



Research Guide: Ferris State History

This research guide is a bibliography listing some of the available reference sources on Ferris State University history. Please note that many of these materials including the Ferris Collection are located in the University Archives. For further information on University Archives hours and access policies, please check the University Archives and Records Management Program website at <http://www.ferris.edu/library/SpecCollections/archives.html>.

General Sources

Autobiography of W.N. Ferris: This autobiography, published and edited in 1995, provides Woodbridge Ferris's views on his life as written during his Senate career. Further chapters are written by his son Carleton Ferris.

Located in Main Stacks, Lower Level: F 566 .F47 A3 1995

A Century of Opportunity: A Centennial History of Ferris State College: This history was written as part of the centennial, providing an overview of school history. It was written by a former director of the College Public Relations Office.

Located in Reference: LD 1771 .F477 D48 1982

Crimson and Gold / Ferriscope [1909-1930, 1950-1986]: The Ferris yearbook, which was not published during the Depression, provides snapshots of campus life, graduates, and organizations active in the University. It does not provide much textual history.

Located in Reference: LD 1771 .F47 F47

Establishment and Growth of Ferris Institute, 1884-1960: The thesis considers the curricular development in the first century of Ferris Institute.

Located in Ferris Collection: LD 1771 .F477 N67 1962

Ferris Comes of Age: The Years of Transition, 1946-1963: Written by a Ferris governing board member, this book details the acceptance of Ferris by the State of Michigan, the transformation from the private Ferris Institute to Ferris State College, and related legislative activities.

Located in Reference: LD 1771 .F477 N93 1983

The Ferris' Christmas Greeting Messages, 1909-1927: The book gives a glimpse into early Ferris Institute Christmas celebrations, when every holiday provided a lesson for the student body.

Located in Main Stacks, 3rd floor: LD 1771 .F469 F42

Ferris Expositor [1956-1973]: This in-house newsletter for staff provides information on activities and issues of the campus. The 1970 anniversary issue details school history.

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Ferris Institute as a Private School, 1884-1952: This work details the chronological evolution from a proprietary establishment to a state institution. It focuses on Woodbridge Ferris's educational philosophy as a guiding principle.

Located in Ferris Collection: LD 1771 .F477 B97 1970

The Ferris Six: Forced Unionization & Compulsory Speech v. the United States

Constitution: The refusal of some Ferris faculty members to join the union lead to a Supreme Court decision banning the use of mandatory union contributions for political campaigns. This book is a first-person account of this legal struggle written by Elmer S. Junker, one of the "Ferris Six."

Located in Main Stacks, 3rd floor: LD 1771 .F469 J86 1995

Ferris Torch / Ferris Weekly [1932 – present]: Weekly student newspaper detailing issues and events of the time period. This publication is written by Ferris students with the help of a staff advisor.

Located in University Archives

FYI [1972 – present]: Staff newsletter which succeeded the *Ferris Expositor*, *FYI* provides coverage on events and issues of importance to Ferris staff.

Located in University Archives

History of Ferris Institute, 1884-1947: This history synopsis was written in preparation for the Woodbridge Ferris centennial in 1953 and for the new president Byron Brophy by Public Relations director Roy Newton.

Located in University Archives

History of Ferris State College: A Report: This booklet focuses on the first forty years of Ferris Institute.

Located in Ferris Collection: LD 1771 .F477 J86 1967

Report to the President from the Centennial Task Force, 1980-1984: Written as part of the centennial history celebrations, this booklet details activities which occurred, the goals and the planning process.

Located in Main Stacks, 3rd floor: LD 1771 .F477 R4 1984

The Sayings of W.N. Ferris: Provides quotations of Woodbridge Ferris used in public speeches and correspondence. Indexed by topic.

Located in Main Stacks, 3rd floor: PN 6269 .A2 F47 1983

Souvenir of Big Rapids, Michigan: Home of Ferris Institute. Historical Sketch: This booklet provides a capsule view of Ferris and Big Rapids from the 1920s, including photographs and statistics.

Located in Ferris Collection: LD 1771 .F4777 S6