
Overview of the Collection

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Collection Number: University Historical Collection 238

Creators: Davies, William R.

Title: William R. Davies Papers

Dates: 1920-1948

Quantity: 1.4 linear feet (1 archives box, 1 record carton)

Location of Collection: A10/1d

Languages: Collection materials are in English.

Summary: Yearbooks and newsletters relating to William R. Davies’s career as a school administrator. Also includes miscellaneous clippings and family papers.

Biographical / Historical Note

William R. Davies served as the second president of Eau Claire State Teachers College / Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire from 1940-1959. Davies was born in 1893 in Tenino, Washington. His family migrated to Cambria, Wisconsin when he was four years old. He graduated Ripon College with a bachelor’s
degree in 1915 and the University of Wisconsin with a master’s degree in 1921. He taught briefly at a private school in Endeavor, Wisconsin, but left that position to serve in World War I. When he returned to the United States, he accepted a position as principal of McKinley Senior High School in Marshfield, Wisconsin. In 1925, he was elected school superintendent of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and in 1930, he was elected school superintendent of Superior, Wisconsin.


Content Description

The William R. Davies Papers consist primarily of published materials documenting his career as a school principal and superintendent. Yearbooks from high schools in Marshfield, Wisconsin, Shawano, Wisconsin, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and Superior, Wisconsin comprise the bulk of the collection. The Circular, the newsletter of the Superior Public Schools, documents administrative and professional development activities for teachers in the 1930s. Other materials include clippings and assorted family papers: Davies’s father’s immigration narrative, his daughter’s baby book, and his wife’s notes from a choral class presumably taught at the Wisconsin State Teachers College (Eau Claire).

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information:

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Subjects

Personal Names:

Davies, William R.

Corporate Names:

Eau Claire State Teachers College
School District of Superior (Wis.)

Subject Terms:

School superintendents – Wisconsin
School principals – Wisconsin

Genre Terms:

College student newspapers and periodicals

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