

Finding Aid for the O'Fallon Polytechnic Institute Records

Descriptive Summary

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Historical Note

The O'Fallon Polytechnic Institute was founded in 1855 by John Howe (1812-85) as part of a collaborative endeavor with Washington Institute (an earlier name for Washington University) to form a comprehensive school to teach mechanical, agricultural, and other industrial subjects. Named for Col. John O'Fallon, a Washington University Trustee, the O'Fallon Polytechnic Institute was comprised of meager library and reading room. In 1867, the O'Fallon Polytechnic Institute moved into a mammoth edifice that offered an improved library, a 1,200 seat auditorium, and expanded classroom facilities. Despite the new building's initial success, a number of unfortunate circumstances caused the Polytechnic Institute to be sold, and its demise eventually evolved into the beginnings of a small, but successful, engineering program at Washington University.

Scope and Content Notes

This collection includes correspondence and historical information regarding the O'Fallon Polytechnic Institute, along with reports from the Institute.

The publications listed below were removed from this collection and may be found in the University Archives reference collection:

O'Fallon Polytechnic Institute: Its Objects and Present Condition, 1858

A Forgotten Obligation: The Story of the Henry Ames Bequest to Vocational Education, and How It Has Been Misapplied
By Thomas E. Spencer, St. Louis, 1926.

Administrative Information

Source of Collection

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01	A Plan for the Future Development of the Polytechnic School, April 1886
	Correspondence of C.M. Woodward to a student W.N. Bryan
	"Its Objects and Present Condition," 1858
	Polytechnic Alumni Association of W.U. Constitution, By-Laws, & List of Members, 1884
	Polytechnic Institute, Industrial Department of Washington University, Saint Louis Annual Circular: 1867
	Semi – Annual Report, 1879
	Undergraduate Department, Courses of Study. Report of the Deans of the College and Polytechnic School Concerning the Work of the Undergraduate Department of Washington University, 1885
	Correspondence 1876-1889