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# JAMES FULTON ZIMMERMAN

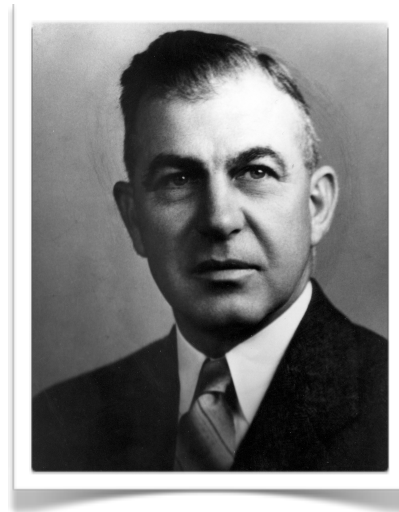
## **7th University President**

Served 1927 - 1944

Born Glen Allen, Missouri

September 11, 1887

Dr. Zimmerman made a concerted effort to increase the enrollment of the University by contacting every school superintendent in the state and promoting the University.



## **Education**

Dr. Zimmerman received his A.B. and A.M. from Vanderbilt and his Ph.D. from Columbia in 1925.

## **Career**

James Zimmerman was a professor of political science from which he was elevated to the Presidency of the University within 2 years.

## **University Activities**

Dr. Zimmerman entered upon an intensive building program, broadening of scholastic interests, adding of new departments a post-graduate course of studies and scientific research was supported.

# University of New Mexico Presidents

The University Press was moved to the campus in 1930 coordinating efforts with the Museum of New Mexico and the School of American Research. After the relocation of the Press, the University began publication of The New Mexico Quarterly in 1931 and ended after several successful decades in the Spring of 1969.

Many important buildings were constructed during Dr. Zimmerman's tenure including the library (Zimmerman), the administration building (Scholes Hall), the student union building (anthropology complex) and the athletic field and stadium (torn down in 1970). The University contracted with John Gaw Meem of Santa Fe to design the first 3 mentioned buildings and really define the pueblo style of architecture on campus. Dr. Tigh's dream of "a pueblo on the mesa" was being fulfilled.

In 1933, the University was approved officially by the Association of American Universities.

James Zimmerman received the honor of being named the President of the Coronado Cuarto Centennial Commission which sponsored the historical pageants of 1940, established the Coronado State Monument and sponsored the Bandalier series of historical publications.

The celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the University was officially held on June 4 and June 5.

Dr. Zimmerman died October 20, 1944 after being stricken with coronary thrombosis. The portrait of James Zimmerman located in the University library was unveiled on Sunday February 9, 1947. The artist was Charles Polowetski.

The duties of the President were given to a Board composed of the College Deans and the comptroller until a new President assumed these duties.

**James Fulton Zimmerman**

Excerpt from William E. Davis' Miracle on the Mesa.

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