

**Minor Myers, jr.
Personal Papers**

Illinois Wesleyan University
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Biographical note:

Minor Myers, jr. became the 17th president of Illinois Wesleyan in 1989. During his 14-year tenure, the University increased its student enrollment, selectivity, and academic profile; raised \$137 million in a capital campaign; and completed \$115 million of renovation and construction, including The Ames Library, the Center for Natural Science, the Hansen Student Center, and the Shirk Center for Athletics and Recreation.

In addition to the impressive physical improvements to the University, Myers led key initiatives that changed Illinois Wesleyan in other important ways. For instance, the University faculty established an annual student research conference; created semester-long programs in London and Madrid; added major or minor programs in American Studies, Anthropology, Biochemistry, Cognitive Science, Women's Studies, Environmental Studies, Greek and Roman Studies, International Business, Russian, and Japanese Studies; and altered the calendar to develop May Term, a month-long semester during which innovative courses and off-campus study are emphasized.

During Myers' tenure, the University was granted a Phi Beta Kappa chapter, and developed exchange programs with Pembroke College of Oxford University and with Obirin and Keio universities in Tokyo.

Born in Akron, Ohio, Myers earned a bachelor's degree in 1964 from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. He went on to Princeton University, where he was awarded the master's of arts (1967) and doctor of philosophy (1972) degrees in politics and political philosophy. He died at the age of 60 on July 22, 2003 in Bloomington, Illinois.

[Note: Myers' complete obituary and other documents related to the commemoration of his life are on [Web pages](#) maintained by Information Technology Services; these records are also available in the University Archives.]

Scope and Contents Note:

This collection contains President Myers' notes and background research for published and unpublished works, correspondence related to this research, duplicate copies of some publications, photographs and artifacts. The collection is comprised of 15 records-sized boxes, representing 35 linear feet, and organized at the file folder level by the titles Myers used. Records of his presidency may be found in [University Archives Record Group 2-12](#).

Box 1 – Non-University Notes w/ Some Correspondence

Stonington – First Baptist Church Picture Pendleton Hill Church

Stonington – Calvary Church Episcopal

South Carolina

Wallau Visit

Correspondence – Mason ATM

Strike Activities

Soc minutes Std. Comm.

Du Mont Correspondence

Va Press – Corrections

Cinn. Expenses

Soc.: Newburgh Meetings

Cinn. Acknowledgements

And House May 15

Barlow

Bibliography

Divine Providence

Soc. Hist. gift copies

Smithsonian Article

Soc Illustrations

WSJ 82/3 Cin. Corresp.

C14 – Wine Trade Fr.

Soc Travel Guide

Notes Chap. 5

Notes Chap 6 new

Ch. 8 Antique Shows – flea mkt's, etc.

Notes Chap. 4

Notes Chap. 3

M.H.S. notes (take)

Va Press

Chap. 1 Xeroxes

Notes Ch. 2

Portraits

Soc Permissions

Chap. X notes

Reviews

Notes Ch. 9

Chap. 10 Revivals

Mass.

Conn. Soc

N.Y. Soc

N.J.

Delaware

N.C.

Va Soc.

S.C. Society

Ga

Pa
Edward Johnson

Box 2 – Non-University Notes

45 Pg. 83 (Hershel)
Reeves, Wm Fiv M History
Minor III
M III News
Insurance, Health
Distributions
Art
Loan FOA 16K
Furniture
Instruments
China
Music Collection
Coins
Books
Invoices – Books
Cookery
Meteorite
Clothing
Crossley, Kent
Oxford Food
Poly3 Science
16. Colleges
Colleges 16
17, Overview
Poly. Chap. 11 – Creativity
Old Appendix Roster
Bibliography
--- Later Japan
Misc. notes rosters
Photo Suppl. Soc.
Xerox
14. Completely Multi – Talented
15. Mysteries
13. Also Politics
13. Also Military
13. Miscellany Multi – Talented
13. Also Business
Coll – Expenditure Overview (Box 2)

Box 3 - Non-University Notes

Achin, J.V.
Silhouette - Art
Baroque Cuisine

Black Bibliography
Brewster, Wm
Chicago Musicals
China Counts
Chu
Claves
Coins, Roman
Computer Notes
Connecticut College
Copley H.S.
Copley Historical
Culte du raison
Dartmouth Occum Art
eBay Notes
eBay Acquisitions
eBay Meteorites
Elagabalus
Foujita
Franklin Reprint
French Revolution
Genealogy - Howland Research
Grolier
Houses
IWU Donations
J. Papers
Kites
Leonardo?
Loans - things loaned
Music Groups misc
Myers, Carla
Myers, Kent
Nennen nice
Newspapers, early
Oxford
Oxford Press
Party Lists etc.
Pembroke - Oxford Reading
Hearing Contract ACE
Agents. Potential.
Multitalented - Misc notes, nominations
Multi New Chap 6 Arts
Multi - notes
Jane Peterson
Old Corner Bookstore
Printing and Free Gov't
Giverny Notes
NL Houses

Stevenson Project
Inflation
College Alumni Bib.
Art Bibliography
Book refs.
Polymath - Op. notes
[Ingenious, far beyond the ordinary rate] speech?
Names to be researched, entered
Marketing Multi
Old 1. Overview
2. Renaissance Men
3 Multi - 17th Cent. 1600's
4. 18th Cent.
4 18th Chap.
5. America
6. Edo

Box 4 - Non-University Notes

Alcoke
Libby
Reference Group
Research Unconfirmed
Not Entered at all
Alcoke Family (180085993)
Completely Entered
Soc: RI Battle of.
James Wolfensohn 12
12. Music Notes
7. Early Nineteenth Century
7. Multi 19th Cent.
8. America 19th
8 Am. 19th Cent.
8. America 19th Cent.
9. Prime Ministers
9. Prime Minister
10. And Also Language
10. Also Literature
10. Also Art
11. Also Science
12 Also Music

Box 5 - Non-University Notes

2 unidentified artifacts
Misc. notes/letters (MMyers)
A Biographical Dictionary of American Academics before 1830
Rabbit of the Nether World translated in Eng. by non lit.
Szathmary

Railroads
Lincoln Manuscript
Lord Powis (The Earl of Powis)
Ben Silver Collection
Reeves Music Lists
Quotations
Hist. Tour
[notes with no folders]

Box 6 - Non-University Notes

Railroads Bloomington
50th Dartington International Summer School
Shoebox of papers
Jazz Age Appliances
20b Radios
20s Windows
Jazz Age Houses Pix
Leadership Program
AAccess Itinerary (green folder)
Ames family (green folder)
TV costs/Soc Cinn. Broch. (blue folder)
Polymath Basic Numbers - Google nos.
Ketchup
Memberships Phi Mu Alpha, etc.
Civil War papers
Misc. notepads

Box 7 - Non-University Notes

Minor Myers - Zeuper Dublin, 1738, etc.
Book Inventories
Art Notes
Clocks Seth Thomas
Old Accounts
Musical Instruments - Loans
Books
China-Porcelains-Glass Notes
Lute
Harpsichord
Beckman violin
Bks - Italian notes
New London - furn. Etc.
Am. (?) Rev.
Living With Antiques
Isacxc Fitch
Stonington, History of
Dealeus - Research
Coin Galleries Hoard (scribbled writing)

Minor Myers, Jr. Personal Papers

**The Ames Library
Illinois Wesleyan University**

Coin Galleries Hoard
Lectures: Plain + Elegant
Lect. Am. Fr. of Lafayette
Early Am. Pol. (?)
Antiques Art. NLCF
Hogarth
Constitutions Project
Women's Coll
St. James Pamphlet
China Restoration
Republic, Not a Democracy
SOC - Smithsonian etc.
Rugs + measurements
Misc. Projs. Notes
Millar text
Millar - AAS conference
Misc. 18th cent.
Elegant + Plain
Lecture - Washington College
Reviews
D'Arch Project
Doolittle
Addison's Cato
Origins of Styles in America
Woodbridge, Dudley
Stonington
George S. Palmer
Art Posters
Am. Art + Antiques Article Sept 15
Words
Johnson, Thus.
Webst. - Harper Bros. Article
Texas A + M
Conn. Furn. Article
Washington and Lee
Dean of the Faculty
Contemporary Politics - notes
Hobbes Article
Coin Galleries Articles
Jokes
Washington College
Wash. Coll. Mar 19
M Searches

Box 7 of 15

Box 8 - Non University related Notes/Research (some related correspondence)

RISM pages
Music Letters Gardner Csikszentmihalyi

Japanese notes
LSB
Book Search
Music Notes
Catalogues
Music Jokes
Brit Music Ded. County (?)
Caribbean Music
Brit music composer notes
RISOC papers
India – Mideast Coins Notes
Occidental
Oglethorpe
Southwestern University
Washington + Lee x
Georgetown College
Austin TX
ADD mat'ls

Box 9 – Non-University Notes w/some corresp.

Szathmary, Chef Louis
Volunteer Service
Brad Watkins
Wesley, John (By Trotter)
Veden, Ellen
Hobart + William Smith College
Yale
Excerpts
Multi talent write up
Race for the Cure x
Stevenson Proj.
Prestele Exhibit
London Contacts
Prisons
Prisons II
Draft copy – Decades of Eclecticism
Insignia sent to:
Japanese Art + Music
Mitsubishi Art Exhibition
New York State Early Music
New York Academy of Science
Museum + Gallery
Money Magazine
Meteorites
Marchan, Francisco
Lyman Allyn Museum

Box 10 – Non-University Notes

SOC current misc
Corr Cincinnati
Thames Print(?)
Cincinnati Miscellaneous Papers
Miller, Michael Corr. SOC
Jones, Catesby Corr
C14 – current corresp.
Millett
SOC trips
SOC Current Roster of Offs.
N.L. Furniture Lectures
Evening Course
Printers, Printing
USSR Articles
242
Syllabus, current
Come. USSR Old Syllabi handouts
Syllabus Current
Jefferson Lectures
Pol. Philos.
Calv. Chu. Miscell
Conn College East Europe class notes (2 notebooks)
Student-alumni correlation notebk
Cinn. RI Corresp.

Box 11 – 1 copy (duplicate) of dissertation non-univ. related research

Less than 1 linear foot of a variety of research notes & drafts
Also published works (not by Myers)
Ph.D. Dissertation
Meteorite fragments + notes

Box 12 – Non-University Artifacts, unidentified photos

Photos
Picture Frame
Coin
Gavels (from Jim White?)
Swan
Bowl
Child's drum
Door knocker
Other misc. artifacts

Box 13 – Non-University Notes

M. Myers – Gov't
Spectator
Brown Univ. Exercises of Commencement

Bowdoin
Meteor Showers
Meteorite Papers
Met. Current List
Meteorites Descriptions
Meteorites eBay notes
Atwell China MS
College Grad Lists (Hvd, Yale, Pton, Penn, W+M) in blue binder
Story in Eaton's Berkshire typewriter paper box
Misc. papers/photos
Ware Coat of Arms Historiography (framed)

Box 14 – Duplicate Copies of Books

Constitutions
Copley Historian (6)
Ind. Of Scholar's Mind (3)
Lakeside cookbk (3)
Source for 18th cent. Harvard Master's Questions (2)
The Gryphon (2)
The Orders + Medals Research Soc. (2)
Carleton Cons.
Hist. Cal. Church, Stonington
Baseball in Geneva (notes to accompany an exhibition) (3)
Equality + Apportionment of Am. State Leg. 1790-1792 [closed reserve (3)]
Arnold O. Beckman-100 Yrs of Excellence (2)
Notes on Myers, Minor, Libby, and Ware Families
Illinois Wesleyan University Continuity & Change 1850-2000
The Princeton Graduate School – A History (2)
Golden Past Golden Future
The Insignia of The Soc. Of Cinn. (6)
Two Pamphlets From The Hist. of Calvary Church, Stonington (11)
New London County Furniture, 1640-1840 (exhibition catalog with research by Myers)

Additions from Myers' Personal Collection of books include duplicate copies of
Typographia: an ode. (1970 reprint of 1730 ed)
Printers' Supply Book (Kelsey Co., n.d.)
500 Years of Printing (Penguin, 1961)
"The College Inn Revisited" (program only)

Box 15 – Society of the Cincinnati newsletters SOC event photos

Plus 2 unidentified artifacts