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## RED WING STATE TRAINING SCHOOL An Inventory of Its Correspondence

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### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

**Agency:** Minnesota State Training School for Boys.  
**Series Title:** Correspondence.  
**Dates:** 1908-1990.  
**Quantity:** 1.0 cu. ft. (1 box).  
**Location:** 111.K.11.1B

### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Correspondence covering all aspects of the Training School's administration, particularly the work of its superintendents and its relations with the State Board of Control, particularly Downer Mullen, the Secretary of the Board's Department of Public Instruction. Also included are samples of letters to and from residents, postcards from parolees to the superintendent (at one time a condition of parole), and letters relating to the school's budget.

### 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:**

Juvenile corrections—Minnesota.  
Juvenile delinquents—Education—Minnesota.  
Juvenile delinquents—Institutional care—Minnesota.  
Juvenile detention homes—Minnesota—Finance.  
Juvenile justice, Administration of—Minnesota.  
Juvenile parole—Minnesota.

School superintendents—Minnesota—Records and correspondence.  
Schools—Minnesota.

**Places:**

Red Wing (Minn.).

**Persons:**

Farrell, R. E.

Fulton, John T.

Hegstrom, H. E.

Jackson, C. J.

Merica, Charles O.

Mullen, Downer.

Whittier, F. A.

**Organizations:**

Minnesota. State Board of Control.

Minnesota State Reform School.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION****Restrictions:**

Many of these files contain private information on individual prisoners; restricted files are noted on the folder list. Researchers may apply to use these records 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.11.1B	1	<p>Superintendent's correspondence, 1909-1954. 21 folders. <b>PARTIALLY RESTRICTED</b></p> <p>Correspondence covering all aspects of the Training School's administration, including relations with residents' families, residents on parole, and various state agencies.</p> <p>F. A. Whittier, 1909-1912. 4 folders.</p> <p>Charles O. Merica, undated, 1912-1913. 2 folders.</p> <p>John. T. Fulton, undated, 1914-1933. 9 folders. <b>RESTRICTED</b></p> <p>H. E. Hegstrom, 1934-1939. <b>RESTRICTED</b></p> <p>C. J. Jackson, undated, 1939-1948. 4 folders. <b>RESTRICTED</b></p> <p>R. E. Farrell, undated, 1948-1954. <b>RESTRICTED</b></p> <p>General correspondence, 1960-1990. <b>RESTRICTED.</b></p> <p>Continues the superintendent's correspondence files.</p> <p>Staff correspondence, undated, 1908-1971. 2 folders. <b>RESTRICTED.</b></p> <p>Mainly letters from past residents and families to Training School employees.</p> <p>Letters to and from residents, undated, 1908-1953. 16 folders. <b>RESTRICTED.</b></p> <p>Correspondence with residents was severely censored for many years. Most of these letters are to residents but were probably never delivered to them. This small sample of correspondence was retained by the superintendent for an unknown reason. No envelopes were retained so the exact identification of each recipient is often unknown.</p> <p>Downer Mullen, State Board of Control, 1930-1939. 2 folders. <b>RESTRICTED</b></p> <p>Correspondence with the Secretary of the Board's Department of Public Instruction.</p> <p>State Board of Control, 1938-1939.</p> <p>Mainly from the Board's purchasing agent.</p>