

**Minor Myers, jr.  
Personal Papers**

Illinois Wesleyan University  
Tate Archives and Special Collections  
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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This collection contains President Myers' notes and background research for published and unpublished works, correspondence related to this research, duplicate copies of some publications, photographs and artifacts.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

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**The Ames Library  
Illinois Wesleyan University**

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 - 17<sup>th</sup> Cent. 1600's  
4. 18<sup>th</sup> Cent.  
4 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> Cent.  
8. America 19<sup>th</sup>  
8 Am. 19<sup>th</sup> Cent.  
8. America 19<sup>th</sup> 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  
50<sup>th</sup> 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)

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**The Ames Library  
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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. 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Box 15 – Society of the Cincinnati newsletters SOC event photos**

Plus 2 unidentified artifacts