

# Gertrude Stickney Young Papers

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## Collection Summary

<b>Identifier:</b>	MA 8
<b>Title:</b>	Gertrude Stickney Young Papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1929-1965
<b>Extent:</b>	0.21 linear feet (1 half-document case)
<b>Creator:</b>	Young, Gertrude Stickney, 1884-1965
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Abstract

Gertrude Stickney Young was a longtime faculty member at South Dakota State University, educator, writer and civic leader whose career spanned the early and mid twentieth century. The collection documents her academic work, historical writing, and involvement in university and community organizations through correspondence, clippings, departmental materials, manuscripts and personal items dating from the late 1920s through the mid 1960s. Materials reflect Young's contributions to the history of South Dakota State University, her family and regional historical research, and her broader role in South Dakota's educational and cultural life.

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## Biography

Gertrude Stickney Young (September 14, 1883–January 1965) was born in Sioux Falls, Dakota Territory, to Emma and Sutton Young, the first Speaker of the South Dakota House of Representatives. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1910 and pursued additional studies at Cornell University, the University of Chicago, and the University of California.

Young served on the faculty of South Dakota State University from 1907 to 1942, where she gained a reputation as an engaging and respected instructor. Upon her retirement, she was named Professor Emeritus and continued to contribute to South Dakota's intellectual life through her writing. She authored numerous historical sketches, including *South Dakota: An Appreciation* and *Dakota Again*, many of which were privately published and remain in library collections across the state.

A dedicated civic leader, Young was the first president of the Brookings Branch of the American Association of University Women and an active member of local organizations such as the Faculty Women's Club and the Brookings Woman's Club. She passed away in January 1965.

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## Scope and Content

The collection includes clippings (1960-1965), correspondence (1929-1962), and materials from the Department of History and Political Science (1943-1957). It features *Glimpses of SDSU* (1957), *A History: The Abbots, the Allyn's, the Stickney's and the Young's* (undated), greeting cards (undated), and a *Study in History* (undated). It also contains manuscripts by Gertrude Stickney Young, including material on the history of South Dakota State University's history department, Christmas cards with artwork by Ada Caldwell, certificates, and other personal items.

This collection offers insights into Young's academic and civic contributions, reflecting her influence on South Dakota State University and her dedication to preserving history. Works such as *Glimpses of SDSU* and family histories underscore her role as a writer and historian, while correspondence and clippings highlight her professional and personal impact. The collection is a significant resource for understanding South Dakota's educational and cultural development.

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## Related Materials

Young, Gertrude Stickney. "The Mennonites in South Dakota." In *South Dakota Historical Collections*, vol. 10. Pierre, SD: South Dakota State Historical Society, 1921.

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Young, Gertrude Stickney. "The Journal of a Missionary to the Yankton Sioux, 1875–1902." In *Report and Historical Collections*, vol. 29. Pierre, SD: South Dakota State Historical Society, 1958.

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## Access Points

### Subjects

- Family histories
- History--Study and teaching (Higher)
- Women educators

### Names

- Young, Gertrude Stickney, 1884-1965

### Places

- South Dakota
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## Container List

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1	1	Clippings	1960-1965
1	2	Correspondence	1929-1962
1	3	Department of History and Political Science	1943-1957
1	4	Glimpses of South Dakota State College	1957
1	5	Greeting cards	undated
1	6	A History: The Abbots, the Allyn's, the Stickney's, and the Young's	undated
1	7	Miscellaneous Recognition	1956-1957
1	8	Study in History	undated
1	9	Writings	1944