Jan. 17, 1857

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Jan. 17, 1857, the day Columbia Baptist Female College — now known as Stephens College — was first incorporated.

The incorporation happened thanks to Senate Bill 406, which was approved on this date.

Originally, the institution was founded in 1833 as Columbia Female Academy, the second such college in the country.

In the late 1800s, an endowment from James Stephens would lead the way for the name change to Stephens College, as it remains known.

But, it all started with Senate Bill 406, which was approved on Jan. 17, 1857, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

(Sources: *Missouri Senate Journal* and stephens.edu)