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Phi Kappa Sigma was founded at the University of Pennsylvania on October 19, 1850. The parent chapter's constitution provided for "branch societies," but it was not until two and one half years after the founding of the first chapter that a second chapter was established at Princeton University. Soon many chapters had been placed in the South, and the fraternity was expanding rapidly. The occurrence of the Civil War had disastrous effects upon the fraternity, as it almost instantaneously destroyed half the strength of the organization. Anti-fraternity laws were being enforced at many colleges at this time, and this second blow caused the fraternity to fight for its life. The organization was undaunted by these setbacks and continued its enlargement. Any local organization desiring a charter must have existed locally for two years. The chapter roll now lists thirty-nine active chapters, located on prominent college and university campuses.

