Jan. 28, 1853

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Jan. 28, 1853, the day the Legislature granted charter to Christian University in Canton.

You now know that school as Culver-Stockton College.

Christian University was first chartered two years’ prior, and was exclusive to the education of women.

By 1852, $50,000 had been raised toward constructing the first building.

Christian University would go on to be one of the first places, west of the Mississippi, to offer coordinate education for both women and men.

Donations by Mary Culver and Robert Stockton would lead to the name change, from Christian University to Culver-Stockton College, in 1917.

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(Sources: National Park Service and *Missouri Senate Journal*)