

# Guide to the Yale Gymnasium Corporation Records

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1243

**CREATOR:** Yale Gymnasium Corporation

**TITLE:** Yale Gymnasium Corporation records

**DATES:** 1884-1900

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, contracts, account books, and miscellanea relating to the Corporation's efforts to encourage physical exercise and construct a gymnasium in the 1890s.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

The records were found in the Treasurer's Records and were presumably deposited by William L. McLane when the Corporation went out of existence in 1893.

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## Biographical / Historical

The Yale Gymnasium Corporation was formed to "to promote and encourage physical exercise among the students and members of Yale University, to build, equip and manage for their use a gymnasium." To finance its project, subscriptions were solicited from alumni. In conjunction with the University, the Corporation bought land and planned a new building which was completed in 1892 and formally opened in 1893.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Account book, basically a ledger (William L. McLane, Treasurer)	1889-1898
b. 1, f. 2	Minutebook and checkbook (William L. McLane, Treasurer)	1889-1893
b. 1, f. 3	Bankbooks (2 volumes)	1889-1896
b. 1, f. 4 - 6	Correspondence concerning subscriptions	1889-1891
b. 2, f. 7	Correspondence concerning subscriptions	1892-1897
b. 2, f. 8	University gymnasium contracts and specifications	1884-1892, 1900, undated
b. 2, f. 9	University gymnasium contracts	1889-1890
b. 2, f. 10 - 11	Vouchers, bills, receipts for gym construction	1889-1897

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Gymnasiums

### **Names**

McLane, William L.

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale Gymnasium Corporation

Yale University -- Buildings

Yale University -- Sports