

**Finding Aid for the
Founding Documents
of
Youngstown State University,
1884-1963**



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Descriptive Summary

- Title:** Youngstown State University, Founding Documents, 1884-1963
- Creator:** Youngstown Chapter of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Youngstown College (later The Youngstown University, then Youngstown State University)
- Extent:** .40 linear feet
- Abstract:** This collection contains documents pertaining to the founding of Youngstown State University. Included are Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and other pertinent items.

Administrative Information

- Provenance:** Office of the President, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio
- Preferred Citation:** Youngstown State University, Founding Documents, 1 884- 1963, RG 0 1, Archives & Special Collections, William F. Maag, Jr. Library, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio.
- Restrictions:** None
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Information:

Historical Background

While 1908 is viewed as the year of Youngstown State University's birth, its heritage extends further back in time. In 1884, a chapter of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) was founded in the steel-producing city of Youngstown, Ohio. While noted today for addressing the physical fitness needs of young men, the YMCA was once also very concerned about their mental fitness. As such, the Y provided classes where instruction was provided in practical subjects, such as English, mathematics, and law. The Youngstown branch was quite active in promoting these educational

opportunities. In 1908 it offered a bachelors-level course in law, now considered the foundation of YSU.

Youngstown State University began as a series of courses offered by the Youngstown YMCA. Beginning in 1908, bachelor-level courses (in law) were taught for the first time. As the institution evolved, it went through a number of name changes (Youngstown Institute of Technology, then Youngstown College), but maintained its formal connection to the YMCA. In 1944, however, Youngstown College became an independent private institution of higher learning. In 1955, it was renamed The Youngstown University, then, it became known as Youngstown State University in 1967, when it became a tax supported institution.

Scope and Content

This collection contains documents covering the foundation of Youngstown State University, from the inception of the Youngstown YMCA in 1884 to changes in its corporate character in 1963. Documents include articles of incorporation, bylaws, correspondence, and meeting minutes.

Series Description

Series I: Constitutions
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Related Materials

See also Youngstown State University, Board of Trustees, Records (RG 03)

Index Terms

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Board of Governors
Board of Trustees
Bylaws
College Presidents
University Presidents
YMCA
Young Men's Christian Association
Youngstown Association School
Youngstown College
Youngstown Institute of Technology
Youngstown State University
Youngstown University
Youngstown, Ohio

BOX 1

SERIES I: CONSTITUTIONS

Folder No.

- 1 Incorporation Papers, YMCA, 1884
- 2 Incorporation Papers, The Youngstown College, 1937
- 3 Proposed Amendment to the Code of Regulations, 1944
- 4 Code of Regulations of the Youngstown University as Amended to October 14, 1963
- 5 Certification of Amendment (Copies), 1944- 1963

SERIES 11: CORRESPONDENCE

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- 6 Correspondence between Howard W. Jones and YMCA Officials, 1931 - 1933

SERIES 111: MINUTES

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- 7 Minutes & Agenda, 1931-1932

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- 8 YMCA - Youngstown College Documents, 1937
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