Finding Aid for
Rural Education Conference Materials

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Call Number       WSU.0014
Repository         Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University (Worcester, Massachusetts)
Location           Learning Resource Center, L-328A
Title              Rural School Conference Materials
Date range         1913-1922.
Extent             1 Linear Foot (1 Box)
Creator(s)         Worcester State University (The State Normal School at Worcester)
Language (s)       English
Abstract           Programs and related materials about the annual Rural School Conferences organized by the State Normal School at Worcester (Worcester State University).

ACCESS AND USE INFORMATION

physical access    Materials are available for use only in the Archives Reading room (L-328A). Users must handle materials with clean hands.
Copyright and ownership Materials are in the public domain.
Citation format    [item title, year] Rural Education Conference materials, Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University.
ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING INFORMATION

Accession number(s)  ACC2016.0028

Provenance  Materials were deposited in the Archives sometime prior to July 2016.

Processing Information  Materials were originally organized chronologically and bound into a single volume containing acidic pages. Items were removed from original binding and placed into acid-free file folders.

Biographical and historical information  The Conferences on Rural Education were conducted by Worcester State (Normal School) from 1913-1922. Initiated by school president, William B. Aspinwall (1912-1940), conferences occurred annually and focused on specific topics such as student health, school infrastructure, curriculum and pedagogy, and relationships between schools and the surrounding community. Conferences brought in speakers from across New England including school administrators, university and college faculty, and community leaders.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection includes conference programs from 1913-1922 listing speakers and topics as well as two summary guides inclusive of years 1913-1920 and an edition of the journal Education (31:10) detailing the 1916 conference.
ARRANGEMENT
This collection is arranged in two series: Series I includes programs from 1913-1922; Series II includes related materials. Series are arranged chronologically.

Series I. Programs, 1913-1922.
Includes names and some brief biographies of speakers, titles and topics of programs, and times and locations of events. Some programs show photographic images of the former campus.

Series II. Related materials
Two summary brochures of conferences including years 1913-1918 and 1913-1920; June 1916 edition of Education with articles related to the 1916 conference.

ACCESS POINTS
Terms below correspond to Library of Congress subject headings.

Organizations
State Normal School at Worcester (Worcester, Mass)
Worcester State University

Places
Worcester (Mass)

General
Teachers Colleges—Massachusetts—History
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RELATED MATERIALS
WSU.0001 Worcester State University Course Catalogs
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