

Gertrude Stickney Young Papers

Collection Summary

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Abstract

The Gertrude Stickney Young Papers document her significant academic, historical, and civic contributions to South Dakota. A long-time faculty member at South Dakota State University and author of historical works, Young played a pivotal role in shaping the university's intellectual environment and preserving the state's history. Key works in the collection include *South Dakota: An Appreciation* (1944) and *Dakota Again* (1950), which reflect her dedication to local history. Additionally, her other writings, such as *Dr. Frederick A. Stafford in Dakota, 1884-1922* and *William Joshua Cleveland, 1845-1910*, highlight her broad historical interests.

The collection also contains clippings, correspondence, and manuscripts, including personal items and works like *Glimpses of South Dakota State College* (1957). Other materials

document her involvement in local organizations and her collaborations with figures like Ada Caldwell. This collection is a valuable resource for understanding the cultural, educational, and civic history of South Dakota, as well as Young's lasting influence on the state's historical scholarship.

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 1960 and also attended 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, earning a reputation as a popular instructor. After becoming Professor Emeritus in 1942, she wrote numerous historical sketches about South Dakota, including *South Dakota: An Appreciation* and *Dakota Again*, many of which were privately published and remain in libraries across the state.

An active civic leader, Young was the first president of the Brookings Branch of the American Association of University Women and a member of several local organizations, including the Faculty Women's Club and the Brookings Woman's Club. She passed away in January 1965.

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 valuable 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.

Bibliography

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Call number: SD Collection: F651.Y62

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Call number: SD Collection: BX5980.B76 S3

William Joshua Cleveland, 1845-1910. [s.l.]: s.n., [1961?].
Call number: SD Collection: BX5995.C55 Y6

Access Points

Subjects

- Family histories
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- Women educators

Names

- South Dakota State University. Department of History
- South Dakota State University. Faculty Women's Club
- Young, Gertrude Stickney, 1883-1965

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- South Dakota
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Container List

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	1	Clippings	1960-1965
1	2	Correspondence	1929-1962
1	3	Department of History and Political Science	1943-1957
1	4	Glimpses of SDSU	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	1956-1957
1	8	Study in History	undated