

The Filson Historical Society

**Young Men's Christian Association (Louisville, Ky.)
Added Records, 1879-1990.**

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**Size of Collection:
3 cubic feet**

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Historical Note

The Louisville Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) was one of the earliest branches in the United States, founded in 1853. These records show the growth of the YMCA from the throughout the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in downtown Louisville. The YMCA constructed new buildings in 1913, at the corner of Third Street and Broadway, and again in the 1970s. The YMCA also sponsored sports leagues for area churches, offered exercise classes, gymnastic classes, swimming classes and many other forms of physical education.

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Scope and Content Note

Collection consists of minute books, scrapbooks and records from the Louisville YMCA. Minute books are from the board of directors, the business secretary, the physical director and the Louisville Church Athletic Association and date from 1911 to 1929. The scrapbooks, four in total, are scattered in dates with one from 1906-1907, another from 1928 to 1932 and the latest two from 1977 and 1978. The files include records created by individuals, as well as collections of newspaper clippings. The records include annual reports on Louisville YMCA from 1879 and 1880 and files as recent as 1990.

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Folder List

Box 1

- Folder 1: Building records, 1893-1911.
- Folder 2: Building contracts, 1912 construction.
- Folder 3: Deposit Slips, 1910-1971.
- Folder 4: Board Chairman files – including William Heyburn.
- Folder 5: Henry Heyburn files.
- Folder 6: Newspaper clippings, 1969.
- Folder 7: Newspaper clippings, 1970.
- Folder 8: Newspaper clippings, 1971.
- Folder 9: Newspaper clippings, 1972.
- Folder 10: Newspaper clippings, 1973.
- Folder 11: Newspaper clippings, 1974.
- Folder 12: Side by Side training program literature.
- Folder 13: Newspaper clippings, 1975.
- Folder 14: Newspaper clippings, 1976
- Folder 15: Information on programs and jobs at the YMCA.
- Folder 16: Newspaper clippings, 1979.
- Folder 17: Newspaper clippings, 1980.
- Folder 18: YMCA publications.
- Folder 19: Employee information and employment forms.

Wrapped Volumes:

- Volume 20: Scrapbook from 1906-1907 membership drives.
- Volume 21: Minute book Building Fund Committee, 1911-1913.
- Volume 22: Minute book Board of Directors, 1913-1915.
- Volume 23: Minute book Business Secretary, 1915-1917.
- Volume 24: Minute book Business Secretary, 1915-1916.
- Volume 25: Minute book Physical Director, 1916-1917.
- Volume 26: Minute book Business Secretary, 1917-1919.
- Volume 27: Minute book Physical Director, 1918-1921.
- Volume 28: Minute book Louisville Church Athletic Association, 1921-1929.
- Volume 29: Scrapbook, 1928-1932.
- Volume 30: Scrapbook, 1977.
- Volume 31: Scrapbook, 1978.

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Added Entries

Air travel – United States.

Athletics – Kentucky.

Bodybuilders – Kentucky.

Colorado – History.

Du Pont, T. Coleman (Thomas Coleman), 1863-1930.

Heresy.

Heyburn, William, 1861-1939.

Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974.

Muhammad Ali School of Boxing (Louisville, Ky.).

Religion.

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945.

Segregation – Kentucky – Louisville.

Sex discrimination in sports

Smallpox – Kentucky – Louisville.

Socialist parties – United States.

Sports – Kentucky.

Sunday, Billy, 1862-1935.

World War, 1914-1918 – War work.