

# **Finding Aid for the Youngstown University Legal and Financial Documents, 1940-1974**



**Record Group Number RG #59**  
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## **Descriptive Summary**

- Title:** Youngstown University Legal and Financial Documents, 1940-1974, RG 59 and UA 2005.49
- Creator:** Alan G. Rorick returned these materials held by his law firm (Baker Hostetler & Patterson) with the suggestion that they be transferred to the YSU archives.
- Extent:** 1.25 cubic feet
- Abstract:** Materials contain funding, scholarship and asset information which includes wills and trusts with bequest to the university. Dates range from 1940-1974 with most of the information dating before Youngstown University became a state-funded institution.

## **Administrative Information**

- Provenance:** Law firm of Baker Hostetler & Patterson
- Preferred Citation:** Youngstown State University, Youngstown University Legal and Financial Documents 1940-1974 RG #59, Archives & Special Collections, William F. Maag, Jr. Library, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio.
- Restrictions:** None
- Processing :** Processed by Lisa Marie Garofali, December 2019-January 2020
- Finding Aid:** Written by Lisa Marie Garofali

## Historical Background

Alan G. Rorick, a Cleveland area lawyer with Baker, Hostetler & Patterson (currently Baker & Hostetler), sent these records to Joseph Rook, Vice President of Financial Affairs at YSU, with the intention that they be stored for archival purposes.

Baker, Hostetler & Sidlo was founded by former Cleveland Mayor NEWTON D. BAKER, JOSEPH C. HOSTETLER, and THOMAS L. SIDLO in 1916. Three months later, Baker was appointed secretary of war by Pres. Woodrow Wilson and left for Washington. When he returned in 1921, his stature helped the firm acquire a national reputation.

Over the years the firm changed both its location and name. Needing larger quarters by 1924, it moved from its original office in the Union Natl. Bank Bldg., to the Union Trust Bldg. (HUNTINGTON BLDG.). It stayed there until 1980, when it relocated to the Natl. City Ctr. Bldg. Baker, Hostetler & Sidlo added Patterson to its name in 1931, and in 1938 changed it to Baker, Hostetler & Patterson. It was shortened to Baker & Hostetler in 1979. The firm merged with McCutchen Black Verleger & Shea of Los Angeles in 1990, giving it access to West Coast legal business. In 1995 the firm's Cleveland office, with approx. 140 attorneys, has represented many of the city's major developers during the largest downtown revitalization in Cleveland's history in such projects as SOCIETY CENTER, TOWER CITY CENTER, and Jacobs Field.<sup>1</sup>

Many of the clients, whose files are in this collection, refer to some of the wealthiest people in the Youngstown area who contributed to Youngstown University. Names such as L.A. Beeghly, Olive Arms, John Tod, Clarence Strouss, Frank Purnell and William F. Maag among others are included. Many of the contributions were given as scholarship funds, endowments, or awards for students. The funds included (approx. 10 million dollars) were transferred from the Youngstown University Corporation account to a Foundation account prior to the University becoming a state funded institution.<sup>2</sup> Essentially, this collection documents the birth of the YSU Foundation.

## Scope and Content

The collection is arranged by type of materials, correspondence and assets. The collection maintains its original order. The dates range from 1940-1974, with a majority of the information from the 1950s and 1960s. The Correspondences series contains one folder while the rest of the collection pertains to assets. Most of the assets describe donations and bequests to the University and include wills and trust information. Some Board of Trustee minutes are included which reference the donation to the University.

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<sup>1</sup> "Baker&Hostetler" *Encyclopedia of Cleveland History*. Case Western Reserve University. Cleveland, Ohio. <https://case.edu/ech/articles/b/baker-hostetler> (accessed 10 January 2020).

<sup>2</sup> "Memorandum of Conferences in the office of Hugh Manchester on June 14, 1966." Located in folder 6 entitled "Youngstown University Assets to be Transferred to Foundation Volume III. No. 25-33 Pt. 2 of 2" of this collection.

## Colophon

This collection came to the University from the law offices of Baker, Hostetler & Patterson. Alan G. Rorick sent the materials to YSU's Vice President of Financial Affairs, Joseph Rook, in 1974 according to a correspondence included in the collection.

“I have been editing out files with respect to the transition of Youngstown Univeristy to Youngstown State University. We have several jackets of material which I belive ought to be kept in the archives of Youngstown State University with respect to some of the records of The Youngstown University which we considered in connection with the transition. We do not have room to keep this materal, and I am therefore having it shipped to you under separate cover with the suggestion noted above that it be kept in the archives of Youngstown State University.”<sup>3</sup>

In 1974, an archives did not exists. The records were kept in storage in Tod Hall. In 2005, Holly Jacobs, General Counsel, transferred them to the newly established archives. The box contained 4 jackets of information and were kept in original order.

This collection was processed by Lisa Marie Garofali, who also wrote the finding aid. She holds an M.A. in History from YSU and is a 12-year employee of Archives & Special Collections.

## Series Description

Series I : Correspondence

Series II: Assets

Sub-series: Youngstown University Assets to be Transferred to Foundation

Sub-series: Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University

## Related Materials

### Books

*Steel Valley University : the origin of Youngstown State* by Alvin W. Skardon. Archives and Special Collections LD6373.S529

*From YoCo to YSU : Youngstown State University at 100* by Donna M. DeBlasio & Martha I. Pallante. Archives and Special Collections LD6373 .D432 2008x

## Archival Collections

Youngstown State University, Board of Trustees, Records, Record Group RG 03, UA 2004.3 and UA 2005.24

Youngstown State University,

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<sup>3</sup> Correspondence addressed to Joseph Rook from Alan G. Rorick, May 15, 1974. Item is located in the first folder of this collection.

Office of the President, Albert L. Pugsley, Records, 1966-1973, RG 04/2

Youngstown State University,  
Office of the President, Howard W. Jones, Records, 1932-1966, RG 041/1,

## **Index Terms**

Alumni  
Arms, Olive A.  
Baker, Hostetler & Patterson  
Bergman, Alice W.  
Boals, Larue R.  
Bremer, Richard D.  
Crandall, Charles N.  
Emrich, William  
Fellows, Elizabeth A.  
Graham, Edith Howard  
Hanna, Hilda George  
Hincy, Clara Pearl  
Howard, William and Cynthia Carlisle  
Ierino, Anthony  
Jones, Howard W.  
Lupse, Dr. and Mrs. Raymond S.  
Maag, Jr. William F.  
Meyer, Helene Strouss  
Murray, Jr. Tom  
Ovesen, Henrick  
Pemberton, Tom  
Piercy, Frederick Franklin  
Potochny, Joseph  
Purnell, Frank  
Ramage, Haig  
Reese, David P.  
Ritter, Herman C.  
Roach, Nellie  
Rook, Joseph  
Rorick, Alan  
Rowland, John R.  
Rowland, Sarah  
Russell, Leroy W.  
Schiels, Paul  
Scholarships  
Shaffer, Bertha W.

Sharp, Alonzo G.  
Spitzer, Louis and Julia  
Steiner, David  
Storz, Albert  
Strauss, Clarence J.  
Strauss, Elaine A.  
Tod, John  
Vail, Grace M. and Blanche F.  
Watson, Walter E.  
Wilson, Bessie A.  
Youngstown State University  
Youngstown University

## **BOX 1**

### **SERIES I: Correspondence**

This series contains correspondences to various individuals. The correspondence from Alan G. Rorick to Joseph Rook mentioned in the Colophon is included here. The subjects of correspondence are paper clipped together and include topics such as : Alumni Fund, Development Fund, Expansion Fund, Ford Foundation, Freshman Scholarship Fund, Friends of Library, Library Building Fund, General Plant and Equipment Fund, Industrial Scholarship, Operating Fund, Rayen School of Engineering Auditorium, Scholarship Fund, Special Gifts and Special Scholarships.

#### **Folder No. Contents**

1 Correspondence. Campaign Solicitation Letters and Answers. 1940-1974

### **SERIES II: Assets**

#### **Sub-series: Youngstown University Assets to be Transferred to Foundation**

This sub-series contains folders describing assets to be transferred to the Foundation from Youngstown University. It contains 3 volumes with 33 tabs files and basically contains copies of wills and correspondences from the Clients' Papers and Board of Trustee minutes from the University. These assets were to be transferred to the YSU Foundation account by January 1, 1967.

#### **Folder No. Contents**

2 Assets. Youngstonw University Assets to be Transferred to Foundation. Volume 1 No. 1-18. Pt. 1 of 2

3 Assets. Youngstown University Assets to be Transferred to Foundation. Volume 1 No. 1-18. Pt. 2 of 2

- 4 Assets. Youngstown University Assets to be Transferred to Foundation. Volume 2 No. 19-24
- 5 Assets. Youngstown University Assets to be Transferred to Foundation. Volume 3 No. 25-33. Pt. 1 of 2
- 6 Assets. Youngstown University Assets to be Transferred to Foundation. Volume 3 No. 25-33. Pt. 2 of 2

**Sub-series: Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University**

This is the largest portion of the Youngstown University Legal and Financial Documents Collection. It contains information on individuals who contributed to Youngstown University. A majority of it pertains to wills and trusts with bequests to the University.

**Folder No. Contents**

- 7 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Wills. 1949-1962
- 8 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Arms, Olive A. (Library Books). 1961
- 9 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Athletic Funds. 1942, 1944
- 10 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Bergman, Alice W. (The William Jenkins Award). 1964-1966
- 11 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Boals, Larue R. 1961-1962
- 12 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Colonel Lloyd Booth Scholarship. 1965
- 13 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Bremer, Richard P. 1948
- 14 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Crandall, Charles N. 1951, 1957
- 15 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Development Fund. 1955
- 16 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Emrich, William. 1962

- 17 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Endowment Fund. 1951
- 18 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Graham, Edith Howard Bequest. 1957
- 19 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. The Hilda George Hanna Scholarship Fund. 1964
- 20 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Hincy, Clara Pearl (Loan Fund Dana School of Music). 1962
- 21 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Howard, William and Cynthia Carlisle. 1956
- 22 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Ierino, Anthony. Scholarship. 1954
- 23 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Lupse, Dr. and Mrs. Raymond S. Pre-Medical Scholarships. 1958
- 24 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Meyer, Helen Strouss. Scholarship Fund. 1957-1964
- 25 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Maag, Jr. William F. Scholarship Fund. 1962
- 26 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Miscellaneous. 1966-1967
- 27 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Murray, Jr. Tom. Building Fund. 1965-1966
- 28 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. New Equipment Fund. 1964
- 29 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Operating Account. 1953
- 30 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Ovesen, Henrick. Scholarships Fund. 1962
- 31 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Pemberton, Tom. Memorial Scholarship Fund. 1956



- 32 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Pension Agreements with H.W. Jones, P.C. Pickard, and J.E. Smith. Minutes and Agreements Related to Same. 1966-1967
- 33 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Piercy, Frederick Franklin. Endowment Fund. 1955
- 34 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Potochny, Joseph. Scholarship. 1963
- 35 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Purnell, Frank. 1953
- 36 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Ramage, Haig. Scholarship Fund. 1955
- 37 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Reese, David P. 1950-1951
- 38 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Final Papers. 1968
- 39 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Replacement Reserve Account. 1944
- 40 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Ritter, Herman C. Scholarship for the Violin. 1957-1963
- 41 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Roach, Nellie. Library Endowment. 1961
- 42 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Rowland, John R. Scholarship. 1948
- 43 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Rowland, Sarah. Scholarship. 1957-1958
- 44 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Russell, Leroy W. 1956
- 45 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Safe Keeping Account. 1956
- 46 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Scholarship Fund. 1954

- 47 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Shaffer, Bertha E. 1953
- 48 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Sharp, Alonzo G. 1961-1965
- 49 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Schields, Paul E. Scholarship Loan Fund. 1961
- 50 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Spitzer, Louis and Julia. Memorial Fund. 1962-1963
- 51 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Steiner, David. 1954
- 52 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Storz, Albert. 1955
- 53 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Strouss, Clarence J. Memorial Scholarship. 1947-1956
- 54 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Strouss, Elaine A. Student Loan Fund. 1955
- 55 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Student Loan Fund. 1953
- 56 Assets. Clients' Paper Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Tod, John. Library Endowment Fund. 1953
- 57 Assets. Clients' Paper Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Vail, Grace M. and Blanche F. Scholarship. 1953
- 58 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Watson, Walter E. Student Loan Fund. 1964
- 59 Assets. Clients' Papers Relating to Assets of Youngstown University. Wilson, Bessie A. Music Scholarships. 1956-1958