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**HENNEPIN COUNTY**  
**Independent School District No. 286, Brooklyn Center**  
**An Inventory of Its Records**

**OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS**

- Agency:** Minnesota. Independent School District No. 286 (Brooklyn Center).
- Series Title:** Records,
- Dates:** 1877-1990.
- Abstract:** Administrative, financial, and curriculum records of the Brooklyn Center school district, and materials on the history of the Earle Brown Elementary School.
- Quantity:** 5.5 cu. ft. (6 boxes).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

**ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY OF I.S.D. No. 286**

The Earle Brown School. Established as Hennepin County School District No. 118 in June 1877; became Common School District No. 587 in 1957. Renamed Independent School District No. 286 on June 24, 1958.

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS**

Clerk's books (1884-1952), treasurer's records (1877-1970), financial records (1958-1990), attendance registers (1884-1947), classification records (1895-1929), censuses (1927-1967), superintendent's (1969-1974) and teacher's (1932-1944) annual reports, student newsletters (1941), and records of various groups (1961-1978), including the administration, faculty council, high school education advisory committee, and educational planning task force. There are also miscellaneous programs, faculty, personnel, and student lists, textbook and library records, a survey (1956) and historical study (1967) of the district, and files covering such topics as programming, salaries, remodeling, teacher load, the Earle Brown farm, and land improvement and acquisition.

The records also document the Earle Brown Elementary School; including scrapbooks (1958-1972), photographs (1910-1974), clippings (1964-1971), and files covering the school's buildings (1958-1978) and a fire at the school (1967).

## REALTED MATERIALS

A few Earle Brown Elementary School yearbooks are found in the Minnesota Historical Society book collections.

## INDEX TERMS

*This collection is 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 planning--Minnesota--Hennepin County.  
Elementary school buildings--Minnesota--Hennepin County.  
Faculty (Education)--Minnesota--Hennepin County--Registers.  
School buildings--Maintenance and repair--Minnesota--Hennepin County.  
School districts--Minnesota--Hennepin County--Officials and employees--Salaries, etc.  
School districts--Minnesota--Hennepin County--Officials and employees--Registers.  
School lands--Minnesota--Hennepin County.  
School libraries--Minnesota--Hennepin County.  
School management and organization--Minnesota--Hennepin County.  
Schools--Centralization--Minnesota--Hennepin County.  
Schools--Minnesota--Hennepin County--Finance.  
Schools--Minnesota--Hennepin County--Fire and fire prevention.  
Schools--Minnesota--Hennepin County--History.  
Student newspapers and periodicals--Minnesota--Hennepin County.  
Students--Minnesota--Hennepin County--Registers.  
Teachers--Minnesota--Hennepin County--Workload.  
Textbooks--Minnesota--Hennepin County.

### Places:

Brooklyn Center (Minn.).

**Organizations:**

Minnesota. Common School District No. 587 (Brooklyn Center).  
Earle Brown Farm (Brooklyn Center, Minn.).  
Earle Brown Elementary School (Brooklyn Center, Minn.)--Photographs.  
Earle Brown Elementary School (Brooklyn Center, Minn.)--History.  
Hennepin County (Minn.). School District No. 118 (Brooklyn Center).

**Types of Documents:**

Student records--Minnesota--Hennepin County.  
School census--Minnesota--Hennepin County.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Preferred Citation:**

*[Indicate the cited volume and page or item and folder title here].* Minnesota Independent School District No. 286 (Brooklyn Center). Records. Minnesota Historical Society. State Archives.

*See the Chicago Manual of Style for additional examples.*

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
110.K.15.1B	1	Clerk's Books, 1884-1952. 28 volumes, 3 folders. 1884-1888 1889-1894 1894-1897 1897-1900 1901-1904 (folder) 1904-1906 1909-1915 1915-1916 1915-1919 1916 (folder) 1920-1927 (folder) 1929-1934 1935-1940 1940-1941 1941 1942 1942-1943 1943 1943-1944 1944. 2 volumes. 1944-1945 1946 1947-1948. 2 volumes. 1948-1949 1949 1949-1950 1950 1950-1951 1951-1952

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
110.K.15.2F	2	Treasurer's Books, 1877-1886, 1917-1948. 11 volumes, 1 folder. 1877-1886 (folder) 1917-1921 1921-1924 1924-1926 1932-1936 1940-1941 1941-1943 1943-1944 1944-1945 1945-1946 1946-1947 1947-1948
110.K.15.3B	3	Audit Reports, 1958-1987 (complete). 9 folders. Budgets, 1966/1967-1989/1990. 9 folders. Textbook Record, undated [1918?], 1899, 1904, 1928-1930. 2 volumes, 2 folders. Library Record, 1909-1915. 1 folder. Attendance Registers, undated [1930s-1940s], 1884-1947. 10 folders.
110.K.15.2F	2	Classification Reports, 1901-1906. 1 folder. Lists of Eighth Grade Graduates, 1941-1948. 1 folder. Lists of Pupils Attending the Minneapolis Public Schools, 1947-1948. 1 folder.
110.K.15.4F	4	School Censuses, 1927-1956. 8 folders. School Censuses, 1940-1967 (incomplete). 1 folder. Classification Registers, 1895-1900, 1913-1929. 1 folder, 11 volumes. 1895-1900 1913-1916 (folder)
108.I.12.7B-1	6	1919-1924 1920-1923 1923-1926 1924-1927. 2 volumes.
110.K.15.4F	4	1927-1929. 2 volumes. 1928-1929. 3 volumes.

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110.K.15.4F	4	<p>Eighth Grade Class Exercises Program, 1942. 1 folder. Humboldt Avenue Condemnation Report, 1949. 1 folder. "Our Classroom on Wheels" Itinerary, 1949. 1 folder. Personnel Lists, undated, 1947-1951. 1 folder. Petitions, undated, 1915-1916, 1940-1948. 1 folder. Program of Studies and Activities, 1940-1948. 1 folder. Salary Schedule, 1949. 1 folder. Sample Ballots, undated [1930s-1940s], 1916. 1 folder. School Remodeling Papers, 1916-1931. 1 folder. Suggested Teacher Load, 1941-1942. 1 folder. Teacher's Annual Reports, 1932-1944 (incomplete). 1 folder. Treasurer's Annual Reports, 1905-1944 (incomplete). 1 folder. Works Progress Administration Construction Project Papers, 1938. 1 folder.</p>
110.K.15.5B	5	<p>Superintendent's Annual Reports, 1969/1970-1970/1971, 1972/1973-1973/1974. 4 folders. Administrative Meeting Minutes, 1961-1971. 1 folder. Faculty Council Minutes, 1963-1970. 2 folders. High School Office Education Advisory Committee, 1968. 1 folder. Educational Planning Task Force: Steering Committee Report, 1978. 1 folder. A School Survey of the Earle Brown School District, 1956. 1 folder.     Report submitted to the School Board and the Citizens Committee by Theodore R. Rix. Earle Brown Farm, 1953-1968. 2 folders. Land Improvement, 1964-1970. 1 folder. Land Acquisition, 1952-1966. 1 folder. A Historical Study of Independent School District No. 286: 1877-1967, 1967. 1 folder.     Master's thesis by Warren H. Olson, Brooklyn Center High School teacher. "Brown's Bray" (student newsletter), 1941. 1 folder. "Brown's Light" (student newsletter), 1941. 1 folder. <i>(box part empty)</i></p>

**Location**      **Box**

**Earle Brown Elementary School Records**

110.K.15.5B	5	Memories of my School Days, undated [1950s]. 1 volume in folder. Pocket-size, spiral-bound compilation of unidentified pictures of staff and pupils.
108.I.12.7B-2	7	Scrapbooks, 1958-1972. 3 volumes. 1958-1960. This scrapbook was compiled for a retirement party for Caroline Haertel, Earle Brown Elementary School teacher, 1929-1960, and includes photographs of pupils and staff, and printed items concerning the school, not just Haertel. 1963-1964. 1964-1972.
110.K.15.4F	4	Photographs, undated [1930s-1950s], 1910-1974. 7 folders. Primarily black and white photographs of various sizes depicting school activities (including science projects, trips, skits, Pioneer Days), individual and group shots of pupils and staff, and of school facilities. Undated and 1910-1974. 6 folders.
108.I.12.7B-2	7	Class of 1952 Reunion (1960), and other activities. 1 oversize folder.
110.K.15.4F	4	Earle Brown Elementary School Fire, 1967. 1 folder. Earle Brown School Buildings History, 1958-1978. 1 folder. Newspaper Clippings, 1964-1971. 1 folder.