OMBSDSMAN FOR CORRECTIONS
An Inventory of The Files of Theartrice Williams

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OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Series Title: Files of Theartrice Williams.
Quantity: 2.5 cu. ft. (2 boxes and 1 partial box).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Files kept by Theartrice Williams, Minnesota's first Ombudsman for Corrections, serving from 1972-1982. The files, which include correspondence, budget materials, reports, and related materials, provide a fairly accurate look at conditions in Minnesota's prisons in the 1970s, particularly through the incident and deaths/suicides files from the Minnesota State Prison and State Reformatory for Men. Also documented are the office's relations with the state's various correctional institutions, particularly the Stillwater prison; the Department of Corrections; and the Governor's Commission on Crime Prevention and Control.

Housed with Williams' files are a chronological series of official recommendations to corrections agency officials suggesting specific administrative actions (1972-1978). They include correspondence and related documents.

RELATED MATERIALS

Copies of the official recommendations housed in this series may also be found in the Ombudsman for Corrections' Client files (cataloged separately).
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:
- Correctional institutions--Minnesota.
- Corrections--Minnesota.
- Ombudsman--Minnesota.
- Prison administration--Minnesota.
- Prison discipline--Minnesota.
- Prison homicide--Minnesota.
- Prison violence--Minnesota.
- Prisoners--Minnesota--Deaths--Photographs.
- Prisoners--Suicidal behavior--Minnesota.
- Reformatories--Minnesota.

Persons:
- Williams, Theartrice.

Organizations:
- Minnesota. Dept. of Corrections.
- Minnesota State Prison (Stillwater, Minn.).
- Minnesota State Reformatory for Men.

Types of Documents:
- Photographs.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions:
- Contain private data (see Minn. Stat. 13/66). Access is governed by an interagency agreement with the Ombudsman for Corrections.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box number shown below. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.

Location

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Administration budget, 1972-1974. 2 folders.
American Bar Association: Grievance Mechanism Profile No. 1, [ca. 1974].
General correspondence, 1972-1978. 8 folders.
Correspondence with specific institutions, 1972-1981. 9 folders.
Minnesota Home School, Sauk Centre, 1974-1976.
Minnesota Security Hospital, St. Peter, 1974-1976.
State Reformatory for Men, St. Cloud, 1974-1978. 2 folders.
Willow River Camp, 1974-1976.
Correspondence with Minnesota Corrections Board, 1973-1977.
The Ombudsman’s Annual Reports: A Discussion Paper by Stanley V. Anderson, Professor of Political Science, University of California at Santa Barbara, September 1976.
Ombudsman case study, [ca. 1975].
Recommendations for Juvenile Institutions, October 1974.
Staff conferences, 1975.
Department of Corrections, 1972-1977. 7 folders.
Correspondence, 1973-1977. 2 folders.
Health Advisory Committee minutes, 1976-1977.
Health care, 1972-1975.
  5 folders.
  Grant, 1972-1976.  3 folders.
  Consultation Report, [ca. 1976].
  Information handbook, January 1975.
  Inmate Advisory Council, 1972-1975.  3 folders.
  Minutes, 1972-1975.  2 folders.
Lockup and other jail rules, 1974-1977.
Maximum Custody Unit, 1975.
Mediation, State Reformatory for Men, St. Cloud, 1974-1975.
Medical treatment guidelines, May 27, 1977.
Parole contact analysis, July 1977-April 1978.
  Incidents took place at Minnesota State Prison at Stillwater and State Reformatory for Men at St. Cloud. There is one file from the Minnesota Correctional Institution for Women at Shakopee.
  Some files contain graphic photographs.
Bradshaw, No. 28490, State Reformatory for Men, September 13, 1977.
Location

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Holtz, No. 40-1584, Minnesota Correctional Institution for Women,
Shakopee, October 25, 1974.
King, No. 25636, Minnesota State Prison, September 25, 1974.
Moose, No. 25438, Minnesota State Prison, November 16, 1974.
Morgan, No. 28483, State Reformatory for Men, June 17, 1977.
Sporleder, No. 25131, Minnesota State Prison, September 14, 1974.


Other Investigation/Incident Reports, 1972-1977. 20 folders.

Incident at St. Cloud, August 5, 1973.
Investigation of an inmate fight with racial overtones.
Behavior reports.
Summons of prisoners/prison personnel for hearings.
Hearing transcript, pages 100-140, September 17, 1973.
Also includes statements by inmate Buford, 25 pages;
hearing officer Haiden, 8 pages; inmate Crawford, 13 pages;
and Deputy Commissioner Milt Olson, 2 pages.

Incident File, A-H.
Additions to Incident file.
Incident at St. Cloud, April 3, 1974.
State Reformatory for Men Reports v. Williams and Richardson,
August 30, 1974.
Minnesota State Prison: Maximum Custody Unit, June 1975.
Willow River Incident, October 1976.
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