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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract  The University of Chicago Settlement House was established in 1894 in the packing-house district of Chicago to provide English instruction, citizenship and legal assistance, medical care, and other services, to the largely European immigrant population of the Back of the Yards community. Materials in this collection primarily document the settlement’s programs and activities from the 1930s to the early 1950s.

Information on Use

Access  The collection is open for research.

Citation  When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: University of Chicago Settlement Records, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Historical Note  The University of Chicago Settlement House was established in 1894 by the Philanthropic Committee of the University of Chicago Christian Union in the Back of the Yards neighborhood of Chicago. With previous experience at Hull House in Evanston, Mary McDowell led the organization as Head Resident and played an integral role in Settlement activities until her death in 1936. The Settlement House provided English instruction, citizenship and legal assistance, and medical care, among many other services, to the largely European immigrant population of the Back of the Yards community. In 1966, the Settlement was merged with the Chicago Commons.
Scope Note
The University of Chicago Settlement collection contains informational literature on the Settlement House and its history, annual and monthly reports, the Settlement League Yearbook, program schedules and brochures, press clippings, article drafts, correspondence, statements and miscellaneous literature.

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

Browse finding aids by topic.

Camp Farr. Collection
Chicago Commons. Collection
Hyde Park Historical Society. Collection
Madeline Wallin. Papers
University of Chicago Service League. Records
University of Chicago. Office of the President. Hutchins Administration. Records

Subject Headings
• McDowell, Mary E. (Mary Eliza)
• University of Chicago. Settlement
• Social settlements -- Illinois -- Chicago

INVENTORY

Box 1
Folder 1
Histories and publications of the Settlement, 1901-1954
• Report of the Head Resident, 1901
• The University of Chicago Settlement. What is it Actually Doing? What Does It Aim To Do More?, circa 1912
• The University of Chicago Settlement, brochure, 1919
• Fifty Years at the University of Chicago Settlement, 1944
• The University of Chicago Settlement, 1894-1950, typescript, 1950
• The University of Chicago Settlement: 60 Years of Service, 1954

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Folder 2
Board of Directors, 1945-1950

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Folder 3-4
Settlement Reports, 1931-1949

Box 1
Folder 5
Settlement Program Schedule, 1896-1954

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Folder 6
Programs and advertisements for events benefitting the Settlement, 1897-1951

Box 1
Folder 7
Camp Farr, 1925-1950

Box 1
Folder 8
Press Clippings, 1930-1951

Box 1
Folder 9
Public Relations, 1939-1949

Box 1
Folder 10
Correspondence and Statements, 1934-1949

Box 1
Folder 11
Miscellaneous, 1927-1977

Box 2
University of Chicago Settlement League, Year Book, 1912-1944

Box 3
Ledger, 1919-1930

Box 4
Ledger, 1931-1934

Box 5
Calendars of events, October 1940-May 1958