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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Collection title: Fitchburg State University Postcard Collection
Dates: 1905-1994
Size: 1 Folder

Creator/Collector: Fitchburg State University.
Acquisition info.: Unknown.
Accruals: No accruals are expected.
Custodial history: Unknown.

Language(s): English
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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

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Separated material  None.

Published descriptions

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The State Normal School in Fitchburg was established in 1894 by an act of the Massachusetts Legislature. Principal John G. Thompson, aided by a teaching staff of three, implemented a two-year teacher training program for women in a temporary location on Academy Street. In December 1896, the school expanded into a new building, known as Thompson Hall, and set up the State Schools of Observation and Practice in city buildings on Day Street and Highland Avenue. In 1910, the Edgerly School, a model and practice school for 8th grade, became one of the first junior high schools in the United States. The following year the school initiated the first practical arts teacher training course in the country for men.

Under the auspices of the State Division of University Extension summer courses were first offered in 1915, marking the beginning of the college's commitment to Continuing Education programs. In 1930, the State Normal School was authorized to offer a bachelor's degree in practical arts, and in 1932, when it became the State Teachers College at Fitchburg, four-year degrees were offered in all areas of education. In 1935, the college was also authorized to establish graduate programs and in 1954 the first evening courses were offered.

In 1960, the institution changed its name to the State College at Fitchburg and diversified its programs to include undergraduate and graduates degrees in disciplines other than education. In 1965, its name was officially changed to Fitchburg State College. The campus has expanded from a single structure on High Street to thirty-two buildings on ninety acres, becoming the educational center for the Montachusett region with forty-nine undergraduate degree programs in eighteen academic departments, twenty Masters Degree programs, five Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study programs, and seven Graduate Certificate programs. On July 28, 2010, the institution again changed its name to Fitchburg State University after state legislation established a State University system in Massachusetts.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains 19 postcards and two letters written by donors. These items were collected by Fitchburg State College over an unknown period of time.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

SERIES 1: Postcards, 1905-1994
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