The papers of the Ann Arbor Teachers Association were deposited with the Labor History Archives in March of 1968 by officers of the Association,

The Ann Arbor Teachers Club (later changed to A.A.T. Association) was founded during the 1911-1912 academic year. According to the Minutes,

The object of the Club was to co-operate with one another and with other teachers' clubs in the state for mutual benefit. The two specific objects were the passing of the Retirement Bill and the establishment of a state school for defective children.

Throughout its subsequent development the Association has worked for the dual objectives of the enrichment of educational services and the recognition and reward of teaching as a profession. The Association displayed an early interest in regional professional organizations; by 1921 it belonged to the National Education Association, and financial records indicate active support of the Michigan Education Association by 1925. Besides actively participating in their varied programs, the A.A.T.A. also seems to have modeled their organizational structure upon M.E.A. and N.E.A. guidelines.

The original constitution established an executive committee, comprising principal officers as well as representatives of the separate school units, charged with conducting the affairs of the Association. Shortly thereafter, ad hoc committees were established and some of them were retained as standing committees.

The standing committees in turn have generated ephemeral sub-committees concerned with specific issues. Constant challenge and growth have necessitated periodic constitutional revision and organizational restructuring. This has influenced the arrangement of the collection, to the extent that materials relating to the executing of a specific policy have been organized around the standing committee most concerned with the activity. For example, almost all records relating to Salary are filed under the Salary Committee, even though certain of them may have originated with the Professional Problems Committee. This scheme was adopted in hopes of facilitating research upon those activities most pertinent to the process of professionalization.
Ann Arbor furnishes a unique context for a teachers association. It is the seat of the gigantic and prestigious University of Michigan. Citizens possess comparatively high educational and income levels, and this reacts both upon the scholastic attitudes of the teachers and administrative staff and upon the relations between the school system and the community. This collection includes materials documenting parent-teacher organizations and school board elections. Civil rights, and especially the bussing of schoolchildren, is discussed in the more recent files.

The Ann Arbor Teachers Association Collection covers the period from 1911 to 1968.

Important subjects are:  Teacher Certification  
Legislation Relevant to Education  
Salary Negotiations and Plans  
School Board Elections  
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