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## RED WING STATE TRAINING SCHOOL An Inventory of Its Miscellaneous Inmate Records

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### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota State Training School for Boys.  
**Series Title:** Miscellaneous inmate records.  
**Dates:** 1925-1997.  
**Quantity:** 0.3 cu. ft. (11 folders and 1 oversize volume in 2 partial boxes).  
**Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Records containing information on individual inmates, including lists of attempted escapes (1925-1997, incomplete), corporal punishment study files (1925-1945) and books (1933-1948), psychological test results (1927-1940), record of boys released for work (1955-1959), and information on individuals who spent time at both the Training School and the St. Cloud Reformatory (1929-1938).

### 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:**

- Corporal punishment—Minnesota.
- Escapes—Minnesota.
- Juvenile corrections—Minnesota.
- Juvenile delinquents—Institutional care—Minnesota.
- Juvenile delinquents—Minnesota—Discipline.
- Juvenile delinquents—Psychological testing—Minnesota.

Juvenile detention homes—Minnesota.  
Juvenile justice, Administration of—Minnesota.  
Schools—Minnesota.  
Work release of prisoners—Minnesota.

**Places:**

Red Wing (Minn.).

**Organizations:**

Minnesota State Reform School.  
Minnesota State Reformatory.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Restrictions:**

Data on inmates admitted more than 75 years ago is unrestricted. Researchers may apply to use subsequent 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.*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
116.L.15.4F	1	Lists of attempted escapes, 1925-1941, 1950-1960, 1979-1997. 2 folders. <b>RESTRICTED</b> Includes names, time of escape and when returned to training school, and details of the escape.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
116.L.15.4F	1	<p>Corporal Punishment Study, 1925-1945. 2 folders. <b>RESTRICTED</b> Two sets of records, covering first 145 sample cases; then 461 cases. The second set includes those in the first 145, although the first sheets contain more information on each case. Each gives percentage of cases successful or unsuccessful and for the individual boys, lists name, admittance date, original offense, offense at the training school, punishment, and subsequent behavior.</p> <p>Corporal punishment books, November 1933 – August 1948. 8 folders. <b>RESTRICTED</b> Missing March 1942 – August 1943. Contain individual sheets for each offense listing the date, name of offender, offense, time punishment was given, number of strokes given, and witnesses' and superintendent's signatures.</p> <p>Psychological test results, 1927-1940. 1 volume in folder. <b>RESTRICTED</b> For each boy, gives name, date of birth, grade in school, and test results.</p> <p>Record of boys released for work, 1955-1959. 1 volume in folder. <b>RESTRICTED</b> Includes names, time out and time in, person or establishment worked for, and whether paid.</p>
112.C.2.3	2	<p>Admissions to St. Cloud, July 1929 - June 1938. 1 oversize volume. <b>RESTRICTED</b> Tracks individuals who spent time at both the Training School and St. Cloud Reformatory; includes each individual's name, dates of admission to both institutions, offense committed, education, birth date, IQ, case number, length of sentence, and miscellaneous comments.</p>