Guide to the University of Chicago Subscriptions for Contributions Records 1889-1906

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract         This collection contains several groups of records relating to early subscription drives for the University of Chicago. It includes ledger books with lists of subscribers and records of payments, original subscription forms, correspondence from subscribers, and other related materials.

Information on Use

Access           No restrictions

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

Scope Note       This collection contains several groups of records relating to early subscription drives for the University of Chicago. It includes ledger books with lists of subscribers and records of payments, original subscription forms, correspondence from subscribers, and other related materials.

Most of the records in the collection pertain to the $400,000 raised by the American Baptist Education Society in 1889-1890 in order to obtain a $600,000 grant from John D. Rockefeller for the creation of an endowment for the University of Chicago.

The first volume in the inventory, Record of Pledges for the University of Chicago, contains an alphabetical numbered listing of subscribers, amounts pledged, and payments made through 1906. The subscription forms and letters (1:4-13) are numbered to correspond to this list, and also include outright gifts that were not recorded in the book. The second Volume (1:1) contains
a listing similar to that in the Record of Pledges, but records payments only to 1891; the third volume (1:2) lists actual payments made on pledges, by date.

Also contained in the Record of Pledges are lists of subscribers to later fund drives, including funds raised to match subsequent gifts by Rockefeller and Martin A. Ryerson, and for special purposes such as the Woman’s Building and oratorical prizes.

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

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

**Subject Headings**
- American Baptist Education Society
- University of Chicago -- History

**INVENTORY**

**Volume 1**
- Record of Pledges for University of Chicago
  - Subscriptions to American Baptist Education Society, 1889-1906
  - Subscribers to Million Dollar Fund, 1892-1893
  - Ryerson-Rockefeller Subscription, 1894-1896
  - Fellowship subscriptions, 1893-1898
  - Scholarship subscriptions, 1895-1896
  - General subscriptions, 1895-1896
  - Subscriptions for Woman’s Building, 1895-1896
  - Oratorical Prize subscriptions, 1895-1899
  - Four Million Dollar Fund subscriptions, 1895-1900
  - Subscriptions for Salary of Gerold B. Smith
  - List of parties who will take 2 or 4 student boarders

**Box 1**
**Folder 1**
- Record of subscriptions and payments, 1889-1891

**Box 1**
**Folder 2**
- Record of payments on subscriptions, 1889-1906

**Box 1**
**Folder 3**
- List of original subscribers to $400,000 Fund, n.d.

**Box 1**
**Folder 4-5**
- Subscription forms, June 20, 1889

**Box 1**
Folder 6-7
   Subscription forms, October 1, 1889
Box 1
Folder 8-10
   Subscription forms, March 1, 1890
Box 1
Folder 11
   Subscription forms, May 1, 1890
Box 1
Folder 12
   Subscriptions, individual letters and miscellaneous, 1889-1891
Box 1
Folder 13
   Subscriptions, Edward Olson Chair of the Greek Language and Literature, ca. 1890
Box 1
Folder 14
   Subscriptions, $10,000 Fund for Current Expenses, notebooks of Edward Goodman, treasurer, 1890-1891
Box 1
Folder 15
   Correspondence concerning subscription payments, 1890-1899
Box 1
Folder 16
   Form letters requesting payment of subscriptions, 1890-1898
Box 1
Folder 17
   List of "Capitalists," with list of subscribers to $500,000 Fund, n.d.