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Minnesota State Archives

**GOVERNOR:  
Youngdahl, Luther**

**An Inventory of His Records**

**OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS**

- Agency:** Minnesota. Governor (1947-1951 : Youngdahl).  
**Series Title:** Records,  
**Dates:** 1943-1954 (bulk 1947-1950).  
**Abstract:** Records documenting the tenure of Luther W. Youngdahl, who served as governor from 1947-1951.  
**Quantity:** 29.2 cu. ft. (31 boxes).  
**Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS**

The records include subject files; files on state departments, agencies, oversight boards, and regional and special purpose commissions; and correspondence with Minnesota constituents and officials in other states.

The files cover all aspects of the operation of the governor's office. Major topics include education, state budgets, legislation, health, transportation, judgeships, labor, law enforcement, the Legislative Advisory Committee, public institutions, Republican Party politics, veterans affairs, liquor control, pardons, finance, flood control, the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, extraditions, and paroles, and relations with various state agencies. They also include proclamations, speeches and statements, and press releases.

The early files in these records often contain materials created by Youngdahl's predecessor, Edward J. Thye.

**ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS**

These records are organized into several sections, each covering a year or span of years; within each are a variety of alphabetical sequences. There is considerable overlap among the sections, both chronologically and topically.

## RELATED MATERIALS

The personal papers of Governor Youngdahl (cataloged separately) include additional materials covering his gubernatorial service.

## 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:

- Administrative agencies—Minnesota.
- Education—Minnesota.
- Extradition—Minnesota.
- Finance, Public—Minnesota.
- Flood control—Minnesota.
- Health—Minnesota.
- Interstate relations—Minnesota.
- Judges—Minnesota—Selection and appointment.
- Labor policy—Minnesota.
- Law enforcement—Minnesota.
- Legislation—Minnesota.
- Liquor laws—Minnesota.
- Pardon—Minnesota.
- Parole—Minnesota.
- Public institutions—Minnesota.
- Transportation—Minnesota.
- Veterans—Minnesota.

### Places:

- Minnesota—Executive departments.
- Minnesota—Politics and government—1945-1980.

### Persons:

- Thye, Edward John, 1896-.
- Youngdahl, Luther W., 1896-.

### Organizations:

- Minnesota. Governor (1943-1947 : Thye).
- Minnesota. Governor (1947-1951 : Youngdahl)—Constituent correspondence.
- Minnesota. Legislative Advisory Committee.
- National Republican Party (U.S.).
- Railroad and Warehouse Commission of the State of Minnesota.

### Types of Documents:

- Press releases.
- Proclamations.
- Speeches.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

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

### 1947 Files

Mainly roughly alphabetical subject files covering such topics as education, state budgets, legislation, health, transportation, judgeships, labor, law enforcement, the Legislative Advisory Committee, public institutions, Republican Party politics, and veterans affairs, and relations with various state agencies. They include proclamations and speeches and statements. There is also a set of alphabetical county (constituent) correspondence.

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### Location

110.E.14.9B

#### Subject files:

Aid to distressed school districts.  
American Silent Guest Committee.  
Army.  
Biennial budgets. 3 volumes, 1 folder.  
Board of Pardons.  
Centennial, Territorial.  
Check Par Bill.  
Christmas greetings, personal.  
Communism.  
Community Health Bill.  
Congratulations, messages, etc.  
Conservation Department.  
Cooperatives.  
Council of State Governments.  
Crank file.  
Daylight savings time.  
Department legislation.  
Driver's license.  
Eviction Bill.

**Location**

- 110.E.14.9B Fair Employment Practices Bill.  
Fire Prevention Conference.  
Food Production War Training Program, Descriptive Reports,  
October 1940 - July 1945. 1 volume.  
Governor's Conference.  
Governor's Mansion.  
Health Department. 2 folders.  
Health Department, Polio. 2 folders.  
Hennepin County: District Court Judge. 2 folders.  
Hennepin County: Judge of Probate.
- 110.E.14.10F Highway Department. 2 folders.  
Highway Inspector.  
Highway Interim Commission.  
Hotel inspection.  
Housing.  
Housing director.  
Housing, Final Report of Reconversion Committee.  
Housing, Governor's Conference on, 1946. 1 volume.  
Industrial Commission.  
Iron Range Resources.  
Keep Minnesota Green.  
Judges, miscellaneous.  
Labor Conciliator.  
Labor dinners. 6 folders.  
Duluth, Hibbing, Mankato, St. Cloud, Virginia, and Winona.  
Labor letters.  
Labor lists.  
Labor, miscellaneous.  
Labor, Notices of Disputes.  
Law Enforcement Committee notes and correspondence.  
Law Enforcement Conference.  
Law enforcement letters, 1947-1948.  
January 1947. 1 folder.
- 110.E.15.1B January-April/May 1947. 17 folders.
- 110.E.15.2F April/May-November 1947; 1948. 6 folders.  
League of Minnesota Municipalities.  
Legislation, Liquor Bills.  
Legislation, proposed.  
Legislative Advisory Committee agendas. 3 folders, 1 volume.  
Legislative Advisory Committee, miscellaneous.  
Legislative Reference Service.  
Letters regarding proclamations.

**Location**

- 110.E.15.2F                      Liquor control.  
List file, slot machine licenses, March 1947.  
Manpower.  
Minnesota Postwar Fund.  
Minnesota State Public Welfare Study. 1 volume.  
Minnesotan, Personal honor.  
Motor vehicle reciprocity. 3 folders.  
Municipal judge. 6 folders.  
  Austin, Baudette, Gilbert, Glencoe, Hibbing, International  
  Falls, Minneapolis, and Sleepy Eye.
- Navy.  
  OPA and Federal Rent Control Office.  
  Parole Board.
- 110.E.12.3B                      Proclamations, 1947.  
Proclamations, letters regarding.  
Public Examiner.  
Public institutions. 2 folders.  
Public institutions, Jail Inspector.  
Public institutions, letters regarding improvement.  
Railroad and Warehouse Commission.  
Recommendations.  
Recommendations for West Point appointments.  
Recreation, Governor's Conference on.  
Rent Control Advisory Board.  
Republican. 2 folders.  
Rural credit.  
Secretary of State.  
Selective Service.  
Seventh Judicial District Judgeship.  
Social Welfare.  
Speeches and statements. 2 folders.  
  Includes correspondence.
- Supreme Court.  
  Taxation.
- 110.E.12.4F                      Thank you and congratulation letters.  
Traffic Safety Conference, Governor's.  
Twin City Arsenal Ammunition Reclamation Project.  
University of Minnesota.  
Veterans Affairs.  
Veterans, miscellaneous.  
Vocational Training War Production Workers, Descriptive Report,  
  July 1940 - July 1945. 1 volume.

## Location

- 110.E.12.4F                   Wabasha County Probate Judge.  
                                  War Memorial Advisory Committee.  
                                  Youth, Governor's Advisory Committee on.
- 110.E.15.5B                 County correspondence:  
                                  Aitkin-Roseau.
- 110.E.15.6F                 Scott-Yellow Medicine.

## 1948 Files

Mainly roughly alphabetical subject files covering such topics as legislation, transportation, judgeships, labor, the Legislative Advisory Committee, liquor control, pardons, and Republican Party politics, and relations with various state agencies. They include a set of press releases. There are also sets of alphabetical county (constituent) correspondence, out-of-state correspondence, and files documenting various boards and commissions.

- 110.E.15.9B                 Subject files:  
                                  American Legion.  
                                  Boy Scouts.  
                                  Minnesota Bar Association.  
                                  Draft.  
                                  Driver's licenses.  
                                  Cancer.  
                                  Centennial: State of Minnesota.  
                                  Children's Appeal.  
                                  Civilian Defense.  
                                  Community Chest.  
                                  Communism.  
                                  Community Health Bill.  
                                  Conservation Department.  
                                  Cooperatives.  
                                  Crank file.  
                                  Fuel shortage.  
                                  Highway.  
                                  Iron Range Resources.
- 110.E.15.10F                Health Department.  
                                  Hotel inspections.  
                                  Polio.  
                                  Rat Control Project.  
                                  Silent Guest Fund.  
                                  World Health Organization.  
                                  Industrial Commission.

**Location**

110.E.15.10F

Judges:

Seventh District Judgeship.  
Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District.  
Municipal Judge: East Grand Forks.  
Municipal Judge: Freeborn County.  
Municipal Judge: Glencoe.  
Municipal Judge: St. Cloud (Special).  
Municipal Judge: Glencoe (Special).  
Municipal Judge: Detroit Lakes.  
Seventeenth Judicial District, Haycraft.  
Probate Judge of Martin County. 2 folders.  
Miscellaneous.  
Probate Judge: Faribault.  
Probate Judge: Redwood County.

Labor.

Labor Conciliator.

Labor, miscellaneous.

Labor dinners. 7 folders.

Duluth, Hibbing, Owatonna, Mankato, St. Cloud, Virginia,  
Winona.

Labor, Notices of Dispute. 2 folders.

Legislative Advisory Committee agendas, March 23, June 3,  
September 28, December 9, 1948. 4 folders.

Legislative Advisory Committee, miscellaneous.

Legislative Research Committee reports.

State Library Association.

Liquor Control. 2 folders.

Minneapolis City Charter.

Municipalities.

Oleomargarine.

Palestine.

Pardon Board. 2 folders.

Press releases. 2 folders.

Proclamations.

110.E.16.1B

Proclamations.

Speeches and statements.

Public institutions.

Recommendations for West Point.

Red Cross.

REA [Rural Electrification Administration].

Republican [Party].

State Republican Platform, 1948.

Rural credit.

**Location**

- 110.E.16.2F                      Safety.  
Saturday Evening Post.  
Secretary of State.  
Social welfare.  
State Employees, Inc.  
Supreme Court.  
Swedish Centennial.  
Taxation.  
Treasurer.  
Office of Defense Transportation.  
United Nations.  
Veteran's Bonus.  
Veterans Affairs.  
Youth Conservation Commission.  
Governor's State Conference on Youth. 2 folders.  
Parole Board.  
Public Examiner.  
Recommendations for Red Wing.
- 110.E.15.6F                      County correspondence:  
Aitkin-Pope.
- 110.E.15.7B                      Ramsey-Yellow Medicine.
- 110.E.16.2F                      Out-of-state correspondence:  
Alabama-Idaho; Washington, D.C. 11 folders.
- 110.E.16.3B                      Illinois-Wyoming. 36 folders.  
Foreign.  
Canada.
- Boards and commissions:  
Accountancy Board.  
Aeronautics Commission.  
Agricultural Society.  
Architects, Engineers, Surveyors.  
Archives Commission.  
Minnesota State Art Society.  
Barber Board.  
Basic Sciences Board.  
Civil Defense Commission.  
Chiropody Examiners.  
Chiropractic Examiners.  
Civil Service Board.  
Constitutional Commission.  
Conservation Advisory Committee.  
County Welfare Merit System Council.



**Location**

110.E.16.3B                   Dental Examiners.  
Governor's State Disaster Committee.  
Displaced Persons.

110.E.16.4F                   Education Board.  
Education Committee, School Aid.  
Electricity Board.  
Executive Council.  
Fair Employment Practices Commission.  
Farm Employment Advisory Committee.  
Flood Control.  
Food Conservation.  
Grain Appeals Board.  
Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater.  
Compensation Insurance Board.  
Hairdressing and Beauty Culture.  
Horticultural Society.  
Hospital and Public Health Facilities, Study Committee.  
Housing.  
Health.  
Historical Society.  
Rent Control.  
Humane Society.  
Intergovernmental Relations, Council on.  
Interracial Commission.  
Interstate Cooperation Commission.  
Investment Board.  
Joint Boundary Survey Commission.  
Judicial Council.  
Livestock Sanitary Board.  
Land Exchange Commission.  
Law Examiners.  
Liaison Labor Commission.  
Maria Sanford Memorial Council.  
Mayo Memorial Committee.  
Citizen's Advisory Committee, Mental Health.  
Mental Health, Advisory Committee on.  
Metropolitan Airports Commission.  
Minnesota-St. Lawrence Seaway Commission.

## 1949 Files

Mainly two series of roughly alphabetical subject files covering such topics as finance, flood control, judgeships, labor, the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, health, veterans affairs, education, extraditions, paroles, and the Legislative Advisory Committee, and relations with various state agencies. They include files of press releases and proclamations. There are also sets of alphabetical county (constituent) correspondence, out-of-state correspondence, and files documenting various boards and commissions.

110.E.16.5B

Subject files I:

- Adjutant General.
- Selective Service.
- Academies, West Point, Annapolis.
- Administration.
- Capitol cafeteria.
- Purchasing.
- Agriculture, Dairy and Food.
- Attorney General.
- Auditor.
- Business Research and Development.
- Bus strike.
- Civil Defense.
- Defense.
- Director of Research and Statistics.
- Resources Commission.
- Director of Publicity.
- Banking.
- Non-segregation, National Guard.
- Insurance.
- Securities.
- Civil service.
- Conservation.
- Game and Fish.

110.E.16.6F

- Conservation.
- Roadless area, Superior National Forest.
- Land and Minerals.
- Keokuk Dam.
- Lac qui Parle.
- Forestry.
- Minnesota Emergency Conservation Commission.
- Parks.
- Red Lake flood control.
- Red River flood.
- Flood control and storm damage.

**Location**

110.E.16.6F

Water Resources.  
Highway.  
Health.  
Hotel inspection  
Proposed legislation.  
Highway Department.  
Drivers licenses.  
Industrial Commission.  
Judges:

110.E.16.7B

First District, Red Wing.  
Fifteenth Judicial District.  
Nineteenth Judicial District.  
Second Judicial District.  
Municipal Judge: Adrian.  
Sixth District.  
Miscellaneous.  
Municipal Court: Albert Lea.  
Municipal Judge: Alexandria.  
Municipal Court: Anoka  
Municipal Judgeship: Cloquet.  
Special Municipal Judge: Hibbing.  
Municipal Judge: Lake City.  
Municipal Judge: Bemidji.  
Municipal Judge: New Ulm.  
Judge Chanak.  
Special Municipal Judge: Brainerd.  
Municipal Judge: Hopkins.  
Probate Judge: Hallock.  
Probate Judge: Hubbard.  
Municipal Judge: Detroit Lakes.  
Municipal Judge: Ortonville.  
Municipal Judge: Redwood Falls.  
Special Municipal Judge: Redwood Falls.  
Municipal Judge: St. Paul.  
Special Municipal Judge: South St. Paul.  
Special Municipal Judge: Waseca.  
Labor Conciliator.  
Labor, miscellaneous.  
Labor, Notices of Dispute.  
Labor dinners. 7 folders.  
Mankato, Owatonna, St. Cloud, Virginia, Winona, Duluth,  
Hibbing.  
Liquor Control.

**Location**

110.E.16.7B Pardon Board.  
Parole Board.  
Public Examiner.  
Public institutions, after July 1949.

110.E.16.8F Full-time resident chaplains.  
Commissioner of Mental Health.  
Railroad and Warehouse Commission. 2 folders.  
Social welfare.  
Petroleum Division.  
Revisor of Statutes.  
Secretary of State Mike Holm.  
Supreme Court.  
Taxation.  
Treasurer.

110.E.16.9B Veterans Affairs.  
Bonus.  
Commissioner of Veterans Affairs.  
Savings bonds.  
Safety.  
State Employees, Inc.  
Telegram copies.  
Town Meeting of the Air.  
United Nations.  
USO [United Service Organization].  
Vivisection.

110.E.17.4F Subject files II:  
American Legion.  
Bar Association.  
Boy Scouts.  
Budget, Biennial.  
Cancer.  
Centennial: State of Minnesota.  
CARE.  
State of Minnesota.  
Communism.  
Cooperatives.  
Crop.  
Crank file.

110.E.17.5B Crime Bureau.  
Teachers Retirement Fund.  
State teachers colleges.  
Elementary school crisis.

**Location**

- 110.E.17.5B            Employment and Security.  
                          FEPC [Fair Employment Practices Commission].  
                          Fiesta Days.  
                          Foreign Wars.  
                          GAR [Grand Army of the Republic].  
                          Extraditions.  
                          Waiver of extraditions.  
                          Governor, personal.  
                          Governor's Conference.  
                          Congratulations, birthday wishes, etc.  
                          Statement.  
                          Proclamations. 2 folders.  
                          Governor's newspaper column.  
                          Applications for work.  
                          Recommendations.
- 110.E.17.6F            Employment of handicapped persons.  
                          Inaugural, 1949.  
                          Legislative Advisory Committee agendas, June 15, September 9,  
                                  November 25, 1949. 4 folders.  
                          Legislative Advisory Committee, miscellaneous.  
                          Law enforcement.  
                          Legislative Research Committee.  
                          Mayo Memorial.  
                          Montevideo Fiesta, 1949.  
                          Municipalities.  
                          Palestine.  
                          Press releases.  
                          Ramsey County.  
                          REA [Rural Electrification Administration].  
                          Red Cross.  
                          Religion.  
                          University of Minnesota.
- 110.E.16.9B            Out-of-state correspondence:  
                          Alabama-Iowa.
- 110.E.16.10F           Kansas-New York.  
                          County correspondence:  
                          Aitkin-Grant.
- 110.E.17.1B            Hennepin-Sherburne.
- 110.E.17.2F            Sibley-Yellow Medicine.

**Location**

110.E.17.2F

Boards and commissions:

Aeronautics Commission.  
Accountancy.  
Agricultural Society.  
Architects, Engineers, Surveyors.  
Archives Commission.  
Art Society.  
Athletic Commission.  
Barber Board.  
Basic Sciences Board.  
Bird Commission.  
Chiropractic Examiners.  
Civil Service Board.  
Compensation Insurance Board.  
Conservation Advisory Committee.  
Constitutional Commission.  
County Welfare Merit System Council.  
Dental Examiners.  
Disaster Committee.  
Displaced Persons.  
Chiropody Examiners.  
Interim Committee for the Study of Domestic Relations Problems.  
State Board of Education.  
Education Commission, School Aid.  
Interim Commission to Study Problems of State Government  
Relating to Efficiency and Economy in Government.  
Executive Council.

110.E.17.3B

Fair Employment Practices Commission.  
Hairdressing and Beauty Culture.  
Hansen, Richard C.  
State Board of Health and Vital Statistics.  
Historical Society.  
Humane Society.  
Horticultural Society.  
Hospital and Public Health Facilities, Study Committee.  
Housing.  
Rent Control.  
Interracial Commission.  
Intergovernmental Relations, Council on.  
Investment Board.  
Investment Advisory Committee.  
Judicial Council, 1949.  
Keep Minnesota Green.

**Location**

110.E.17.3B                    Land Exchange Commission.  
                                      Law Examiners.  
                                      Law Enforcement Commission, Governor's Advisory.  
                                      Liaison Labor Commission.  
                                      Minnesota State Library.  
                                      Livestock Sanitary Board.  
                                      Governor's Advisory Council on Youth.  
                                      Local Health Councils, Governor's Advisory Committee.  
                                      Mapping Advisory Board.  
                                      Maria Sanford Memorial Council.  
                                      Arkansas Bond Issue.  
                                      Medical Examiners.  
                                      Mental Health, Advisory Committee on.  
                                      Citizens Mental Health Committee.

110.E.17.4F                    Metropolitan Airports Commission.  
                                      Minneapolis-St. Paul Sanitary District.  
                                      Mayo Memorial Committee.  
                                      Minnesota-North Dakota Resources Development.  
                                      Minnesota-St. Lawrence Seaway Commission.  
                                      Missouri Basin.  
                                      Missouri River State Commission.  
                                      Northern Great Lakes Area Council.  
                                      Nursing, Advisory Commission on.  
                                      Nurses Examiners.  
                                      State Board of Optometry.  
                                      State Board of Osteopathy.  
                                      State Board of Pharmacy.  
                                      Physically Handicapped, Advisory Council.  
                                      Poultry Improvement Board.  
                                      Governor's Advisory Committee on Recreation.  
                                      Small Business Commission.  
                                      Soil Conservation.  
                                      Board of Trustees of the Minnesota Soldiers Home.  
                                      Surveyor General of Logs and lumber.  
                                      Stallion Registration Board.  
                                      Tax Appeals Board.  
                                      State Teachers College Board.  
                                      Topographic Mapping Commission.  
                                      Tourist.  
                                      Uniform State Laws.  
                                      Upper Mississippi and St. Croix River Improvement.  
                                      Upper Mississippi Valley Water Use Council.  
                                      Veterinary Examiners Board.

**Location**

110.E.17.4F                      Watchmakers Board.  
   Water Pollution Control Commission.  
   Youth Conservation Commission.  
   Youth Conservation Commissioner.  
   White House Conference on Children, 1950.

**1950 Files.**

Alphabetical sets of county (constituent) and out-of-state correspondence.

110.E.17.7B                      County correspondence:  
   Aitkin - Hennepin. 32 folders.

110.E.17.8F                      Hennepin - Roseau. 47 folders.

110.E.17.9B                      St. Louis - Yellow Medicine. 21 folders.  
   Out-of-state correspondence:  
   Alabama - Montana. 23 folders.

110.E.17.10F                      Nebraska - Wyoming. 22 folders.  
   Washington, D.C. 5 folders.  
   Canada.  
   Foreign.