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UA96 Southern Normal School
Series 1 Publications

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Administrative History: The Southern Normal School began when A. W. Mell and J. Tom Williams moved the Glasgow Normal School to Bowling Green and established the Southern Normal School and Business College in 1884. Chartered in 1886, the name was shortened to Southern Normal School.

In the summer of 1890, Mell and Williams turned control of the school over to alum H. A. Evans and W. J. Davis. At the end of the fall term, J. R. Alexander and H. McD. Fletcher took over the school. Fletcher left in 1891 and Alexander in 1892.

In the fall of 1892, Henry Hardin Cherry and Thomas Crittenden Cherry opened the Bowling Green Business College and Literary Institute. Although the school was newly incorporated May 31, 1893, the Cherry brothers regarded it as the direct successor to the Mell and Williams school. With the addition of a teacher training department in 1894, the school became known as the Southern Normal School and Bowling Green Business College.

Thomas Cherry sold his interest to Henry Hardin Cherry in 1899, although he returned as a teacher from 1902 to 1905. On July 21, 1899, the Southern Educational Building Company was incorporated to expand and modernize the school's facilities. Shortly after, on November 16, 1899, a fire destroyed the Southern Normal School building. The new building was completed in 1901 and was home to the Southern Normal School until 1911, when the school moved to "the Hill."

After a campaign to obtain state support for teacher training institutions, Western Kentucky State Normal School was established by legislation signed on March 21, 1906. On May 7, 1906, a commission appointed by Governor Beckham voted to locate the school in Bowling Green, and it became successor to the student body of the Southern Normal School, with H. H. Cherry as president. The business school portion renamed Bowling Green Business University in 1904 was sold off July 1, 1907 to Joseph S. Dickey, W. S. Ashby and J. Lewie Harman.

Description: Publications created by and about the Southern Normal School. Series includes recruitment materials such as advertisements and flyers; course catalogs; student newspaper The Southern Educator and the announcement that the Southern Normal School will become Western Kentucky State Normal School.

Dates: 1883-1907

Extent: .2 cu. ft., microfilm, oversize

Subject Analytics:

Curriculum

Southern Normal School (Bowling Green, KY)

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Accession Information:

Mrs. W.G. Smith estate

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UA1974-5 E.H. Canon

UA1975-6 Don Brightup

UA1998-92 Beth Brickwell

UA2019-4 Ray Buckberry

Access Restrictions: Original Southern Educator will not be pulled. All extant issues available on TopScholar.

Allied Materials:

[UA94/4 Student / Alumni Personal Papers Southern Normal School](#)

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Finding Aid Report

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UA96.1	Records	Date
Level	Series	Linked toUA96
Title	UA96 Southern Normal School	
Collection	Series 1 Publications	
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Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
Box 1	8-14	Southern Normal School	1883-1907	Catalogs
Description	UA1974-5 E.H. Canon Willard Library 1884-85 D3485 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3589			Subjects Education
Box 1	15	Southern Normal School	1907	Publication
Description	Announcement of change to Western Kentucky State Normal School			Subjects Advertisements Education
Box 1	1-7	Southern Normal School	1886-1904, nd	Recruitment Materials
Description	UA2018-120 Martha Oaks Mrs. W.G. Smith Estate Flyers Form letters Frisbie Hall (WKU)			Subjects Advertisements Education Stationery
MC9	Drawer 1	Southern Normal School	1891-1904	Newspaper
Description	Unidentified newspaper with images of Southern Normal School & Bowling Green Business University, 1891-1904, 2 copies Frisbie Hall SNS Student Body Van Meter (SNS)			

MF	Drawer 78 MF Box 13	Southern Normal School	1901-1903	Catalogue
Description	UA1975-6 Don Brightup Microfilm copy of the Catalogue			
OS Box 123	35	Southern Normal School	nd	Oversized Promotional Papers
Description	UA1998-32 Beth Brickell Good Writing Pays Dividends for Life, nd Recommendations			Subjects Advertisements Calligraphy Birds
OS Box 125		Southern Normal School	1898-1906	Southern Educator
Description	Microfilm copy of Southern Educator - digitized			Subjects Southern Normal School and Business College
OS Box 39		Southern Normal School	1898-1906	Southern Educator
Description	Issues available on microfilm and digitally, do not pull. Digitized copies available online: https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/ Index available online at: https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_fin_aid/284/			
OS Box 40	1-8	Southern Normal School	1895-1904	Oversized Promotional Papers
Description	UA1998-32 Beth Brickell			Subjects Advertisements Broadsides