



Western Kentucky University

UA97 Ogden College

Series 1 Administration

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Administrative History: The position of regent was created according to the provisions in Robert Ogden's will. There were three regents during the school's existence: Hector Loving 1873-1913; D.W. Wright 1913-1922 and R.C.P. Thomas 1922-1927. The regent worked with a board of trustees to oversee Ogden College.

Description: Records created by and about the Regent and Trustees of Ogden College and the Ogden Foundation. This series includes information regarding Robert Ogden's estate, a list of regents, Board of Trustees Meeting minutes and information regarding the lease of Ogden College to Western.

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UA97.1	Records	Date
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Box 1	1	Ogden, Robert Wenn, 1796-1873	1870	Ogden Will
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Box 1	2	Ogden College	1874-1955	Regents
Description	Loving, Hector Smith, Cooper Jr. Smith, Herbert Thomas, R.C.P. Wright, Daniel Webster			
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Burton, Robert
 Edgerton, J. Howard
 Nahm, Max
 Smith, Cooper
 Snell Hall (WKU)
 Thomas, R.C.P.
 Tide Water Associated Oil Company
 Wright, Daniel Webster

Box 1	4	Ogden College	1896, 1923, 1976	Correspondence
Description	Cherry, Henry Hardman, Carl Notice to Parents - Sick Leave Slip, 4/16/1896 D7863 Ogden College Foundation Ogden Hall (WKU) Smith, Herbert Snell Hall (WKU) Stubbins, Mary Stubbins, Samuel Thomas, R.C.P.			Subjects Fund raising Sick children
Box 1	6	Ogden College	1960	WKU Lease - Digitized
Description	Warren County Circuit Court Case No. 3897 Cooper Smith vs. Douglas Smith, Opinion of the Court, 7/28/1960, D6780 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8295 Ogden, Robert Robinson, James Smith, Cooper Smith, Douglas Thomas, R.C.P. Western Kentucky University			
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Description	100 Western Students Received Ogden Grants, PCDN, 10/13/1974 Estok, Steve Lowe, Herman Mefford, James Porter, Roy Renick, William Satterfield, Lewis			

Stewart, Jesse
Temple, Alvis
Thomas, Guy
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Box 1 11 Ogden College Foundation 1924, 1939 R.C.P. Thomas

Description Thomas, Richard Curd Pope

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should said trustees at any time deem it advisable, they are hereby authorized to sell and convey said real estate, and make such other investment as they deem best. In the event that neither I or Victoria should survive me, then this item of my will is void, and the devise and bequest herein made shall revert to my estate and pass as hereinafter provided.

Item IV. I, hereby, give and bequeath to my executor or executors hereinafter named, the sum of \$50,000 in money or the currency of the country, the whole or so much thereof, as may be necessary to be used by him or them in the purchase of suitable grounds and the erection of thereon, of appropriate buildings in or near the town of Bowling Green, Kentucky, to be dedicated and devoted to the education of, therein, males or females, young men or young women, as my executor or executors may elect. Should a male school be determined upon, then it is my desire that the same be called "Ogden College", and if a female school, the "Ogden Seminary", and I hereby designate my executors as the regents of said College or Seminary. I, hereby, authorize said executors to appoint not more than five trustees of said college or seminary, to whom and to their successors in office the title to the aforesaid real estate, when purchased must be taken, and I, hereby, invest said executors as agents with full power to remove any or all of said trustees or to fill any vacancies that may occur by reason of the death, refusal to act of any trustee, and I, hereby, further give and devise the residue of my estate of every character and description whether real, personal, or mixed, not otherwise disposed of, including at her death the trust fund held for the use of and benefit of the colored woman, Allen, designated in the III item of this will including also the trust fund and given in the XIV item of this will for the use and benefit of the aforesaid I or Victoria, provided neither of them should survive me and furthermore including any or all the devise and bequests mentioned in the former item of this will, provided the devisee therein named should not survive me to my executors hereinafter named as trustees, the whole to be invested by them in such bonds or stock as they may select. The interest accruing therein to form a fund out of which to pay as far it will go to the tuition fees of any of the young men of Warren County or the State of Kentucky who may choose to avail themselves of this fund and desire to be educated at the "Ogden College" provided a male school is determined upon preference, for which I, hereby, express, if however, my executors should deem it best and most advisable to establish a female school, then I direct the interest accruing on the aforesaid fund shall be held and used to pay as far as it will go. The tuition fees of any of the young women of Warren County or the State of Kentucky, who may attend the Ogden Seminary and who wish to avail themselves of this fund. I do not mean or intend to express any prejudice against any citizen of Kentucky who may be of foreign birth, but it is my desire and I, hereby, direct that the benefits of this fund shall be confined to the children of native born, white, American citizens, should the children of William M. Rochester and Apolha Strange desire to avail themselves of this fund, I desire that they be first provided for and then preference is expressed for other young men or young women of Warren County, Kentucky. If any contest arises as to who shall be entitled to the benefits of this fund the decision and appointment of my executors herein named as agents in this item of my will giving them authority to organize and open said college or seminary for the reception of students to nominate and appoint the successors as trustees and to take any and all steps necessary for the full and successful conduct of such an institution. My executors or either of them shall have the right also to nominate and appoint by last will and testament, a successor as agent.

Other# D53

Date 1870/12/06

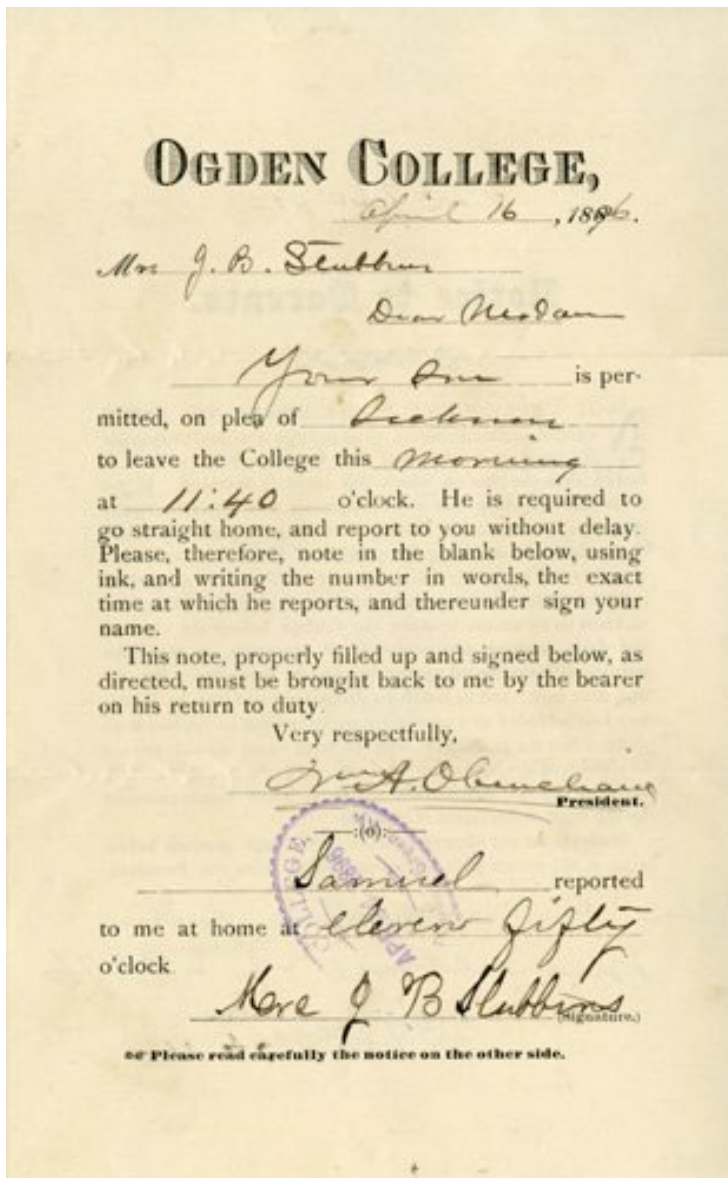
Date Range 1870 - 1870

Creator Ogden College

Title Robert Ogden's Will

Description

Pages 3 and 4 of Robert Ogden's will outlining provisions for creation of school known as Ogden College.



Other# D53

Date 1896/04/16

Date Range 1896 - 1896

Creator Ogden College

Title Ogden College Absence Slip

Description

Absence slip created for student Samuel Stubbins, age 16 by Ogden College President William Obenchain. The slip was sent with the student to his parents with the time he left school. There is a space for the parent to sign and indicate the time the student arrived home.

Samuel Stubbins left Ogden College at 11:40 a.m. and arrived home at 11:50 a.m. The note is signed by his mother Mrs. J.B. [Mary] Stubbins.

The back of the slip is a Notice to Parents:

Not unfrequently the desire to avoid certain academic duties, or to indulge a natural propensity for out-door amusements and sports, is more real, it is feared, than the plea on which this leave is obtained. If parents will co-operate with us in this matter, and therefore require their sons, in every case of leaving the College on plea of sickness, to stay closely at home during the remainder of the day, the evil here aimed at will be greatly discouraged, if not broken up altogether.

By no means must it be inferred that all students who plead sickness as an excuse to leave the College before the close of the day's exercise, are suspected of deception, or that such accusation is insinuated against any [any] one in particular. But the evil does exist; and as invidious distinctions can not be made,

any rule intended as a preventive measure must be applied to all alike. Not the really sick, who in most cases should remain in doors anyhow, but those who feign sickness in order to shirk duty, the very boys here intended, will be seriously inconvenienced by the rigid enforcement of this rule.

Students are not allowed to leave the College grounds before 2:30 P.M., except with written permission from the President.