

**William Paterson University:**  
**Arcadia Campus History**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** William Paterson University

**Title:** *William Paterson University* – Campus History Series  
Arcadia Press, 2005

**Dates:** 1855-2005

**Abstract:** Collection of over two hundred photographs of William Paterson University from 1855 – 2005. Most were published in the Arcadia Campus History Series book, *William Paterson University*, compiled by Prof. Vincent Parrillo, to commemorate the University's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Photos are arranged in folders per the chapters in the book, providing a comprehensive visual history of William Paterson University from its earliest stages as Paterson Normal School to its current status as a University.

**Quantity:** 8 folders

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## Sketch

The **Paterson Normal School** was created in April, 1855 to provide professional training to practicing teachers, and later expanded to include prospective teachers with a two year training period. Recognizing that teacher education was the responsibility of the State, NJ assumed control of the institution in 1923 when it changed its name to **Paterson City Normal School**. A four year curriculum was not introduced until 1937.

Beginning in 1936 the school offered general education courses to students not planning on a teaching career. The following year the school became the **New Jersey State Teachers College at Paterson**, a name that remained until 1958.

The college underwent its most rapid expansion in the period from 1954 until 1966. In addition to moving from Paterson to Wayne, the college instituted a new graduate Division, expanded the number of buildings, including resident halls, and gained accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. In 1958 the school became **Paterson State College**. Enrollment went from 531 students and 35 faculty in 1955 to 2,672 students and 212 faculty and librarians in 1966.

In 1967, the college, by state mandate, was transformed into a multipurpose liberal arts institution and became **William Paterson College**, named after New Jersey's patriot and statesman. In 1997, the school became **William Paterson University of New Jersey**, enrolling over 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students in twenty-nine departments taught by over 500 faculty.

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## Scope and Content Note

The photographs in this collection date from 1855-2005. Some of the photographs are original b/w, while others are photocopies and reprints. A CD disk contains scanned photographs of the collection used in the book. Information about the format is noted in the folders.

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## Arrangement Note

The photographs are separated into a series of eight folders, each corresponding to a chapter in **William Paterson University**. The contents of each folder is arranged by number, corresponding to the photograph number in the book. Example, the first photograph in the book is number 1, the last photograph in the book is 227 – each is labeled 1-227 in the folders.

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## **Name and Subject Index Terms**

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Arcadia Publishing  
Campus History Series, The  
Hyman, Seymour C.  
McKeefery, William J.  
New Jersey State Teachers College at Paterson  
Olsen, James Karge  
Parrillo, Vincent  
Paterson City Normal School  
Paterson Normal School  
Paterson State College  
Paterson State Normal School  
Speert, Arnold  
William Paterson College  
William Paterson University

### **Subject Index Terms**

Colleges and Universities  
Colleges and Universities-Cultural Events  
Colleges and Universities-Faculty  
Colleges and Universities-New Jersey History  
Colleges and Universities-Presidents  
New Jersey Educational History  
New Jersey History  
Paterson History  
Paterson History-Colleges and Universities