

Title: Milwaukee County School of Agriculture and Domestic Economy Collection

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Abstract: The Milwaukee County School of Agriculture (MCSA) was one of Wisconsin's earliest technical education efforts. In 1912 Milwaukee County purchased 206 acres of land five miles west of downtown Milwaukee near the county grounds to establish the School of Agriculture and Domestic Economy. The county hired famed Milwaukee architect Alexander C. Eschweiler to design the main campus Neo-Gothic style facilities. Structures for the school include four class buildings, one administration building, a dormitory, power house, barn, greenhouses, poultry sheds, and other smaller buildings. Students were given hands-on technical training in areas of study specific to agriculture. The school experienced initial success with 243 students enrolling for the 1912-13 school year, but attendance steadily declined thereafter until 1928 when Milwaukee County closed the school due to its high operational costs.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of various ledgers, account books, catalogs

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: Material added to collection by R. Fuhrman, July 1990, by Steve Daily, January 1994, and by Kevin Abing, September 2000.

Arrangement:

Folder Heading/Contents	Box #	File #
Milwaukee County. School Board. Minutes, 1912-1913 (2 vols.) [Organized Jan. 6, 1912. These volumes are for the Agricultural School only. Apparently at that time there were no other schools under the Board's jurisdiction]	1	Loose
MCSA: Bills, 1918, 1921, 1925, 1927 (4 vols.)	1	Loose
MCSA: Book of Grades, 1916-1917	1	Loose
MCSA: Account Book, [1912]	1	Loose
MCSA: Register, n.d.	1	Loose
MCSA: Receipts, January 1916-November 1923 (2 vols.)	2	Loose
MCSA: Purchase Orders, August 15, 1921-December 30, 1922	2	Loose

MCSA: Charge Tickets, December 28, 1920-October 4, 1922	2	Loose
MCSA: Charge Tickets, January 2, 1923-December 31, 1923	2	Loose
MCSA: General Store Delivery Tickets, Dec. 31, 1923-Dec. 27, 1924	2	Loose
MCSA: Order Books, June 9, 1922-July 14, 1922 (6 pads)	2	Loose
MCSA: Sale of Books and Supplies, 1925-1927 (2 notebooks)	2	Loose
Catalog of the Milwaukee County Institutions Holstein Dispersal, May 23-24, 1955	2	Loose
MCSA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Announcement, 1911 (2 copies) - Annual Catalogs, 1912-1915, 1917, 1921-23, (11 vols.) - Report, 1922 (Includes Milwaukee County Farm) [2 copies] - History and Reminiscences, 1912-1928 (3 copies) - Quarterly Bulletin, Series XIV, No. 1, 1925 (Faculty and classes offered) 	2	1
La Crosse County School of Agriculture and Domestic Economy: Opening Annoucement, 1909		
MCSA: Student Attendance Records, 1927-1928	2	2
U.S. Veteran's Bureau: Check Voucher List to MCSA, Jan. 1922-March 1925	2	3
MCSA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Charges and Claims - Tuition Charges, May 23, 1922-February 11, 1924 - Dormitory Charges, February 1-October 1, 1922 - Milk Sales/Charges, January 1922-August 1923 - Extra Charges, January 1922, October 1922 - Wisconsin. Dept. of State.: Certificate of Title to a Motor Vehicle, Hudson, Tour., 6cyl, 1916, light brown, wood wheels ("Bought for class use.") 	2	4
Student Notebooks (4), Milwaukee County School of Agriculture and Domestic Economy. Student: Blodwen Jones, ca. 1915	2	5
MCSA: Vouchers, #1-1009, 2110-2325 (March 1, 1912-March 13, 1916) [Missing 144, 271, 383, 439, 443, 465, 709, 741, 997, 1008-1009, 1012, 1028, 1065, 1077, 1331, 1339, 1471, 1520, 1616, 1688, 1830, 2003, 2010, 2120, 2100-2109]	3	
Record of Cash Received, 1916-1918	4	1
Miscellaneous (Includes exhibit "History of the Establishment of Milwaukee County School")	4	2
Charge Tickets, 1925 (bundle)	4	Loose
Cash Receipts, 1918-1923 (bundle)	4	Loose
Weekly Time Book, 1912-1915	4	Loose
Record of Cash Received, 1915-1916	4	Loose
Athletic Association Receipt Book	4	Loose
"Various Collections" Receipt Book	4	Loose
Ledger (unidentified), January-July 1915	4	Loose

Fair Books (Two narrow softbound books with notations for various entries and prizes)	4	Loose
Transfers Book (Details transfers of goods from the Agricultural School to other County Institutions departments)	4	Loose
Bills, 1917 (Binder)	5	
Charge Tickets, May 1921-August 1928 (Binder)	5	
Bills, 1923 (Binder)	5	
Bills, 1926 (Binder)	5	
Cash Receipts, February 1920-August 1928 (Binder)	5	
Miscellaneous Ledgers, Account Books, Receipt Books, etc. (16 items)	6	
Cash Receipt Books (7 items)	6	
Athletic Association Passes (numerous copies)	6	
Miscellaneous Ledgers	7	
Miscellaneous Ledgers	8	
Alumni-Related Materials, 1977-1984	9	1
Alumni-Related Materials, 1985-1990	9	2
Alumni Reunion Materials	9	3
Work Sheets for Agricultural School History	9	4
Graduation Invitations/Programs (Photocopies), 1916, 1925-1928	9	5
Newspaper Clippings (info on reunions, death notices, county landmark status for school)	9	6
Newsletter, <i>The Aggies</i> , April 26, 1923	9	7
Miscellaneous (including reminiscences, historical sketch, etc.)	9	8
LEDGERS:	LOCATION	
Monthly Time Books (3 vols.), 1914-1918	BV, Sh. 079	
MCSA Check Stubs, February 1912-September 1915 (5 vols.)	BV, Sh. 073	
MCSA Payroll, January 1918-August 1928	BV, Sh. 078	
MCSA Cash Receipts, March 1916-January 1920	BV, Sh. 078	
MCSA Private Herd Book (Holstein Herd), 1916-1922	BV, Sh. 078	
OVERSIZE ITEMS	LOCATION	
2 blank diplomas from School of Agriculture, 1920s	OS XLG	
SLIDES: See binder on library shelves	LM, Sh. 026	