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## RED WING STATE TRAINING SCHOOL An Inventory of Its Subject Files

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### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

**Agency:** Minnesota State Training School for Boys.  
**Series Title:** Subject files.  
**Dates:** 1891-1999.  
**Quantity:** 2.4 cu. ft. (4 boxes).  
**Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Correspondence, reports, and related materials covering such topics as an adult re-entry program, Dining Hall restoration, budgets, employees, institution history, visitors from Estonia (1992-1993), a 1911 complaint against Superintendent F. A. Whittier, secure detention cottage, group therapy, and discipline.

Also found in these files are administration, program, group leaders, safety committee, and Protestant Altar Guild meeting minutes; general brochures; samples of residents' school work; oral history transcripts and reminiscences; a Volunteer Services Center scrapbook; Selective Service reports; staff bulletins and memoranda; articles about the school featured in the state employee newsletter, *Capital News*; maps of the grounds; and programs from Christmas, music and theater events, commencements, and baptism and confirmation services.

**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:**

Christmas—Minnesota.  
 Church work with juvenile delinquents—Minnesota.  
 Criminals—Rehabilitation—Minnesota.  
 Draft registration—Minnesota.  
 Estonia—Foreign relations—1991-.  
 Female juvenile delinquents—Minnesota.  
 Group psychotherapy—Minnesota.  
 Historic buildings—Minnesota—Conservation and restoration.  
 Juvenile corrections—Minnesota.  
 Juvenile delinquents—Education—Minnesota.  
 Juvenile delinquents—Institutional care—Minnesota.  
 Juvenile delinquents—Minnesota—Discipline.  
 Juvenile detention homes—Minnesota—Finance.  
 Juvenile detention homes—Minnesota—Maps.  
 Juvenile detention homes—Minnesota—Officials and employees.  
 Juvenile detention homes—Minnesota—Security.  
 Juvenile justice, Administration of—Minnesota.  
 Prisoners—Return to society—Minnesota.  
 Releasing.  
 Schools—Exercises and recreations—Minnesota.  
 Volunteer workers in corrections—Minnesota.  
 Women in church work—Protestant churches—Minnesota.

**Places:**

Red Wing (Minn.).

**Persons:**

Hertensteiner, Carl J.  
 Pung, Orville B.  
 Tiede, Tom.  
 Whittier, F. A.

**Organizations:**

Minnesota. State Board of Control.  
 Minnesota State Reform School.  
 Minnesota State Training School for Boys—History.  
 Minnesota. State Training School for Boys and Girls, Red Wing.

**Types of Documents:**

Maps.  
Statistics.

**Titles:**

Capitol news (Saint Paul, Minn.).

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Restrictions:**

Many of these files contain private information on individual prisoners; restricted files are noted on the volume/folder list. Researchers may apply to use those files in accordance with the State Archives access statement.

**Preferred Citation:**

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS**

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

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
111.K.11.4F	1	Administration meeting minutes, 1986-1992. 7 folders. Twice monthly meetings of the school's administrators. Adult Re-Entry Program, 1978-1979. 4 folders. Correspondence, 1978-1979. Procedural manual, 1978. Reference manual, 1978. Resident manual, 1978. Alumni lists, undated, [1970s]. <b>RESTRICTED</b> Annual inventory, January 1, 1940. Annual inventory, January 1, 1941. Board of Managers biographies, 1988. Collected by Truman Ingersoll. Brochures, undated, 1930-1990. Building specifications, July 31, 1986.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.H.7.3B-2	2	Calendar, December 1988 – December 1989. 1 volume. Includes campus scenes, photographs, and history.
111.K.11.4F	1	Capital Budget Project proposal, October 1997. <i>Capitol News</i> , December 1961-1967. 2 folders. Articles about the Training School; written by C. J. Hertensteiner for the state employees official publication.  Christmas events programs, 1925-1965. <b>RESTRICTED</b> Commencement programs, 1927-1969. <b>RESTRICTED</b> Incomplete.  Committee lists, 1992. Confirmation and baptism service programs, undated, 1947-1961. <b>RESTRICTED</b> Dining Hall restoration, 1971-1991. 5 folders. Includes Historic Preservation Feasibility Study, Miller Dunwiddie, Architects, December 1974.  Diplomas, 1932, 1949. <b>RESTRICTED</b> Employees, 1934-1985. 5 folders. Lists, 1962-1968. Miscellaneous, undated, [1960s-1970s], 1985. New hires, 1934-1940. Dismissed and left service, 1934-1940. Retirement parties, 1975, 1978. Financial documents, miscellaneous, [1891?], 1916, 1926. Follow-Up Study of Two Years Following Parole for the Calendar Years 1969, 1970, 1971, and 1972, [ca. 1974]. Goodhue County Fair, August 1988. Governor Jesse Ventura's visit, March 19, 1999. Group leaders meetings, December 1969 - May 1971. 2 folders. Weekly meetings of the Guided Group Interaction program leaders, a program in group therapy.  Historical materials, undated, [1970s] - [ca. 1999]. 3 folders. History of Parole in Minnesota, undated. History: An Institution Reborn, 1969, by Orville Pung, Assistant Superintendent; History of the State Training School, [1970s]. 2 items in 1 folder. The Training School: From the Beginning, [ca. 1999]. Information packet, [ca. 1970s]. Instructions and notices to parents, undated. Management by Objective, undated. Maps of grounds, 1962-1967. Mayor's Citizens Committee on the Training School, undated, 1964-1968.

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111.K.11.4F	1	<p>Minneapolis Police Department, 1924, 1931.            Music and theater events programs, 1922-1975. <b>RESTRICTED</b>            Oral history transcripts and reminiscences, undated, 1989-1990. 5 folders.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Series of interviews apparently done in preparation for the Centennial celebration. The interviewed include employees Carl Hertensteiner, John Odden, Ron Hendrickson, Cliff Mattson, Ruth Bauer, Bob Henn, A. C. Peiterson, Edna Martenson, and Gertrude Notebaart; employees' children Dorothy Holmes, Donna O'Connell and Margaret Maginnis; and a few unidentified residents. The interviewers were Dane Peterson, Char Henn, and Jerry O'Rourke.</p>
111.K.11.5B	3	<p>Outreach program/project to develop and implement, undated.            Papers concerning the Training School, undated, [1940s] – 1989.            Population count, weekly, 1973.            Program meeting minutes, 1985-1992. 8 folders.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Weekly meetings detailing activities and detentions at the school.</p> <p>Protestant Altar Guild minutes, 1949-1959.            Remarks of Executive Director, Minnesota Citizen Council on Delinquency and Crime, September 11, 1968.                Given at the Red Wing High School; concerns disturbances at the Training School.</p> <p>Report by State Agent on Girls in School, 1895-1904.            Report for Handbook on Social Welfare Agencies, 1912; Report to Bureau of Education, Department of Interior, 1912. 2 items in 1 folder.</p> <p>Resident's schoolwork, 1966-1968. 12 folders. <b>RESTRICTED</b>                Includes essays, poetry, artwork, and worksheets from a number of residents, including Terry Beaulieu (Bush), 1967; Duane Bedeau, 1967; Michael Dale Benford, 1967; Charles Bergstrom, 1967; David Conley, 1967; David Frank, 1966-1967; G. Holst, [ca. 1967]; John David Mitchell, 1967-1968; James Reid, 1967; Steve Shonseng, 1967; and Samuel R. Smith, 1966-1967.</p> <p>Russian trip and Estonian visitors, 1992-1993.</p>
114.H.7.3B-2	2	<p>Scrapbook, Volunteer Services Center, 1966-1970. 1 volume.  <b>RESTRICTED</b>            Documents activities at the Center; apparently maintained by the director of the Service Center, Meredith Juers. Includes some laminated pages.</p>

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111.K.11.5B	3	<p>Scrapbook and loose clippings, 1911-1912. 1 volume and 1 folder. Clippings concerning a complaint brought before the State Board of Control by Ralph A. Wheelock, private secretary of Governor A. O. Eberhart, accusing Training School Superintendent F. A. Whittier of brutality, incompetence, and neglect of duty. Whittier was exonerated of the charges.</p> <p>Safety Committee minutes, 1986-1992. Scattered.</p> <p>Secure Detention Cottage, 1993-1995. 4 folders. Project 04-93 interviews, September 20, 1993. Design Development report, April 15, 1994. Construction project manual, January 16, 1995. Correspondence, 1994-1995.</p> <p>Selective Service, 1962 - March 1968. 4 folders. <b>RESTRICTED</b> Contains "Report Concerning Individual Confined in or Discharged from State Institutions."</p> <p>Soil and Water Conservation Plan, November 1968.</p> <p>Staff Bulletins, 1967-1968. 2 folders. <b>RESTRICTED</b> Weekly, mimeographed information sheets detailing activities and events at the Training School. Resident's names are included.</p>
111.K.11.6F	4	<p>Staff Bulletins, 1969-1972. 3 folders. <b>RESTRICTED</b></p> <p>Staff memoranda, 1955-1976, 1982-1990. 7 folders. Formal memos sent from the administration to the staff on an as needed basis.</p> <p>Standards for Secure Cottage Programs at State Juvenile Facilities, December 1979.</p> <p>Statistics, 1925-1990.</p> <p>Summary of biennial budget request, 1965-1967.</p> <p>Superintendent's speech to staff, October 21, 1964.</p> <p>Surround: Handbook to a Peer Group Ministry of Youth to Youth, 1968.</p> <p><i>The State Reform School</i>, December 23, 1891. Copy of article in the <i>Red Wing Daily Republican</i>.</p> <p>Tiede, Tom, article, 1969. Correspondence generated by an NEA [Newspaper Enterprises Association] wire article written by Tiede documenting the life of a Training School resident. The article was not complimentary to the school.</p> <p>Visitation policy, undated.</p> <p>Warrant control sheets, 1964-1969.</p> <p>Which Way Will He Go?, undated.</p>