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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Miami University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Frederic Zeigen collection
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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Frederic Zeigen is known as "The Forgotten Man" in University of Miami history. While he played a vital role in the founding of UM—becoming its pro bono administrator, secretary of the board of regents, and spokesperson—few people knew the level of his involvement. A successful banker, world traveler and writer, Mr. Zeigen devoted much of his time and his own money to help create the University of Miami. His greatest feat was convincing George Merrick to give the nascent university 160 acres, fund the first building, and create a \$4 million endowment.

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## Scope and content

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Frederic Zeigen Collection consists of materials on foudation and early years of the University of Miami, such as costitutional bylaws, meeting minutes, Board of Regents, first and second annual reports, and newspaper clippings on university-related events.

It also contains several additional folders on his company "Bankers Land and Investment Corporation," his interest in art and Michigan authors, and his scrapbook titled "The Idealist."

The folder titled "Photographs - 1926" is missing as of May 22, 2015.

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### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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