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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract  Emery T. Filbey was born on December 23, 1878 in Cambridge City, Indiana. In the 1930’s served as the Vice-President of the University of Chicago in addition to serving on the National Labor Relations Board and in other government positions. He was actively involved in numerous philanthropic endeavors, such as the Pullman Education Foundation, the Douglas Smith Health Fund, and the Y.M.C.A.

Information on Use

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Biographical Note  Emery T. Filbey was born on December 23, 1878 in Cambridge City, Indiana.

He began teaching at rural school after graduating from the eighth grade and went on to pursue a career in education at the Indiana State Normal School. He taught in Indiana for nearly eight years before coming to the University of Chicago in 1909. That same year he married Lena Leora Chance. Between 1909 and in 1917 he pursued his Ph.B. while simultaneously heading the Department of industrial arts at the University of Chicago Laboratory School. In 1919 he was made an assistant professor at the University of Chicago and received his masters degree in 1920.

Filbey dedicated over fifty years of his life to the University of Chicago, largely acting in an administrative capacity. He was Dean of the College from 1923-27, Director of the Institute
of Meat Packing from 1924-30, Director of Personnel and Alumni Relations from 1926-27, Professor of Commerce and Business Administration from 1927-30, Assistant to the President from 1930-33, Dean of the Faculties from 1933-37, and Vice-President and Dean of the Faculties from 1937-1944. Even after his retirement in 1944, Filbey served as Acting Dean of the Division of Social Sciences in 1954, Acting Dean of the Federated Theological Seminary in 1955, and Acting Director of the Oriental Institute in 1962.

Filbey was a capable administrator and active philanthropist. He served on the Board of Managers of the Chicago Young Men’s Christian Association (Y.M.C.A.) and the Douglas Smith Fund for Working Girls. He was also, actively involved in the George M. Pullman Education Foundation, the National Labor Relations Board, and the Country Home for Convalescent Children.

Filbey passed way in 1969, at the age of 90.

**Scope Note**

Filbey served at the University of Chicago as both educator and administrator from 1909 until 1962. The collection consists primarily of correspondence, minutes, reports, and invitations form 1931-1959. They pertain to Filbey’s term as Vice-President of the University of Chicago as well as his involvement in several philanthropic organizations. The collection had been divided into three series:

Series I: Correspondence, from Filbey’s years at the University of Chicago, Y.M.C.A. National Labor Relations Board, Douglas Smith Fund and the Pullman Educational Foundation.

Series II: Papers from the University of Chicago,


**Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

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**Subject Headings**

- Filbey, Emery Thomas
- Abbott, Edith, 1876-1957
- Benton, William, 1900-1973
• Fultz, Harry Trevlin
• Hutchins, Robert Maynard, 1899-
• Huth, Carl
• Lyon, Leverett S. (Leverett Samuel), b. 1885
• George M. Pullman Educational Foundation
• Douglas Smith Health Education Service, Chicago
• University of Chicago -- Administration
• University of Chicago -- History
• Young Men’s Christian Association (Chicago, Ill.)
• Charities -- United States

INVENTORY

Series I: Correspondence

Box 1
Folder 1
  A-B
  • Abbott, Edith
  • Adair, Robert C.
  • Albers, Charles H.
  • Alexander, Mary
  • Allen, Jack
  • Alpha Delta Phi, Chicago Chapter
  • American Association for Adult Education
  • American College of Radiology
  • American Political Science Association
  • Anderson, Harold
  • Aneshaensel, Elizabeth
  • Anthony, Marica, Codair Memorial Old People’s Home
  • Armour Institute of Technology
  • Army War Show
  • Atherton, Lewis
  • Bachmeyer, A.C.
  • Bachrach, William, War Training
  • Barkley, Frances
  • Barnhart, C.L.
  • Barr, A.S.
  • Bastin, Edson
  • Bauersfeld, A.G.
  • Bawden, William
  • Beals, Ralph, from Harvy C. Daines
  • Bean, Donald P.
  • Beck, Charlton. T.
  • Bennett, Chasa, Manual Arts Press
  • Benson, Siegrid L.
  • Bentley, J.H.
• Benton, William
• Beta Theata Pi
• Bixler, Roy W.
• Henning, James
• Blair, W.
• Board of Trustees
• Bogan, William J.
• Bond, William
• Borg, Harry
• Boshart, Edward
• Bower, Nijah
• Breed, Frederick S.
• Brewer, John M.
• Bricken, Carl
• Broady, Florence
• Brodribb, Lawrence, Mr. And Mrs.
• Brown, George H.
• Brumbaugh, Dean A.J.
• Bush, Ralph H.

Box 1
Folder 2
C-E
• Caldwell, Mary F.
• Canfield, William Roy
• Cannan, R. Keith
• Carlson, Leland H.
• Carr, Mrs. Robert A.
• Carroll, Mollie Ray
• Carroll, William
• Chaos Club, E.W. Burgess
• Chapman, John William
• Chelio, R. M.
• Christian, Major T.J.J.
• Chicago Association of Commerce
• Clarksoy, John L.
• Cleveland, Chester W.
• Clemen, Rudolf
• Commercial Club of Chicago
• Coil, E.J.
• Cole, Fay-Cooper
• Cook, Robert
• Compton
• Cook, Robert C.
• Country Home for Convalescent Children
• Cox, C.V.
• Crehore, Mrs. R.C.
• Cresap, Mark W.
• Cummins, Louise
• Daines
• Davis, M. Edward
• Davis, Mrs. Roy L.
• Defebaugh, Carl W.
• Dickeson, B.W.
• Donald, W.J
• Donnelley, Thomas E.
• Earnshaw, Ruth, Mr. Beck
• Eby, Harry K.
• Eggan, Fred
• Ellsop, Dean
• Emerson, Jay H.
• Evan, Mack

Box 1
Folder 3
F-G
• Fairweather, George O.
• Fairweather, Owen
• Falzone, Sara
• Faust, Clarence
• Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
• Filbey, Mrs. E.J.
• Filbey, Ellsworth L.
• Finkelstein, Louis
• Finn, Gladys L.
• Fisher, E.G.
• Fitzgerald, Matthew L.
• Fox, G. George
• Fox, M.E.
• French, Mrs. M.D.
• French House
• Friley, W.L.
• Fuller, George D.
• Foltz, Harry T.
• Fultz, H.T.
• George, W.F.
• Gerhardt, W.
• Giberson, Dr. Lydia G.
• Goodspeed, Edgar J.
• Gorges, Nellie
• Gottlieb, Harry
• Grassmuck, C.P.
• Gray, William S.
Folder 4

H-I
- Hamman, Dr. Anna
- Hanson, Helen
- Hardenbergh, Wesley
- Hargitt, G.H.
- Harr, J. Lauren
- Harrell
- Harris Foundation Institute
- Harrison, Carter H.
- Hawkins, G.E.
- Hecht, Frank A.
- Hemens, Rollin D.
- Herendeen, Frederick
- Hill, Warren E.
- Hole, Superintendent H.R.
- Honor, Leo L.
- Houle, Cyril O.
- Howat, Robert
- Hoyt, Louise
- Hrudka, L.M.
- Hudson, Howard P.
- Hudson, Mrs. N. Paul
- Hughes, Robert
- Huntington, H.A.
- Huntress, Douglas, K.
- Hutchens, John O.
- Hutchins, President Robert Maynard
- Huth, Carl
- IRS, Collector of Internal Revenue
- Irons, Ernest E.
- Italian Club
- Ivens, William

Box 1
Folder 5

J-L
- Jensen, Kai
- Johnson Chair Co.
- Johnson, Harriet N.
- Jones, Herbert S.
- Judd, C.H.
- Katz, Wilber, G.
- Kefauver, Grayson N.
- Kingman, W.C.
- Kinter, Charles V.
- Klecka, J
• Koehler, Arthur
• Kornhauser, Arthur W.
• Kratz, E.M.
• Kraus, E. J.
• Krogman, Wilton Marion
• Kuhn, Hedwig S.
• Larcomby, C.M.
• Lascelle, L.E.
• Leland, Simeon E.
• Lesch, Lyndon H.
• Lindsay, F.H.
• Lindsay, L. Seton
• Lohr, Lenox R.
• Long, Albert S.
• Luckhardt, Dr. Arno B.
• Lyon, Leverett S.

Box 1
Folder 6
M-0
• Manning, Paul D.V.
• Marshall, Thomas B.
• Mathews, Shailer
• Matthews, Rudy D.
• McComb, H.G.
• McKibbin, George B.
• McKinlay, Robert Todd
• McKinney, James
• Middeldorf, Ulrich
• Miller, Philip
• Millis, H.A.
• Moore, Howard H.
• Mort, Howard W.
• Moulds, John F.
• Munnecke, W.C.
• National Committee on 4-H Clubs
• National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work
• Nelson, Rob B.
• Nuveen, Jr., John
• O'Donnell, J
• Ogburn, William
• Oleson, Wrisle B.

Box 1
Folder 7
P-R
• Parker, G.T.
• Patterson, Brad
• Peak, W.J
• Perry, L. Day
• Peterson, William F.
• Phi Delta Kappan
• Pitts, Frank
• Platt, Robert
• Plimpton, N.C.
• Preston, W.S.
• Price, Ernest B
• Public Administration Clearing House
• Pullen, John B.
• Pulliam, Roscoe
• Randall, Clarence
• Randall, Harris K.
• Ranney, George A.
• Reed, Anna Y.
• Reed, Dudley B.
• Reynolds, Wilfred S.
• Rice, John
• Rodebeck, W.H.
• Rossby, C.G.
• Rovetta, Charles
• Rubin, Arthur L.H.
• Russell, John Dale
• Ryerson, Edward L

Box 1
Folder 8
S-T
• Sass, Frederick
• Satter, Dorothy A.
• Scammon, Richard E.
• Schlesinger, H.I.
• Schomer, John J.
• Schwartz, Charles P.
• Scott, William E.
• Shaw, Alden
• Shera, Jesse
• Simpson, Mabel P.
• Sipple, C.E.
• Skinner, Charles E.
• Slaughter, Mrs. C.M.
• Smith, Audrey Gene
• Smith, Cecil M.
• Smith, Lester C.
• Smith, Victor J.
• Smith, Zens L.
• Speaker, L.M.
• Spencer, W.H.
• Sprengling, M.
• Stifler, James M.
• Stouffer
• Stromwall, Roma
• Stumpf, W.A.
• Swift, Harold H.
• Swope, Ammon
• Sylla, Marguerite K.
• Syp, M.L.
• Taylor, Henry C.
• Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association
• Tefft
• Tenney, Henry F.
• Tibbetts, Norris L.
• Tirey, Ralph N.
• Todd, Rolland D.
• Thompson, Warren E.
• Tucker, Peter H.
• Tyler, Ralph

Box 1
Folder 9
U-W
• Ullman, B.L.
• Underwood Elliott Fisher Company
• Underwood and Underwood
• Union League Club of Chicago
• Updegraff, Robert R.
• Utley, Clifton
• Van Cleef, Paul
• Vane, Ray
• Ward, Helen Brooks
• Warner, W. Lloyd
• Warner, William E.
• Warren, James S.
• Watson, Maude E.
• Webbe, Jr., William
• Webster, Elizabeth
• Wesley Memorial Hospital
• West, Alvin
• Wells, Arthur H.
• West, Alvin M.
• Wheat, Leonard
• Whitcomb, F.C.
• Wickem, Valerie
• Wiffler, Frank J.
• Wilson, Thomas E.
• Woellner, Robert
• Wolf, J.A.
• Woods, William Whitfield
• Woodward, Frederic

Box 2
Folder 1
  Y-Z
  • Yates, David M.
  • Zimmerly, Caroline
  • Zimmerman, Sophie
  • Zook, George F.
  • Zuppann, Eleanor

Box 2
Folder 2
  Letters of congratulations

Series II: Organizational Papers

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  University of Chicago, meetings with Trustees, 1940, notes on and correspondence about
  Trustee and potential donations

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Folder 4
  University of Chicago, Misc
  • Speeches
  • Publications
  • Photographs
  • Illinois Vocational Association, "Report of Part-Time Education Section Meeting," (6-7
    November 1931
  • List of bonds, possibly from Trevor Arnet
  • Receipt, 16 April 1932

Box 2
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  Personal Memoranda

Series III: Philanthropic

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  National Labor Board
  • Vice-Chairman, National Labor Relations Board, Chicago Regional Labor Board, 30
    January 1933-21 March 1935
  • Correspondence
  • Mediator's Reports
  • NLRB Handbook
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Douglas Smith Fund  
• Annual Reports, 1938-42  
• Reports of the Director, 1938-41

Box 2  
Folder 8  
Douglas Smith Fund, Financial Reports, 1932-38

Box 2  
Folder 9  
Douglas Smith Fund, Financial Reports, 1939-1944

Box 2  
Folder 10  
"Mrs. Douglas Smith Fund for Working Girls," Meeting minutes, 1932-39

Box 2  
Folder 11  
Douglas Smith Fund, Meeting minutes, 1940-1944

Box 3  
Folder 1  
Douglas Smith Fund  
• Miscellaneous Reports, 1932-45  
• Includes health report, use statistics, by-laws and goals, etc.

Box 3  
Folder 2  
Douglas Smith Fund  
• Pamphlets, Misc. ephemera, newspaper clipping (1927)  
• Misc. correspondence, 1932-1945

Box 3  
Folder 3  
George M. Pullman Educational Foundation  
• Annual Reports and Minutes, 1948-58

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George M. Pullman Educational Foundation  
• Annual Reports and Minutes, 1948-58

Box 3  
Folder 5  
Pullman Foundation  
• Correspondence (1955-59)  
• Obituary for Urban Wells  
• Application forms  
• Booklet on the Pullman Free School of Manual Training commencement program  
• Foundation statement  
• Correspondence on dissolution of Pullman Free School, 1947-49

Box 3  
Folder 6
Pullman Foundation
• "Survey Report- Pullman Free School of Manual Training," 1948
• Related correspondence, 1948

Box 4
Folder 1
  Y.M.C.A
  • Annual reports, minutes, proposals, and programs, 1932-1935

Box 4
Folder 2
  Y.M.C.A
  • Annual reports, minutes, proposals, and programs, 1936-1938

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  • Financial Reports, 1933-38

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  Y.M.C.A
  • Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1932-48

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  George M. Pullman Educational Foundation Scholarship Holders 1957-59,
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