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# Guide to the University of Chicago Settlement Records 1897-1977



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## **Descriptive Summary**

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.UCSETTLEMENT
<b>Title</b>	University of Chicago Settlement. Records
<b>Date</b>	1897-1977
<b>Size</b>	5 linear feet (4 boxes)
<b>Repository</b>	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**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

### Box 1

#### 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