OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Dept. of Education.
Series Title: Reorganization proposals.
Quantity: 2.6 cu. ft. (2 boxes and 2 partial boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Two sets of files relating to the reorganization and consolidation of the state’s school districts. The first set was kept by John McKee, school district reorganization supervisor for the north/northwest section of the state. Many of the materials relate to the work of reorganization consultants W. E. Hanson, Eugene Meyer, and B. N. Hendrickson and mainly detail their work with the various county superintendents. Included in the files are correspondence and statistics sheets documenting various aspects of the survey, including assessment values, population trends, orders issued by school boards, and school districts' receipts and cash on hand.

The second set of files includes mimeographed materials, printed flyers, and correspondence between Director of Rural Education T. C. Engum and reorganization consultants B. N. Hendrickson and W. E. Hanson, documenting activities throughout the state. They also contain correspondence about specific consolidation proposals, tax impact notices and compilations, lists of school officers, correspondence and petitions for and against specific consolidation proposals, maps, and newspaper clippings.

Also included with these records is a small set of correspondence between Rural Education Director Engum and the State Advisory Commission on School Reorganization, primarily discussing activities of the commission.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

The main files are arranged in two alphabetical series by county name.
INDEX TERMS

These records are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:
- Educational surveys—Minnesota.
- School boards—Minnesota.
- School districts—Minnesota—Boundaries.
- School districts—Minnesota—Finance.
- School districts—Minnesota—Officials and employees—Registers.
- School management and organization—Minnesota.
- Schools—Centralization—Minnesota.

Persons:
- Engum, T. C. (Theodore C.).
- Hanson, W. E.
- Hendrickson, B. N.
- McKee, John.
- Meyer, Eugene.

Organizations:
- Minnesota. State Advisory Commission on School Reorganization.

Types of Documents:
- Maps.
- Clippings.

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McKee files, 1946-1957. Two alphabetical series of files kept by John McKee, school district reorganization supervisor for the north/northwest section of the state; one arranged by county, the other by city. Many relate to the work of reorganization consultants W. E. Hanson, Eugene Meyer, and B. N. Hendrickson.

- County, 1946-1953. 16 folders.
  - Aitkin, 1948-1951.
  - Benton, 1953.
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Files kept by Engum, including correspondence with
reorganization consultants B. N. Hendrickson and W. E. Hanson.
Aitkin County, 1953-1956.
Includes annual report for Independent Consolidated School
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Especially Fridley and Centerville areas.
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McLeod County, District Nos. 31 and 36 into Stewart, 1952.
Meeker County, Grove City Proposal, 1953.
Mille Lacs County, Onamia, 1948-1950.
Olmsted County, 1953-1954.
   Dahlke court case
Olmsted County, Byron Proposal, 1956.
Otter Tail County, Deer Creek Proposal, 1953-1955.
Otter Tail County, District No. 119 and Elbow Lake, 1951-1952.
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Polk and Red Lake counties, Brooks-Erskine-Plummer Proposal,
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Stevens County, 1957-1958.
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