

## Finding Aid for Mary B. Smith Collection, 1949-2005



Collection Number: RG 13/32

### Archives & Special Collections

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Mary B. Smith Collection	1949-2005
<b>Record No.:</b>	RG 75/7	
<b>Accession No.:</b>	MSS 2012.19	
<b>Creator:</b>	Mary B. Smith	
<b>Extent:</b>	27.85 cubic feet	
<b>Abstract:</b>	Collection regarding Mary B. Smith who worked on the YSU campus for over 40 years. During her years of service at YSU, Smith served as head of the health and physical education departments, recorder, university registrar and director of career planning and placement.	

## Administrative Information

<b>Provenance:</b>	Mary B. Smith
<b>Preferred Citation:</b>	The Mary B. Smith Collection, 1949-2005, MSS, Archives & Special Collections, William F. Maag, Jr. Library, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio.
<b>Restrictions:</b>	None
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## Historical Sketch

Mary B. Smith was born on November 24, 1911 in Pittsburgh as Mary Boyer. She attended Hiram College in Ohio and began working at Youngstown College in 1937 in the admissions office. She worked for a time in the physical education department, and after receiving her master's in the field from Ohio State University, she became head of Youngstown College's Health and Physical Education Department. In 1956, she became University recorder, registrar in 1967, and assistant dean of admissions and records in 1971. In the spring of 1973, Smith began working in the placement office, and was named director later that year. In this role, Smith has counseled numerous students in their search for employment, in addition to planning and managing the financial and personnel activities of the department.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Janesh, Barbara. "Career services director retires after 41 years." *The Jambar*. May 20, 1980. (accessed online September 24, 2012) <http://digital.maag.yosu.edu:8080/xmlui/handle/1989/5102>.

Mary Boyer married Joseph E. Smith, who was teaching at Hiram College and Youngstown College at the time. He became the Dean of Men at Youngstown College and retired before the University became State in 1967, some of his awards are included in this collection. After Mary B. Smith's retirement she remained active in many groups and received many awards for her volunteerism and services. She had seen YSU go from a simple college to a major state university and was often times interviewed about the history of the University. Mary B. Smith passed away Friday September 28, 2012 at the age of 100 years.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection was donated by Mary B. Smith through Paul McFadden, a close friend of hers and head of the Development Office at YSU. A majority of the items in this collection are awards and certificates presented to Mary B. Smith for her services and volunteer efforts. This is no original order and the items were placed in boxes wrapped up in regards to what would fit where. There are two items from her husband, Dean Joseph E. Smith (a portrait and his Heritage Award). She also has two scrap books with photographs, a few publications, and two CDs that include interviews with her which are box separately from the artifacts and awards.

### **Series Description**

**Series I: Artifacts**

**Series II: Scrap books**

**Series III: Publications**

**Series IV: CDs**

### **Related Materials**

History of Youngstown College / [by] Mary B. Smith; interviewed by Emmett C. Shaffer  
Oral History 0001

Steel Valley University: the origin of Youngstown State / Alvin W. Skardon. 1987

Youngstown State University : from YoCo to YSU / Donna M. DeBlasio and Martha I. Pallante. 2008

## **Index Terms**

**Mary B. Smith**  
**Hiram College**  
**Youngstown College**  
**Youngstown University**  
**Youngstown State University**  
**Joseph E. Smith**  
**Heritage Awards**  
**Valley Legacy Award**  
**Stambaugh Stadium**  
**Century Club (YSU)**  
**Sigma Alpha Iota**  
**Phi Kappa Phi**  
**United Nations Association**  
**Association of Fundraising Professionals**  
**Jim Tresses**  
**Dom Rosselli**  
**Youngstown Federation of Women's Club**  
**McGuffey Center Award**  
**Ohio Retired Teachers Association**  
**AARP**

## **BOX 1**

### **Items**

YSU Heritage Award for Mary B. Smith, 1983  
Hiram College Leadership Award, 1997  
OPRS, 1993-1994 (Clock)  
Valley Legacy Award, Sheppard of the Valley 2005 (Box)  
In Appreciation, YSU, 1939-1980 (four leave clover located in Valley Legacy box)  
Miniature Stambaugh Stadium (Also in Valley Legacy box)  
Chop Sticks  
1993 NCAA Bronze Plaque  
Sigma Alpha Iota Plate

## **BOX 2**

### **Items**

United Nations Association (UNS-USA) Youngstown 2002  
Association of Fundraising Professionals 2005 (marble obelisk)  
Youngstown Symphony Commemorative Plate  
One Ceramic decorative Stein, significance unknown.

### **BOX 3**

#### **Items**

Hiram College Stuffed Kola Bear  
YSU Mini helmet signed by Jim Tressel  
2 Penny the Penguin Bobbleheads from Burger King  
1 Pete the Penguin Bobblehead from Burger King  
Dom Rosselli Bobblehead  
Mary B. Smith paperweight  
Mary B. Smith paperweight, 1971  
2 YSU paperweights  
Ohio State Centennial Mug

### **BOX 4**

#### **Items**

Steel Penguin  
YSU Glass Box  
Miniature Stambaugh Stadium  
Glass penguin (Fenton Art Glass Handprinted)  
Bronze Plate showing Buckingham Place at Hiram College  
Nativity paperweight  
Wendell August Forge YSU stadium  
Framed sewing of flowers

### **BOX 5**

#### **Items**

Youngstown Family Life Council Plaque, 1949-1951  
Woman of the Year Community Service Award, Youngstown Federation of Women's Club, 2008  
Appreciation Alpha Nu Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, June 01, 1975  
Youngstown Area Federation of Women's Club Community Service Award, 1977  
YSU Century Club Award (tags is other box not yet listed)  
RSVP Citation of Appreciation  
Community Leader of America Award, 1971  
McGuffey Center Award 1980

### **BOX 6**

#### **Items**

Dana Award, April 10, 1992  
Appreciation Award from Youngstown Area Federation of Women's Clubs, May 18, 1994  
Hiram College Alumni Association Annual Award 1970  
Emeritus Life Member Phi Kappa Phi, 1981  
YSU Board of Trustee resolution to honor Mary B. Smith

## **BOX 7**

### **Items**

Lifetime Member, Youngstown State University Alumni Association

Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree

Plaque with gratitude to Mary B. Smith from her fellow NEOMCPAers, April 11, 1980

United National Association of USA Youngstown Chapter President, 1976-1977

## **BOX 8**

### **Items**

Plaque, Altrusa International Inc. Patriotism, Efficiency and Service Award, undated

Mary B. Smith Framed Photograph 5"x 7"

Ohio Retired Teachers Association 1989-1992

Penguin Club Century Club. 1987

Award for Sincere Appreciation for years of dedication service as a trustee to the Mahoning Retired Teachers Association

Certificate of Appreciation from Distributive Education Clubs of America, February 05, 1974

AARP Ohio Leadership Council, Dedicated Service, November 30, 1992

Certificate in recognition of dedicated service from the Pioneer Workers of the Ohio Federation of Women's Club, undated

## **BOX 9**

### **Items**

Certificate of Induction of Mary B. Smith into Phi Kappa Phi at YSU May 19, 1972

Certificate making Mary B. Smith an honorary Sophomore by the Sophomore class of Ursulin High School February 26, 1971

AARP Area 5 1992 Healthcare Reform Award

AARP certificate of gratitude for her service as State Coordinator for Retired Teachers Ohio, 1989-1992

One Person Can Make a Difference Certificate of 500 hours.

## **BOX 10**

### **Items**

Certificate of Completion of MODS Program at Ohio University, August 1-3 1972

Program for the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, April 17-21, 1972

Letter of Commendation from the Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services Board

Valley Legacy Awards for Outstanding Senior Award Nominee

Heritage Award for Joseph Smith, 1982

## **BOX 11**

### **Item**

Penguin of the Year Award to Mary B. Smith, 2000

## **BOX 12**

### **Item**

Ohio House of Representative Tribute to Mary B. Smith on her retirement, 1980

## **BOX 13**

### **Item**

Framed copy of Declaration of Independence

## **BOX 14**

### **Item**

Portrait of Dr. Joseph E. Smith

## **BOX 15**

### **Item**

Framed article on Mary B. Smith in the Mahoning Valley Sports History by Christine Davidson

## **BOX 16**

### **Item**

YSU Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree, June 20, 1981

## **BOX 17**

### **Item**

Photo of Mary B. Smith's commemorative YSU Brick, undated

## **BOX 18**

### **Item**

Resolution from the City of Youngstown to Joseph E. Smith for distinguished service at YSU, 1967

## **BOX 19**

### **Item**

Resolution from the Ohio Senate by Harry Meshel on the occasion of Mary B. Smith's Retirement from YSU, June 25, 1980

## **BOX 20**

### **Item**

Mary B. Smith's ceremonial academic regalia and American Association of University Women tote bag

## **BOX 21**

### **Item**

Induction into YSU Athletic Hall of Fame, 1990

## **BOX 22**

### **Item**

Letter of Recommendation for life membership in the Ohio Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Office from her YSU colleagues, August 15, 1973

## **BOX 23**

### **Items**

Spiral photo album book

YSU Centennial brochure

Program for YSU Penguin Club Scholarship/Ring Dinner, 2001

Program for YSU Penguin Club Scholarship/Ring Dinner, 2008

Youngstown State football book, 2007

2 audio CDs with interviews with Mary B. Smith, May 09, 2009

YSU memories photo album assembled to commemorate her retirement

Frame 5 x 7 photograph

Obituary from The Vindicator October 02, 2012