debate Society sponsored the Moot Congress and paid for the printing of The Rules of the House of Representatives of WKSNS.

Description: Records regarding the Moot Congress and Commonwealth created by the Kit Kat Club in order to practice debate and learn about government.

Dates: 1908-1913

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