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## RED WING STATE TRAINING SCHOOL An Inventory of Its State Agent Records

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### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

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| <b>Agency:</b>       | Minnesota State Training School for Boys.           |
| <b>Series Title:</b> | State agent records.                                |
| <b>Dates:</b>        | 1895-1949.  |
| <b>Quantity:</b>     | 6.55 cubic feet (8 boxes).                          |
| <b>Location:</b>     | See Detailed Description section for box locations. |

### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The state agent supervised parolees, and through careful home examination, provided homes for those who did not have them or for those who had no suitable home. The agents kept in touch with the parolees through regular correspondence and visits. These records document both the various state agents and their assistants and include cash books (1895-1914), monthly circular letters to all parolees (1898-1934), a detailed record of parolees activities and behavior (1895-1909), and monthly reports of the agent's daily activities (1904-1949). There is also one folder of letters between State Agent Corabelle Sill and parolees (1910-1918).

### 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—Institutional care—Minnesota.
- Juvenile detention homes—Minnesota.
- Juvenile justice, Administration of—Minnesota.

Juvenile parole—Minnesota.  
Parole officers—Minnesota—Records and correspondence.  
Paroling.  
Schools—Minnesota.

**Places:**

Red Wing (Minn.).

**Persons:**

Dewitt, J. H.  
Hayes, Albert C.  
Jansen, J. E.  
Jansen, Paul W.  
Sill, Corabelle.

**Organizations:**

Minnesota State Reform School.

**Types of Documents:**

Statistics.

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

Some of the records include private information about individuals. Records with private information are closed for 75 years from date of last entry in the record. The restricted records are noted in the finding aid. Researchers must apply for permission to use these records. Please consult library staff for more information.

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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> |  |
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| 116.L.15.5B     | 1          | <p>Cash books, 1895-1914. 4 volumes.<br/> Records detailed expenses of the state agent and assistant.</p> <p>June 1895 – July 1900. 1 volume.<br/> Volume is labeled State Agent No. 1. Entries cover the state agent (no name given), June 1895 – July 1900 (pp. 1-190) and state agent's assistant (no name given), October 1897 - July 1900 (pp. 200-224).</p> <p>August 1900 – December 1905. 1 volume.<br/> Volume is labeled State Agent No. 2. Entries cover the state agent (no name given), August 1900 – December 1905 (pp. 1-318) and state agent's assistant (no name given), August 1900 - July 1904 (pp. 320-384).</p> <p>January 1906 – July 1914. 1 volume.<br/> Volume is labeled State Agent 3. Entries cover the state agent (no name given), January 1906 – May 1909 (pp. 1-218) and state agents Corabelle Sill, July 1910 - July 1914, and J. H. Dewitt, March-July 1914 (pp. 219-363).</p> <p>August 1904 – February 1914. 1 volume.<br/> Volume is labeled Assistant State Agent No. 1. Entries cover August 1904 - May 1909 (no name or status given; pp 1-193), and state agents Albert C. Hayes, July 1910 - January 1912, Paul W. Jansen, July 1910 - July 1912, J. E. Jansen, August–December 1912, and J. H. Dewitt, December 1912 - February 1914 (pp. 194-400).</p> <p>Circular letters, 1898-1934. 1 volume and 1 folder.<br/> Mimeographed monthly letters sent to all parolees, often with details on Minnesota State Training School activities, and form letters for discharges and other matters.</p> <p>1898-1912. 1 volume.<br/> 1912-1934. 1 folder.</p> <p>State Agent Corabelle Sill correspondence, 1910-1918. 1 folder.<br/> Mainly letters from parolees, their families, or their sponsors.</p> |

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| 118.E.6.7B-1    | 2          | Record of parolees, 1895-1909. 17 volumes.<br>Detailed account of each parolee's activities and behavior while on parole. The dates given are those of the original parole, some volumes may have data that goes beyond the years listed as boys moved in and out of the system.<br>Volume 1. 1895-1897.<br>Volume 2. 1897-1898.<br>Volume 3. 1898-1899. |
| 118.E.6.7B-2    | 3          | Volume 4. 1899-1901.<br>Volume 5. 1901-1902.<br>Volume 6. 1902.  |
| 118.E.6.8F-1    | 4          | Volume 7. 1902.<br>Volume 8. 1902-1904.<br>Volume 9. 1904.   |
| 118.E.6.8F-2    | 5          | Volume 10. 1904-1905.<br>Volume 11. 1905.<br>Volume 12. 1905-1906.   |
| 118.E.7.1B-1    | 6          | Volume 13. 1906-1907.<br>Volume 14. 1907-1908.<br>Volume 15. 1908-1909.  |
| 118.E.7.2F-1    | 7          | Volume 16. 1909.<br>Girls, Volume 1, 1905-1909.<br>Reports, 1904-1949. 6 volumes and 5 folders. <b>PARTIALLY RESTRICTED</b><br>Missing June 1909 – July 1913. Monthly reports of the day-to-day activities of parole agents, with monthly statistical summaries and lists of parolees.   |
| 116.L.15.3B     | 8          | August 1904 – May 1909. 4 folders.<br>August 1913 – July 1918. 1 volume.<br>August 1918 – June 1922. 1 volume.<br>July 1922 – December 1931. 1 volume.<br>January 1932 – April 1935. 1 volume.<br>May 1935 – December 1937. 1 volume.  |
| 116.L.15.5B     | 1          | January 1938 – June 1945. 1 volume. <b>RESTRICTED</b><br>July 1945 – May 1949. 1 folder. <b>RESTRICTED</b>   |