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➤ **Mel Klein Papers, 1884-1971** ◀

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Collection Summary: The Mel Klein Papers contain documentation of Klein's dissertation research for his Doctor of Education degree related to the merger of The University of Toledo into the state of Ohio's higher education system. The collection is arranged chronologically and the dates range from 1884-1971.

Subjects: [Education and Schools](#)

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Biographical Sketch

Melvyn (Mel) Klein received a bachelor's degree in Education from The University of Toledo in 1966, a master's of Education degree from The Pennsylvania State University in 1967, and his Doctor of Education degree from The Pennsylvania State University in 1971. He focused his dissertation research on The University of Toledo's status change from a municipal to a state university. Klein's dissertation, "The University of Toledo: Influential Factors in the Conversion from Municipal to State Status," focuses not only on the journey of the university's status change, but also the reasons and various forces behind the proposal, along with the eventual consequences of the change and even the university's early history.

Klein has worked in higher education for most of his career. He began as a residence hall proctor at UT, became a graduate assistant at Penn State, and held various titles in student affairs at Penn State for 30 years. After retirement (Emeritus, Senior Director for Student Affairs), he served as a consultant, most recently on a project to expand and renovate the Hetzel Union Building and Paul Robeson Cultural Center at Penn State.

Klein has received numerous awards throughout his career, most relating to his work with students and student organizations at Penn State. He has been active in numerous professional and honorary societies and community groups. He has published extensively in professional journals related to student affairs, and has presented at many conferences.

Klein currently resides in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. Outside of his higher education work, Klein enjoys reading, listening to popular music, attending theater productions (especially musicals), gardening, summertime sports, domestic and international travel, and volunteering at Centre Volunteers in Medicine (State College, PA).

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Scope and Content Note

The Mel Klein Papers contain documentation of Klein's dissertation research for his Doctor of Education degree related to the merger of The University of Toledo into the state of Ohio's higher education system. The collection is arranged chronologically and the dates range from 1884-1971.

The Dissertation files (folders 1-7) include his early and later dissertation related works, such as proposals, drafts, revisions, and a typed copy of the manuscript. The Newspaper Article Research files (folders 8-12) contain newspaper articles taken from the Toledo area newspapers regarding the university's history and press releases. The T.U. Research files (folders 14-24) consist of documents mostly originating from The University of Toledo. The files include faculty newsletters, faculty and committee meeting minutes, and other various administrative and university operations documents regarding the university's status change. The Miscellaneous files (folders 25-31) contains a dissertation on UT's history by Frank Hickerson, dissertation related correspondence, conducted interviews, and other documents used for research.

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Series List

S1 Dissertation Materials

1970-1971

Arranged chronologically.

This series consists of Klein's early dissertation proposals, including an oral proposal outline. Also included is a beginning draft of the dissertation, revisions of the manuscript, a later typed draft, and Klein's bibliographic note cards.

S2 Newspaper Article Research

Arranged chronologically.

1928-1966

This series consists of various newspaper articles used in Klein's dissertation research on the University of Toledo. Newspaper articles are taken from various Toledo area newspapers, including *The Toledo Sunday Times*, *The Toledo News Bee*, and *The Blade*.

S3 T.U. Research

Arranged chronologically.

1950-1971

This series consists of documents mostly originating from The University of Toledo, including faculty newsletters, committee and levy related documents, faculty and committee meeting minutes. The documents give information regarding the university's journey from a municipal to a state university.

S4 Miscellaneous

Arranged chronologically.

1884-1971

This series consists of miscellaneous research material, including a separate dissertation on The University of Toledo's history by Frank Hickerson, correspondences related to Klein's dissertation work, printed documents, and interview questionnaires, notes, and responses.

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Box	Folder	Item
1	1	Initial Dissertation Work: Outline & Abstract, c.a. 1970
1	2	Original Proposal: Doctoral Dissertation, June 1970
1	3	Oral Proposal Presentation Outline, June 1970
1	4	Dissertation Draft, c.a. 1971
1	5	Working Document Revisions, 1971
1	6	Dissertation Typist Copy, 1971
1	7	Bibliographic Note Cards
1	8	Newspaper Articles: Toledo Sunday Times, 1928-1950
1	9	Newspaper Articles: The Toledo News Bee, 1934
1	10	Newspaper Articles: Issue of State Support, 1954-1957
1	11	Newspaper Articles: The Blade, 1960-1963
1	12	Newspaper Articles: Misc., 1965-1966
1	13	Misc. Research and T.U. History-Related documents, 1908-1984
1	14	T.U. Documents: Interim Operating Committee, 1950
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1	17	T.U. Documents: Charter Amendment, Two Million Levy, 1959
1	18	T.U. Documents: Faculty Newsletters, 1958-1967
1	19	T.U. Documents: State Bond Issue, 1963
1	20	T.U. Documents: Conversion Agreement, Faculty Minutes, Assorted Univ. documents, 1965-1966
1	21	T.U. Documents: Miscellaneous Documents, 1965-1967
1	22	T.U. Documents: Conversion Documents, c.a. 1966
1	23	T.U. Documents: Assorted Documents, 1967-1969
1	24	T.U. Documents: Agenda, 42 nd Meeting Board of Trustees, 1971
1	25	Assorted Historical Documents, 1884-1948
1	26	Frank Hickerson Dissertation & Draft: A History of the University of Toledo, 1941
1	27	Printed Documents for Research, 1965-1966
1	28	Correspondences for Dissertation Work, 1965-1971
1	29	Research Questionnaires & Responses, c.a. 1971
1	30	Interview Notes, 1971
1	31	Interview Notes & Resource Notes, c.a. 1971