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**USD PRESIDENTS SERIES, ROBERT L. SLAGLE, 1914-1929**

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**History**

Robert Lincoln Slagle was the ninth president of the University of South Dakota and served the second longest term. Slagle graduated from Lafayette College and received advanced degrees from John Hopkins University. Before accepting the Presidency of USD, he was president of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and South Dakota State University. Slagle came to the university at a time when the school had been governed by a commission of deans. Slagle's administration distinguished itself by administration development, increasing student enrollment and promoting events such as Dakota Days. During Slagle's tenure, the faculty grew to more than 80 members.

In the later years of Slagle's term, his health began to fail and in 1927 he announced his retirement. In between 1927 and 1929, he had a series of strokes and on January 29, 1929 he died of heart failure. The university administration building is named in his honor.

**Scope and Content Note**

The Robert Lincoln Slagle Papers contain five series: **Correspondence**, **Manuscripts**, **Printed Materials**, **Subject Files** and **Typescripts**.

The **Correspondence** is the largest series in the collection and concerns the day to day business of the University of South Dakota. Topics range from university catalog requests to campus administration. All correspondence has been organized chronologically. Correspondents with a large number of letters were separated out and placed in their own folder. The correspondents are arranged in alphabetical order.

The **Manuscripts** series includes Slagle's Biennium Report from 1926-1928. A typed copy of this item is located in the **Typescript** series.

The **Printed Materials** series contains collegiate athletic handbooks, fine arts programs and invitations to President Slagle.

The **Subject Files** contains materials concerning various University related topics such as athletics, budget, equipment purchases, ROTC, and controversial issues such as educational clinics and athletics eligibility.

The **Typescripts series** contains several essays, the History of KUSD and Slagle's Radio Addresses from 1928.

**Subjects:**

Slagle, Robert L., 1865- 1929

University of South Dakota – History.

**Additional Resources**

Cummins, Cedric Clisten 1908-1980

The University of South Dakota, 1862-1966. Vermillion, S.D.: Dakota Press, 1975.

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Young, Gertrude Stickney, 1884-1965.

South Dakota, an appreciation. Brookings, S.D.: [Young] 1944.

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As it was in the beginning: the University of Dakota. Vermillion, S.D.: College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Dakota, 1966. Harrington lecture; 14.

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 American University Union in Europe, 1918-1923  
 Anderson, Achsah Cornelia, 1920  
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 Beatty, Henry T., 1926  
 Beck, Thor J., 1924-1928  
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 Benton, Guy Potter, 1914-1917  
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 Brookman, H.E., 1921-1926  
 Brown, Frank E., 1917  
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 Bruno, Frank J., 1918  
 Bryant, W.C., 1918-1921  
 Bryant, William L., 1915-1925  
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 Caldwell, Clarence C., 1916-1917  
 Canton Christian College, 1918  
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 Caruther, Wallace, 1921  
 Casey, O.W., 1919-1924  
 Cass, H.M., 1922-1924  
 Chamberlain, A.E., 1915-1924  
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 Clark, Badger and Anna M., 1920-1923  
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 Colton, W.R., 1919-1924  
 Conover, Marion C., 1920-1922  
 Cook, William A., 1919-1924  
 Copeland, Manufacturing Company, 1919-1923  
 Cummings, F.L., 1923  
 Davidson, M.W., 1916-1919  
 Dwight, T.W., 1914-1924  
 Fifield, James W., 1922-1924  
 Fishbeck, Fred L., 1924  
 Fisk Teachers Agency, 1914-1921  
 Flood, T.L., 1923  
 Foght, H.W., 1920-1924  
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 Frankenfield, H.W., 1923-1928  
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 Fry, H.C. Godfrey, 1915-1924  
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 Gage, Harry Morehouse, 1914-1920  
 Galin Peter, 1916-1921  
 Gamble, Helen H., 1920-1924  
 Grabill, E.W., 1915-1916  
 Grand Central Art Galleries, 1927  
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 National Budget Committee, 1921-1922  
 New England Furniture and Carpet Company, 1914-1915  
 Nicholson, Edward E., 1918-1919  
 Norbeck, Peter L., 1916-1924 (2 folders)  
 Neihardt, John G., 1923-1924  
 O'Harra, C.C., 1925-1927  
 Ohlmacher, J.C., 1919-1927  
 Pacific Mutual Live Insurance Company of California, 1925  
 Payne, Jason E., 1915-1924  
 Pugsley, C. W., 1925-1928  
 Rees, Maurice H., 1919-1920  
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 Remm, Leo D., n.d.  
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 Ward, Freeman, 1919-1926  
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 Lawrence, E.O., 1921  
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## TYPESCRIPTS

Biennium Reports, 1926-1928  
*The Individual and the Collect* by Carl Seashore  
 KUSD History, n.d.  
 Radio Address, 1928  
*Tentative Report on teaching of Hygiene* by Susan Bristol