Title: Milwaukee County. Sheriff's Department

Reference Code: Mss-1979

Inclusive Dates: 1840 – ongoing

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Abstract: The County of Milwaukee was created by the Michigan Territorial Legislature in 1835, and the Michigan governor appointed Benoni Finch as the county's first sheriff. Initially, the department was tasked with law enforcement, keeping the county jail and serving as officer of the county courts. The establishment of suburban police departments and state law enforcement agencies in the 20th century diminished the sheriff department's peacekeeping functions, but it maintained its role as officers of the court system and keepers of the jail and expanded its supervision of county roads and the freeway system.

Scope and Content: The collection consists primarily of departmental annual reports, but also includes a manual and Milwaukee Deputy Sheriff Association publications.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Arrangement:

Folder Heading	**Box #**	**File #**
Manual for Deputy Sheriffs, 1935	1	1
Wisconsin Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Association	1	2
The Milwaukee Deputy Sheriff Association	1	3
Sheriff's Annual Reports, 1933-1936, 1958-1959	1	4
Sheriff's Annual Reports, 1960-1975 (not inclusive)	1	5
Sheriff's Annual Reports, 1976-1982	1	6
Sheriff's Appointment Book, 1840-1860s	1	Loose
Arrest Records Index Cards, 1934-1938 (arranged alphabetically)	1	Loose
Sheriff's Annual Reports, 1983-1990	2	7
Sheriff's Annual Reports, 1991-1993	2	8
Detention Bureau Annual Reports, 1985-1986	2	9
Miscellaneous	2	10
	LOCATION	
Milwaukee County Administrative Manual No. 157 (2 vols.), 2001-2002	BV, Sh. 012	