Biographical Note

Joseph M. (J. M.) Uhler (1881-August 17, 1947) was born in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. He earned a Normal School Teaching Certificate from Shippensburg, and BA, MA, and Doctor of Education degrees from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Uhler served as the supervising high school principal in Cresson, Pennsylvania in 1907-1908. He became principal and later the superintendent of schools at Conemaugh High School. He joined the Education Department at Indiana State Normal School in 1925, which became Indiana State Teachers College (ISTC) in 1927. During his tenure, he served as Director of Student Teaching and Placement and Dean of Instruction before being appointed as College President in 1942. He was president of ISTC during World War Two, and he was in this position until his death on August 17, 1947. Uhler Hall was named in his memory in 1964.

Dr. Uhler was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church of Pennsylvania, and he often led the Sunday Evening Union Vesper Service at the First Presbyterian Church of Indiana. He was a member of the Pennsylvania State Educators Association, the Indiana Hospital Board of directors, the Community Chest Fund board of directors, and the advisory board of the YMCA. Dr. Uhler was also a past president of the Kiwanis Club, and he served as the first director of the Central Western District of Pennsylvania State Educators Association.

Scope and Content
The Joseph M. Uhler papers are housed in three archival boxes and the collection represents Dr. Uhler’s years as a faculty member and later President of Indiana State Teachers College. His papers include a Master's Thesis, programs, correspondence, newspaper articles, photographs, scrapbooks, speeches, and other miscellaneous items. The collection dates from 1928 to 1964.

Provenance
Unknown.

Restrictions
None.

Processor
Records were rearranged and the collection finding aid was rewritten by the IUP Special Collections and University Archives in 2014.
Box 1
Series 1 Correspondence

1. Congratulatory Letters
   a. Paul S. Flinn, United States Air Force, Atlantic City, New Jersey, n.d.; response from Uhler, October 22, 1942
   b. Mary H. Muldowney, 1942
   c. Maira Wright, STC Cheerleaders, State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania
   d. Mr. and Mrs. Blair Sutton, Indiana, Pennsylvania, n.d.; Uhler’s response, October 20, 1942
   e. Laura M. Remsburg, Walnutdale Farm, Middleton, Maryland, June 28, 1942
   f. Ralph C. Straitiff, Borough Tax Collector, Indiana, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1942; response from Uhler, October 14, 1942
   g. E.E. Creps, President Judge, Indiana, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1942; response from Uhler, October 14, 1942
   h. E.J.M. Luckie, October 3, 1942
   i. M.C. Stewart, Pine Hill Farms, Homer City, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1942; response from Uhler, October 15, 1942
   j. Dr. Harvey C. Tilley, Supervising Principal, Franklin Borough Schools, Conemaugh, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1942; response from Uhler October 14, 1942
   k. President and Mrs. H.A. Andruss, State Teachers College, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1942; response from Uhler, October 14, 1942
   l. Rose V. McManus, President, Indiana Alumni, Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1942; response from Uhler, October 14, 1942
   m. Stanton C. Crawford, Office of the Dean, University of Pittsburgh, The College, October 5, 1942; response from Uhler, October 19, 1942
   n. G.A. Eichler, Superintendent, Northampton Public Schools, Northampton, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1942; response from Uhler, October 21, 1942
   o. Winston Emerick, The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, District Manager, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1942; response from Uhler, October 16, 1942
   p. Elisabeth Knight Eyre, Director of Health Education for Girls, High School of Altoona, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1942; response from Uhler, October 15, 1942
   q. Mr. H.E. Gayman, Executive Secretary, P.S.E.A., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1942; response from Uhler October 14, 1942
   r. John H. Hughes, Superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools, Brookville, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1942; response from Uhler, October 16, 1942
   s. Harry L. Kriner, Assistant Director, Teacher of Education and Certification, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1942; response from Uhler, October 15, 1942
   t. J.A. Lubold, Principal, Indiana High School, Indiana, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1942; response from Uhler, October 14, 1942
   u. Russuell A. McGregor, Representative of Ginn and Co. Education Publishers, October 5, 1942; response from Uhler, October 14, 1942
v. S.M. Neagly, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Instruction, State Teachers College, California, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1942; response from Uhler, October 19, 1942

w. Clark E. Ray, Assistant County Superintendent, Indiana County Public Schools, Indiana, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1942; response from Uhler, October 14, 1942

x. Superintendent and Mrs. Foster Snowden, Jeannette, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1942; October 5, 1942; response from Uhler, October 14, 1942

y. Superintendent and Mrs. Foster Snowden, Jeannette, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1942; response from Uhler, October 14, 1942

z. Robert M. Steele, President, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Instruction, California, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1942; response from Uhler, October 16, 1942

aa. G.A. Yoakam, Professor of Education, Director, Course in Elementary Education, School of Education, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1942; response from Uhler, October 16, 1942

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a. Miss Jane Ackerman, Drew Seminary, Carmel, New York, October 6, 1942; response from Uhler, October 20, 1942

b. Dr. J.P. Archibald, Optometrist, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1942; response from Uhler, October 19, 1942

c. Mr. James Colonna, Kittanning, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1942; response from Uhler, October 15, 1942

d. James T. Downie, Superintendent of Punxsutawney School District, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1942; response from Uhler, October 16, 1942

e. Kenneth C. Fleming, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Welfare, Pennsylvania Industrial School, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1942; response from Uhler, October 16, 1942

f. Mrs. Leroy A. (Estella) King, Spring City, Pennsylvania, Western Union Telegram, October 6, 1942; response from Uhler, October 6, 1942

g. Allen D. Patterson, Director of Teacher Education, State Teachers College, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1942

h. Albert Lindsay Rowland, President, State Teachers College, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1942; response from Uhler, October 21, 1942

i. Ira L. Sheaffer, Principal, Northampton Senior High, October 6, 1942; response from Uhler, October 21, 1942

j. Earl Wright, Dean of Instruction, State Teachers College, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1942; response from Uhler, October 19, 1942

k. Mrs. Susan Pierson, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1942; response from Uhler, October 16, 1942

l. Mrs. Thomas Gilland, Worlds Federation of Education Associations, California, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1942; response from Uhler, October 24, 1942

m. Mary Jo Pilkington Humphries, wife of Ward M. Humphries, Minister, Pontiac Christian Church, Pontiac, Illinois, October 7, 1942; response from Uhler, October 16, 1942
n. C. Valentine Kirby, Chief of Art Education, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1942; response from Uhler, October 19, 1942
o. Joseph Hewitt Jones, Professor of Business Administration, Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia, October 7, 1942; response from Uhler, October 21, 1942
p. Miss Jane L. McGrath, Oswego, New York, October 7, 1942; response from Uhler, October 16, 1942
q. Dr. M.K. McKay, School of Business Administration, Department of Economics, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1942; response from Uhler, October 27, 1942
r. Q.A.W. Rohrbach, President, State Teachers College, Kutztown, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1942; response from Uhler, October 21, 1942
s. H.W. Traister, Superintendent, Grove City Public Schools, October 7, 1942; response from Uhler, October 21, 1942
t. Mr. F.W. Wassam, Western Pennsylvania Agent of D.C. Heath and Co., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1942; response from Uhler, October 21, 1942
u. Samuel E. Wissinger, Supervising Principal, East Conemaugh Public Schools, East Conemaugh, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1942; response from Uhler, October 21, 1942
v. Mr. Leslie R. Boyd, Office of the Field Director, American Red Cross, Naval Operation Base, Norfolk, Virginia, October 8, 1942; response from Uhler, October 23, 1942
w. S.L. Coover, Director, Industrial Arts Department, State Teachers College, California, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1942; response from Uhler, October 22, 1942
x. Levi Gilbert, Superintendent of Schools, Altoona, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1942; response from Uhler, October 21, 1942
y. C.M. Long, Superintendent, Armstrong County Public Schools, Kittanning, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1942; response from Uhler, October 22, 1942
z. Richard T. Parsons, President, State Teachers College, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1942; response from Uhler, October 24, 1942

3. Congratulatory Letters
   a. Mrs. Jesse B. Lintner, Blairsville, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1942; response from Uhler, October 22, 1942
   b. Earl E. Prugh, Indiana, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1942; Uhler acknowledged letter in person
   c. Mr. George J. Steinheiser, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1942; response from Uhler, October 24, 1942
   d. Rev. John A. Mackay, President, The Theological Seminary, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, October 10, 1942; response from Uhler, October 24, 1942
   e. Colonel Dale C. Marlin, Camp Atterbury, Indiana, October 10, 1942; response from Uhler, October 24, 1942
   f. Dr. Mark E. Stine, State Teachers College, Millersville, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1942; response from Uhler, November 5, 1942
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g. Rev. H.N. Smith, Waynesburg Charge, Evangelical and Reformed Church, Mineral City, Ohio, October 11, 1942; response from Uhler, November 6, 1942

h. Mrs. William S. Wagner, President, Philadelphia Chapter of General Alumni Association, Frankford Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 11, 1942; response from Uhler, October 15, 1942

i. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Swift, Clymer, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1942; response from Uhler, October 24, 1942

j. G. Robert Koopman, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Instruction and Education Planning, Department of Public Institution, Lansing, Michigan, October 14, 1942; response from Uhler, October 16, 1942

k. Mrs. George (Alice) Lindsay, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1942; response from Uhler, November 6, 1942

l. Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Maloney, Indiana, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1942; response from Uhler, November 6, 1942

m. Francis C. Martin, Vice President and Cashier, United States National Bank, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1942; response from Uhler, October 24, 1942

n. Miss Estella M. Slaven, The Public Library, Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1942; response from Uhler, November 6, 1942

o. C.O. Williams, Chairman, The Pennsylvania State College, School of Education, State College, Pennsylvania, Committee on Records and Recommendations, October 14, 1942; response from Uhler, November 6, 1942

p. Mrs. Joseph Porter Clarke, Jr., Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1942; response from Uhler, October 16, 1942

q. Mrs. Francesco Biamonte, October 16, 1942

r. J. Frank Faust, Superintendent, Chambersburg Public Schools, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1942; response from Uhler, November 6, 1942

s. Ralph B. Mitchell, 2nd Lieutenant, A.C., Boca Raton, Florida, October 16, 1942; response from Uhler, November 6, 1942

t. Robert L. Clark, Jr., Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, McKeesport, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1942; response from Uhler, October 19, 1942

u. Private Telford B. Blough, Camp Pickett, Virginia, October 19, 1942; response from Uhler, November 6, 1942

v. Theodore A. Distler, President, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, October 19, 1942; response from Uhler, October 21, 1942

w. Henry Klonower, Director, Teacher Education and Certification, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, October 19, 1942; response from Uhler, November 6, 1942

x. Miss Elmira Martin, Conemaugh, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1942; response from Uhler, November 6, 1942

y. Mabel C. Markert, Secretary, Philadelphia Chapter of Indiana State Teachers College Alumni Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 21, 1942; response from Uhler, October 23, 1942

z. Mrs. Helen Egleston, Silver Springs, Maryland, October 22, 1942; response from Uhler, November 6, 1942
a. Guy N. Hartman, Superintendent, Somerset County Schools, Somerset, Pennsylvania, October 22, 1942; response from Uhler, November 6, 1942
b. Grace Eshenower, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1942; response from Uhler, October 29, 1942
c. Mrs. Herbert (Helen) W. Goebert, Coatsville, Pennsylvania, October 25, 1942; response from Uhler, October 29, 1942
d. Lieutenant Ralph A. Harrison, Hunter Field, Savannah, Georgia, October 24, 1942; response from Uhler, November 9, 1942
e. Mrs. Joseph Dougherty, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, October 25, 1942; response from Uhler, November 3, 1942
f. Miss Margaret Jeffrey, Trauger, Pennsylvania, October 25, 1942; response from Uhler, November 6, 1942
g. Miss Sara M. Pollock, New Alexandria, Pennsylvania, October 26, 1942; response from Uhler, October 29, 1942
h. PFC J.R. Davis, San Francisco, California, October 27, 1942; response from Uhler, October 29, 1942
j. J. Reppell Moorhead, Attorney at Law, Indiana, Pennsylvania, October 27, 1942; response from Uhler, November 7, 1942
k. Mr. George B. Hunter, Secretary, School District of the City of Johnstown, Central High School, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1942; response from Uhler, November 7, 1942
m. Harvey A. Heath, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, Business Administration Department and Commercial Education Department, October 30, 1942; response from Uhler, November 19, 1942
n. Miss Edna Froyd, Clearfield, Pennsylvania, November 1, 1942; response from Uhler, November 20, 1942
o. Louis C. Nanassy, Irvington High School, Irvington, New Jersey, November 2, 1942; response from Uhler, November 20, 1942
p. Miss Sara M. Stewart, Cleveland, Ohio, November 2, 1942; response from Uhler, November 20, 1942
q. Richard Madden, Director of Teacher Training, San Diego State College, San Diego, California, November 9, 1942; response from Uhler, November 23, 1942
r. Mr. Franklin S. Riley, Hanover, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1942; response from Uhler, November 19, 1942
s. George R. Cressman, President, State Teachers College Faculties Association in Pennsylvania, November 10, 1942; response from Uhler, November 19, 1942
u. Robert J. Pilgram, Franklin and Marshall College, Office of Alumni Secretary, November 13, 1942
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7. Pamphlets
   a. *The Graduate School, University of Pittsburgh: A study of representative attitudes of the public on certain pertinent school issues*, data gathered by J. M. Uhler, Indiana State Teachers College, no date (circa 1940) blank form
   c. *The Open House at Uhler Hall* (Classroom building), May 23, 1964

8. Newspaper Articles
   b. *In Memoriam: The Late Dr. Joseph M. Uhler*, n.d. (1947)

Series III: Speeches
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9. Miscellaneous Speeches
   a. *Dear Classmates* (notes for the future class), Shippensburg Class Reunion, reunion May 25, 1940, work completed June 11, 1940
   b. *Dr. Uhler’s Address*, Alumni Luncheon, 1944
   c. *Speech in Honor of Dr. Walsh*, n.d.
   e. *Vespers*, September 17, 1944

Series IV: Genealogy
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10. *Genealogy of the Uhler Family from the year 1735 to the Younger Generation* (copy), compiled by George H. Uhler, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, 1835
11. Brown Leather Bi-Fold Wallet (1940s)
   a. State Young Men’s Christian Association of Pennsylvania (YMCA), membership card, sustaining member since 1947
   b. American Public Welfare Association, membership card, associate member with dues paid August 8, 1947
   c. State Young Men’s Christian Association of Pennsylvania (YMCA), 75th Anniversary membership card, n.d.
   d. Pennzoil Operated Station Card, account charge card, Dr. J.M. Uhler, State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania, 1947-1948, valid until January 1, 1949
   e. Kiwanis Club of Indiana, Pennsylvania, membership card, 1947
   f. Kappa Delta Pi, Beta Gamma Chapter, membership card, April 3, 1937
   g. The Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County, membership card, December 31, 1945-1946
   h. American Association of School Administrators, A Department of the National Education Association, membership card, 1947
   i. Phi Delta Kappa, Xi Campus Chapter, official receipt for membership dues, 1947
   j. Phi Delta Kappa, Xi Campus Chapter, official receipt for membership dues, 1948
   k. Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Coudersport, Pennsylvania, Coudersport Consistory and Co-ordinate Bodies, Bro Joseph M. Uhler, State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania, membership card, 1947
   l. Young Men’s Christian Association at State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania, membership card, February 4, 1947
   m. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Sheriffs State Association, membership card, Conemaugh Cambria County, 1942
   n. Women’s Field Army, American Society for the Control of Cancer, Inc., certificate of enlistment, n.d.
   o. Pennzoil Operated Station Card, account charge card, Dr. J.M. Uhler, State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania, valid until January 1, 1947
   p. Blood Type Record, J.M. Uhler, Indiana, Pennsylvania, February 1942
   s. Doctoral Association of Educators, University of Pittsburgh, membership card, April 1946–April 1947
   t. Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 753, Indiana, Pennsylvania, membership card, February 6, 1947
   v. William S. Daugherty Royal Arch Chapter No. 313, Indiana, Pennsylvania, membership card, October 26, 1945
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1. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo, standing on far right in second row, graduates of C.V.S.N.S. class of 1905, mounted, by Miller Photo, 1905
3. Joseph M. Uhler, individual photo, sitting sixth from left in fifth row, n.d.
4. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo, standing fourth in from right in fourth row, mounted, 1899
5. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo, sitting third in from right in front row, mounted, by Miller Photo, n.d.
7. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo, Kiwanis Club of Indiana, Pennsylvania, standing sixth in from left in second row, compliments of Clymer Water Service Company, August 7, 1933

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   b. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo, standing in center between Emmert (Physics) to the right and Saunders (Physical Education) to the left, n.d.
   e. Young Joseph M. Uhler, center, portrait of three young men, mounted, imprint of C.V.S.N.S., by C.A. Laughlin, n.d.
   f. Joseph M. Uhler, individual portrait, color, framed, n.d.
   g. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo, standing second from left, Conemaugh High School, Fall 1913
h. Photographs during Uhler’s presidency at ISTC:
   i. Joseph M. Uhler, sitting at desk with woman standing, President at ISTC, Indiana, Pennsylvania, 1942-1947
   iii. Joseph M. Uhler, standing on far right on stage with two women, President at ISTC, Indiana, Pennsylvania, 1942-1947
   iv. Joseph M. Uhler, standing at podium shaking woman’s (Martha Jane Moder?) hand and presenting certificate, President at ISTC, Indiana, Pennsylvania, 1942-1947

2. Photographs 8x10
   b. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo, seated first from right, mounted, n.d.
   c. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo, seated on man’s shoulders in back row, mounted, n.d.
   d. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo, operating projector in classroom with ladies seated at desks, n.d.
   e. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo at boardroom table, seated back corner of table close to doorway, n.d.
   f. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo, Education Department, front row from left: Guy Pratt Davis, Lillian McClain, Joseph M. Uhler, unknown, Jane McGrath; back row from left: Harold Camp, Richberger, Tobias Chew, Ralph Beard, n.d.
   g. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo with grade school students, standing first from left in second row, mounted, n.d.
   h. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo with grade school students, standing second from left, mounted, n.d.
   i. Larger mounted copy of photo h.
   j. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo of two couples, first on left front row, seated with Naomi Dohner (Uhler) in front of tree stump, mounted, n.d.
   k. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo of school students, standing first from left in third row, n.d.
   m. Joseph M. Uhler, individual portrait, mounted and matted, n.d.

3. Photographs 8x10
   a. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo with young students, standing alone in back, n.d.
   b. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo with four women, by Fletcher Studio, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, n.d.
   c. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo of students, standing far right, Conemaugh, Pennsylvania, n.d.
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f. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo, standing between two women in front of schoolhouse, 1904

g. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo of students, standing far right, compliments of A.A. Uroyer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 1905. (Mucingie School?)

h. Photo of school building in winter, Conemaugh Schools, Pennsylvania, Joseph M. Uhler, Superintendent, 1912-1924

i. Joseph M. Uhler and Mrs. Uhler in Presidents Apartment, State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania, 1946

j. Young Joseph M. Uhler, standing next to large boulders, mounted, by L. Mumper photographer, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, n.d.

k. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo, standing back of classroom on left, students seated at desks, mounted, n.d.

l. Joseph M. Uhler, group photo, standing in the center of the back row, n.d.