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## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT School Buildings Division

### An Inventory of Its Photographs of School Buildings

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

**Agency:** Minnesota. School Buildings Division.  
**Series Title:** Photographs of school buildings.  
**Dates:** [1910s] – [1970s].  
**Quantity:** 1.7 cu. ft. (2 boxes).  
**Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Collection of photographs of building exteriors and interiors, aerial views (1970s), students, and activities. Included are views of classrooms, gymnasiums, auditoriums, libraries, playgrounds, rural schools, corridors, and chemistry, physical education, home economics, manual training/agriculture, and music/performing arts classes. There are also photographs of teachers' homes; state school buildings administrators Guy O. Tollerud, Ingolf O. Friswold, and Samuel A. Challman; and architectural plans for school buildings.

#### 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:

Classrooms--Minnesota--Photographs.  
Gymnasiums--Minnesota--Photographs.  
Home economics centers--Minnesota--Photographs.  
Rural schools--Minnesota--Dakota County--Photographs.  
Rural schools--Minnesota--Wright County--Photographs.  
School buildings--Minnesota--Designs and plans.  
School buildings--Minnesota--Photographs.

School libraries--Minnesota--Photographs.  
School shops--Minnesota--Photographs.  
School sites--Minnesota--Aerial photographs.  
Teachers--Dwellings--Minnesota.

**Persons:**

Challman, Samuel Andrew, 1867-.  
Friswold, Ingolf O.  
Tollerud, Guy O.

**Organizations:**

Minnesota. Dept. of Education.

**Types of Documents:**

Aerial photographs--Minnesota.  
Photographs--Minnesota.

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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.*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
113.A.4.7B	1	<p>School building photographs, undated and [1910s] – [1960s]. 10 folders. Building exteriors and interiors, including classrooms, gymnasiums, auditoriums, and corridors, and students and staff. Black and white; some are mounted. Arranged alphabetically by school district.</p> <p>Photographs, undated and [1910s] – [1920s]. 12 folders. Black and white; some are mounted. Arranged topically.</p> <p>Chemistry class. Classrooms and exteriors, group photographs. Classrooms, empty. Crafts and projects. Gymnasium/physical education. Home economics. Manual training/agriculture. Music/performing arts. Physical education. Rural schools. Teachers' homes. Unidentified photographs.</p> <p>School building photographs, miscellaneous, [1910s] – 1940. Primarily exteriors in black and white.</p> <p>Architectural plans for school buildings, [1960s?].</p> <p>Photographs (negatives) of School Buildings Commissioners, undated. Black and white; Commissioners Guy O. Tollerud, Ingolf O. Friswold, and Samuel A. Challman. Also a positive set.</p> <p>[box 1/3 empty]</p>

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
113.A.4.8F	2	<p>School building photographs, [1970s]. 1 volume. Color slides of interiors, exteriors, and aerial views. Arranged alphabetically by school district name. Housed in slide-guard sleeves.</p> <p>School building lantern slides, [1930s?]. 1 case. Slides of home economics classes, manual training classes, libraries, school building exteriors and interiors, and school facilities floor plans. Apparently prepared for presentations. Many are of Minnesota school facilities; others are generic. The majority are identified, but none has been dated. Arranged topically.</p> <p>Photographs of rural schools in Dakota and Wright counties, [ca. 1946]. 1 expansion folder. Twenty-six 8" x 10" black and white photographs of rural schoolhouses and facilities in Wright and Dakota counties. They document students at their desks, doing projects, and at play; facilities including heating, sanitation, and playground equipment; educational supplies and equipment; and school buildings. No photographer is credited. Although the photographs are undated, they appear to have been taken in the late 1940s, possibly in 1946 (the date ascribed by the Department of Education Library to this set). This set was compiled to illustrate the conditions (both good and bad) in rural schools, although no background files regarding any larger study that connect with this set have been located.</p> <p>Each photograph is identified with a number (2309-2709, with gaps). The photographs cover Dakota County School Districts No. 3 (West St. Paul Township), No. 4 (Mendota Township), No. 6 (Mendota Township), No. 18 (Lebanon Township), No. 62 (unknown), No. 94 (Burnsville Township), and No. 104 (Eagan Township), most of which eventually consolidated into the West St. Paul and Burnsville independent districts, and Wright County School Districts No. 45 (Middleville Township), No. 59 (Victor Township), No. 83 (Cokato Township), and No. 90 (Stockholm Township), some of which eventually consolidated into the Dassel-Cokato independent district.</p> <p>[See attached listing for individual descriptions of each photograph.]</p>

<b>Photo No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
2039	Dakota County District No. 18	“Down-At-Heel Building” (students on front steps)
2040	Dakota County District No. 3	“Traditional Game” (log as back stop)
2041	Dakota County District No. 3	“Unsightly Schoolyard” (rubbish pile)
2042	Wright County District No. 90	“The American Flag” (flag with school cupola)
2043	[unknown]	“Suitable Storage Space” (textbooks)
2045	Wright County District No. 90	“Library Corner” (with students and desks)
2046	Wright County District No. 45	“The Music Hour” (with students)
2047	Wright County District No. 59	“Poor School Situation” (playground with school and outbuildings)
2048	Wright County District No. 45	“Suitable Boys’ Cloakroom and Toilet” (with students)
2049	Wright County District No. 83	“Geography is Fun” (maps and globe with students)
2050	Wright County District No. 59	“Modern Heating and Ventilating System” (oil burner with teacher tending and students in desks)
2051	Wright County District No. 83	“Relief Period” (Students exercising between desks)
2053	Wright County District No. 45	“Correct Washing Facilities” (students at sink)
2054	Wright County District No. 59	“Inadequate Playground Facilities” (playing ball in road)
2055	Dakota County District No. 94	“Incorrect Washing Facilities” (student at basin)
2056	Dakota County District No. 3	“Lunch Period” (students eating at table)
2057	Dakota County District No. 4	“Good School Room” (students at desks)
2058	Dakota County District No. 94	“Poor Remodeling” (students at desks with fiberboard walls)
2059	Dakota County District No. 3	“Well-Balanced Lunch” (students at table)
2060	Dakota County District No. 104	“Dangerous Playground Equipment”
2061	Dakota County District No. 94	“Obsolete School Situation” (student throwing coal into stove)
2062	Dakota County District No. 62	“A Demoralizing Influence” (outdoor toilet)
2063	Dakota County District No. 4	“Wrong Playground Equipment”
2707	Dakota County District No. 94	“Unsatisfactory School” (students in desks)
2708	Dakota County District No. 6	“Unattractive Exterior” (student ringing bell)
2709	Dakota County District No. 18	“Typical School” (exterior with out buildings and students)