

**Title:** Norris Foundation Collection

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**Abstract:** Daniel W. (Niel) Norris' interest in improving the life of disadvantaged boys began when he was appointed a probation officer in 1911. With the encouragement of his mother Fannie Wells Norris, Niel established the Mount Vernon Boys Camp in 1917 in Waukesha County. That same year, Norris purchased the Orchard View Farm near Muskego to expand the size of the camp and continued acquiring land for several years. Eventually, the facilities at the Norris Farm included farm outbuildings, dormitories, a school, gymnasium and various sporting courts/fields. The Norris Foundation was organized in 1927 as a trusteeship and reorganized as a charitable organization in 1935. The organization evolved into the Norris Adolescent Center, which continues to offer a "therapeutic, educational, and caring environment for adolescents who are experiencing problems."

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of Norris Foundation newsletters, anniversary histories and miscellaneous publications.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Administrative Note:** The collection was processed on May 15, 1997 by Steve Daily.

<b>File Heading</b>	<b>Box #</b>	<b>Folder #</b>
Anniversary/Miscellaneous Publications - <i>Celebration of Youth Diamond Jubilee of Norris Adolescent Center Diamond Jubilee 1917-1992</i> - <i>Silver Anniversary Norris Foundation 1917-1942</i> (2 copies) - <i>Norris Foundation, 1936</i> (3 copies) - <i>The Why and Wherefore of the Norris Farm for Boys, 1926</i> (2 copies)	1	1
<i>Norris Foundation Journal</i> 1932, 1935-1956 (not inclusive).	1	2
<i>Norris Foundation Journal</i> 1957-1967	1	3
<i>Norris Foundation Journal</i> 1943-1949 (2 bound volumes)	1	Loose
<i>The Nor'smen, 1967-1974</i>	1	4

