

**Title:** University Settlement House Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-1483

**Inclusive Dates:** 1902 – 1931

**Quantity:** 000.4 cu. ft.

**Location:** GV, Sh. 022a

**Abstract:** The University Settlement House was part of Progressive-era reforms to address problems stemming from Milwaukee's rapid urbanization and industrialization of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Under the leadership of Reverend Herbert Jacobs and his wife Mary Belle, the Settlement House opened in November 1902. It was situated on S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Becher in the heart of the Polish 14<sup>th</sup> Ward because it was an important manufacturing district and also one of the most congested areas in the city. The organization offered area residents classes in English, sewing, cooking, carpentry and other manual training. It also provided services such as a day nursery, kindergarten and space for numerous clubs. Lastly, it also lobbied for various civic causes, such as compulsory education and better child labor laws. By 1931, the directors of the Settlement House believed it had accomplished its mission. The organization closed that year, and the house was converted into a social center by the Milwaukee Public Schools.

**Scope and Content:** The collection contains correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, legal documents, meeting minutes and various publications.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Notes:** Processed by Kevin Geary, February 25, 1992

**Arrangement:**

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Record Book	1	1
Anniversary Edition of Club Life, 1912 & 1922	1	2
Anniversary Edition of Club Life, 1928	1	3
Legal Documents	1	4
Auditors Reports, 1922-1930	1	5
Correspondence, 1917-1931	1	6
Extra copies, Drafts of Minutes, Proxies, 1902-1929	1	7
Club Life and Clippings, 1913-1922	1	8