

**Title:** Milwaukee County. Department of Outdoor Relief Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-1676

**Inclusive Dates:** ca. 1901 – 1935

**Quantity:** 0.4 cu. ft.

**Location:** CV, Sh. 024

**Abstract:** Milwaukee County began providing “outdoor relief” (direct outlays of food, firewood and perhaps lodging) to destitute residents in 1835. A more formalized structure emerged in 1858 when a state-mandated Superintendent of the Poor was charged with administering the outdoor relief program. In 1939, the agency’s name was changed to the Department of Public Assistance. In the 1950s, the various county relief systems in Milwaukee were unified under the control of the Board of Public Welfare.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of administrative bulletins, project applications, inventories, accident reports, monthly reports, investigative reports and safety posters. The bulk of the collection dates from the 1930s and is connected to the Civil Works Administration.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Notes:** Collection processed by Kevin Abing, August 1999, and added to in November 2000 and August 2002. Steve Schaffer added to the collection in October 2018.

SEE ALSO: Milwaukee County. Department of Public Welfare, Mss-0731  
Milwaukee County Institutions and Departments, Mss-0723

**Arrangement:**

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