

Millikin University Archives: Staley Library

Louis E. Holden Papers

Collection Number: 3.04.100

Inclusive Dates: 1915 – 1924

Bulk Dates: Early 1920s

Quantity: 2 boxes- 3 folders.

Acquisition Information: Unknown.

Access Restrictions: This collection is open for research.

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Photographs: No.

Condition Notes: Paper is brittle, and has a few minor tears. Overall condition is good, with some folded creases, and aged staining.

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Biographical Note

Louis E. Holden served as president from February 1, 1920- September 1, 1923. Holden was an honors graduate of Beloit (Wis.) College, he studied for the ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1891. Holden taught at Beloit College for 8 years (1891-1899), and served as fourth president of Wooster (Ohio) College for 16 years (1899-1915). Holden also served a year as secretary of the Presbyterian College Board of Church Education, and also served two years as associate secretary of the General Board prior to coming to Millikin. In late 1923, he was replaced by Dean Arthur Wald as acting president. After his time at Millikin, he returned to Beloit College as vice president. Holden died in 1942.

Scope and Content Note

This collection of papers consists mostly of correspondence between President Holden and various collegiate associations. Also present in the collection is legal paperwork pertaining to Holden's time at Wooster College and Millikin University. There is also a copy of a newspaper clipping announcing Holden's position as Millikin president. There is very little personal information on Holden within this collection. Some sensitive material pertaining to Holden's severance package from Wooster and Millikin Universities.

Series Notes

Series 1: Correspondence

2 folders

Folders containing the correspondences between President Holden and others and meeting minutes during his presidency.

Series 2: Clippings

1 folder with 1 item

Copy of newspaper clippings announcing Holden's position at Millikin University.

Collection Inventory

Folder/Item Title	Container #	Folder/Item #	Description
Correspondence 1920-1923	A-0007	1	Chronologically organized typed correspondence between Holden and various collegiate institutions and associations.
Holden Clippings	A-0007	2	Copy of local newspaper clippings referring to Holden and his time at Millikin. Name of paper, and exact date of publishing not listed.
Correspondence and meeting minutes	B-0003	3	Alphabetically arranged series of meeting minutes from Wooster College and Millikin University. These papers refer to the pension/severance pay Holden would receive.