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## **FARIBAULT SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND**

### **An Inventory of Its Student Records**

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#### **OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS**

<b>Agency:</b>	Minnesota School for the Blind.
<b>Series Title:</b>	Student records.
<b>Dates:</b>	[1860s] – [1990s].
<b>Quantity:</b>	35.2 cu. ft. (36 boxes).
<b>Location:</b>	See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### **SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS**

Individual student files which may contain optical and physical examination reports, interview notes, psychological reports, academic progress sheets, photographs, public school records, and correspondence with parents, school districts, and county and state welfare bodies. Before the 1950s, the files are quite thin; many contain only the optical examination reports. Beginning with the 1950s, the files increase in size and each may contain most of the materials listed above.

Adults were frequently admitted as students, especially for manual training and life skills development classes. At least some of those files are included in these records.

The files appear to have originally been two or more separate series. Most include an identification number, although those from the later years do not. A few students also have two numbers listed.

There is also a set of alphabetical permanent pupil cards (1866-1983) which record such information as student name, city, county, case number, date of birth, date when entered school, parent or guardian's name, I.Q., cause of blindness, vision of left and right eye with test date, school year and letter grades for subjects taken. Many but not all correspond to the student file records. Some students in the student file records are not represented in the permanent pupil cards.

#### **ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS**

The records are arranged alphabetically by student surname.

## 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:**

Blind—Education—Minnesota.  
Blind—Institutional care—Minnesota.  
People with visual disabilities—Minnesota.  
Public welfare—Minnesota.

### **Places:**

Faribault (Minn.).

### **Organizations:**

Minnesota Braille and Sight-Seeing School (Faribault, Minn.).  
Minnesota School for the Deaf and Blind.  
Minnesota State Academy for the Blind.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### **Restrictions:**

Student records contain private data. Files dated prior to 1925 are open for public use; for all other files, researchers may apply to use those records in accordance with the State Archives access statement. An alphabetical listing by student surname is available in the State Archives' accession file.

### **Preferred Citation:**

*[Indicate the item and folder title here].* Minnesota School for the Blind. Student Records. Minnesota Historical Society. State Archives.  
*See the Chicago Manual of Style for additional examples.*

### **Accession Information:**

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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

### Individual Student Files

Entries include surname, first name, and student file number.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.C.3.1B	1	Aamodt-Andres.
114.C.3.2F	2	Andrus-Bennett.
114.C.3.3B	3	Benson-Brennan.
114.C.3.4F	4	Brennan-Cohn.
114.C.3.5B	5	Colburn-Deranleau.
114.C.3.6F	6	De Vries-Ernster.
114.C.3.7B	7	Eshleman-French.
114.C.3.8F	8	French-Grimsrude.
114.C.3.9B	9	Grochow-Hanson.
114.C.3.10F	10	Harms-Hielscher.
114.C.4.1B	11	Hielscher-Hughs.
114.C.4.2F	12	Huhtala-Johnson.
114.C.4.3B	13	Johnson-Kissner.
114.C.4.4F	14	Kivimaa-Lahti.
114.C.4.5B	15	Laiske-Listland.
114.C.4.6F	16	Lizotte-Maki.
114.C.4.7B	17	Maloney-Michael.
114.C.4.8F	18	Mickelson-Morris.
114.C.4.9B	19	Morrison-Nelson.
114.C.4.10F	20	Nelson-Olson.
114.C.5.1B	21	Olson-Patton.
114.C.5.2F	22	Patton-Peterson, J. E.
114.C.5.3B	23	Peterson-Puckett.
114.C.5.4F	24	Pulkrabek-Richards.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.C.5.5B	25	Richardson-Rovelstad.
114.C.5.6F	26	Ruden-Sartain.
114.C.5.7B	27	Saumier-Schwarzrock.
114.C.5.8F	28	Schwichtenberg-Simos.
114.C.5.9B	29	Sims-Sorenson.
114.C.5.10F	30	Sorenson-Sydow.
114.D.2.1B	31	Tahedl-Tompkins.
114.D.2.2F	32	Tomsich-Voorhees.
114.D.2.3B	33	Waara-Wetle.
114.D.2.4F	34	Weyaus-Wyner.
114.D.2.5B	35	Yarger-Zylstra.

**Permanent pupil cards, 1866-1983.**

Information on each 5" x 8" card includes student name, city, county, case number, date of birth, date when entered school, parent or guardian's name, I.Q., cause of blindness, vision of left and right eye with test date, school year and letter grades for subjects taken. Cards are filed alphabetically by student's last name. Many but not all correspond to the student file records. Some students in the student file records are not represented in the permanent pupil cards.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
114.D.2.6F	36	A-Z.