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➤ Frank Quillen Collection, 1888 to 1922 ◀
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Biographical/Historical Sketch

Frank Quillen was a formative influence at the University of Toledo as dean of its College of Commerce (1917-1921); professor and dean of its College of Education (1918-1920); director of its Business Institute and summer school and evening sessions.

Dr. Quillen was known at the University for his striking bearing and charismatic personality. Following high school, he enlisted in the Spanish American War. He received his bachelor of the arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan University, master's degree with honors from Harvard, and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. Before the University of Toledo, Quillen taught at Portsmouth, Ohio, the Boy's Prep School at Winona Lake, was professor and chair of economics at Knox College, and was a high school principal in Ypsilanti, Michigan for five years. Dr. Quillen published a ground breaking study of race prejudice, "Ohio and the Color Line" in 1913.

As dean of UT's College of Commerce and Business, Quillen envisioned the need for a different type of Business College in the future. As a result, in 1919, he began to organize a branch business institute. Part of the Business Institute, the Salesman School, retained many of Toledo's leading salesmen as instructors. Its Factory Management School with 325 enrollees engaged leading industrial speakers from across the nation. Another major project of Dr. Quillen while at the University of Toledo was the organization of an experimental high school department to provide educational opportunities for those unable to take advantage of the day schools of the city. The experimental school for youth, which lasted five years, in many ways procured a similar program offered by UT during the 1960s.

Dr. Quillen resigned from the University of Toledo in 1925, accepting an appointment from President Harding to be chief of employment in the U.S. Veterans Bureau, a position devoted to finding jobs for disabled veterans. Quillen returned to Toledo as an advisor to the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, retiring in 1939. He died in March, 1962, at the age of eighty.

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Scope and Content Note

Collection includes the personal scrapbook of Frank Quillen, professor of business and dean of the College of Commerce (1917-1921). Contains news clippings, correspondence, and publications documenting several aspects of Quillen's life. Information on his service in the Spanish American War is included (1898), his educational experiences (1902-1910), his employment at the University of Toledo, his post as Chief of Employment Services for the U.S. Veterans Bureau (1922-1926), to which the largest portion of the scrapbook is devoted. Also included are a few personal items, along with his own annotations.

The scrapbook is open for use; however, excessive unnecessary handling may be limited at the discretion of the Archivist.

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Box	Folder	Item Description
1	1	Scrapbook