Guide to the Frederick Taylor Gates Papers 1888-1906
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Descriptive Summary

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Gates, Frederick Taylor. Papers

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Abstract

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Information on Use

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Biographical Note
Frederick Taylor Gates (1853-1929) was a Baptist minister, businessman, and chief architect of John D. Rockefeller’s great philanthropic enterprises. He worked his way through the University of Rochester -- receiving his degree in 1877-- and the Rochester Theological Seminary (1880). Superintendent of missions for the American Home Missionary Society in Kansas, in 1888 he became secretary of the newly organized American Baptist Education Society; from that time on he was associated with the founding and development of the University of Chicago. Contact with John D. Rockefeller, founder of the University, led to Gates’ employment by Rockefeller in 1892, first as principal philanthropic adviser, later as President of the General Education Board (first of the unrestricted Rockefeller foundations). He was also the founder of the Rockefeller
Institute for Medical Research. F.T. Gates was for many years also a trustee of the University of Chicago.

**Scope Note**

The correspondence covers the period from 1888-1906. The correspondence section contain letters written to and by Gates in his capacity as corresponding secretary of the American Baptist Education Society. This correspondence is, thus, of direct bearing on the history of that body. Among the correspondents are W.R. Harper, T.W. Goodspeed, Augustus Strong, and Henry L. Morehouse, corresponding secretary of the American Home Missionary Society. The letters are almost entirely concerned with the founding, support, and development of the "institution for higher learning in the west" which became the University of Chicago. This portion of the collection is composed entirely of carbon copies of letters written from the time of the founding of the University until the death of President Harper.

**Related Resources**

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

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html

William Rainey Harper. Papers

Thomas W. Goodspeed. Papers

Presidents’ Papers 1889-1925

American Baptist Education Society. Records

Rockefeller, John D., Correspondence of the Founder and His Associates

**Subject Headings**

- Gates, Frederick Taylor, 1853-1929
- Goodspeed, Thomas Wakefield, 1842-1927
- Morehouse, Henry L.
- Rockefeller, John D. (John Davison), 1839-1937
- Strong, Augustus Hopkins, 1836-1921
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