

Title: Milwaukee Detention Home Collection

Reference Code: Mss-2117

Inclusive Dates: 1929 – 1961

Quantity: 000.03 cu. ft.

Location: Sm Mss

Abstract: The court system in Milwaukee made little distinction between handling child and adult offenders until the Wisconsin Legislature adopted a law in 1901 that created a Juvenile Court to hear cases involving delinquent and neglected children under 16. The law also directed the county to establish separate detention facilities for juveniles. Initially, the county confined dependent and neglected children at the Home for the Friendless at 618 N. Van Buren Street until a new three-story Juvenile Detention Home opened at 1104 W. Galena St. in 1911. It not only housed the Juvenile Court but also provided room, board and rudimentary education to wayward youths.

Scope and Content: The collection includes a partial transcript of trial concerning misconduct of two Detention Home employees in 1929; architectural plans, n.d.; architectural drawings/floor plans; and plat map of area N. 10th to N. 12th streets and W. Walnut to W. Galena streets, 1961

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English