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Abstract
Dr. Joe L. Norris began as a professor at Wayne State University in the Department of History in 1938. Prior to his appointment at Wayne State, Norris received his BA from Northwestern in 1928, his MA from Harvard in 1931, and his Ph.D. from University of Chicago in 1938. Dr. Norris worked as a research assistant at the Library of Congress from 1930 to 1931 and served in the Air Force from 1943 to 1946.

During his tenure at Wayne State University, Dr. Norris was the Editor in Chief of the Wayne State University Press from 1951 to 1954, the founder and editor of the Detroit Council of Local History newsletter, an active member of the Michigan Historical Society, the American Historical Association, the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters, the Detroit Historical Society and a member of Wayne State’s Athletic Association. Dr. Norris was also a chairman of the Michigan Bibliography Committee in 1949 and a historical consultant for Wayne State University Broadcasting, the Portrait of Anthony Wayne by F. Clever Bald, and Leslie Hanawalt’s A Place of Light: The History of Wayne State University.

The collection primarily consists of Dr. Norris’s research notes, historical papers, and student papers. This collection contains the early research of Wayne State’s Athletic Association, as well as many faculty memos and drafts of newsletters and publications associated with Wayne State. Dr. Norris authored two books: As Others See Chicago and Forty Six Years, The Published Writings of Milo M. Quaife, as well as the Classified Finding List of the Collections of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society and Detroit History Booklets, a series of booklets on Detroit history.

This collection also includes pamphlets and political ephemera from the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, the Socialist Party, and the Progressive Party largely from the 1920s to the 1940s. Dr. Norris saved political pamphlets and flyers passed out on Wayne State University’s campus during his time at Wayne State. He also collected a variety of political and cultural materials associated with Detroit including materials from the Detroit Public Schools, the Detroit Library Commission, Detroit political campaigns, Detroit tourism promotional materials, and theater and musical productions within Detroit. Dr. Norris saved political materials from the University of Chicago, including flyers for political student groups and student strikes. This collection also contains a sizeable amount of political leaflets, pamphlets, and flyers from Indiana (his birthplace), primarily from Marion County. Included in this is the Kourier, a Ku Klux Klan publication, as well as materials from various political groups within Marion County. Finally, this collection contains a small number of action adventure books from the early 1900s.
Important Subjects:
Students – Political Activity
Student activism
Student Strikes
KKK (Ku Klux Klan (1915- ))
National Republican Party
Republican Party (Ind.)
Republican Party (Ill.)
Republican Party (Mich.)
Democratic Party (Ind.)
Democratic Party (Ill.)
Democratic Party (Mich.)
Socialist Parties
Socialist movements
Progressive Party
Campaigns; Political
Research – History
World War I (World War, 1914-1918)
World War II (World War, 1939-1945)
Prohibition – Societies, etc
Sterilization, Eugenic
Civil Rights – America

Important Names:
Detroit
Wayne County
Wayne State University
University of Chicago
Cook County
Illinois
Marion County
Indiana
Michigan Historical Society
Detroit Historical Society
Joe Norris
Joe L. Norris
Joseph L. Norris
International Typographical Union
Arrangement
The collection is arranged into three series. The first series is dedicated to Joe Norris’s faculty involvement with Wayne State University, his correspondence, and his collection of adventure story periodicals. The second series consists of political materials gathered primarily from Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois, and also includes national political materials. This series is grouped by the region from which the political materials originated, as well as the publisher or responsible party for the materials. The third series contains Norris’s research, student term papers, and class notes. Also contained in this series is 4x5 research folders which Norris used to organize his research. These folders are arranged alphabetically by subject matter.

Series One
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1. Correspondence, 1926-1958
2. Correspondence about Michigan Public Libraries and Bibliography, 1947-1950
3. Air Force Reserve papers and correspondence, 1946-1954
4. Correspondence, 1932
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6. Dining service, The George Washington Chesapeake and Ohio lines, N.D.
7. Programs for cultural events, circa 1937-1958
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9. PhD diploma and certification from Historical Society of Michigan, 1950
11. Norris Family ration books, book four, circa 1943
12. Cultural ephemera, 1885-1951
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14. Photograph of man with “This is Detroit,” circa 1951
15. Photographs of Joe Norris (young), N.D.
16. Wayne State University Reports, 1940-1957
17. Wayne State University Faculty Memos, 1942-1961
18. Wayne State University proposed plan of reorganization, 1942
19. Wayne State University Foundation Facts, 1959
20. Wayne State University Alumni News, 1959
21. Wayne State University Graduate Comment, 1959
22. Inside Wayne, 1959
23. Problems in Industrial Teaching, Wayne University, 1950
24. Detroit Council on Local History Newsletter, 1941-1942
25. Wayne State University History Club, 1950
26. Public Speaking engagements, 1939-1955
28. Athletic Advisory Committee Policy, Wayne University, 1952-1954
29. Athletic Advisory Committee, Wayne University, 1952-1953
30. Wayne State University and History Department memos, 1940-1956
31. The Faculty Bulletin, 1957
32. Wayne State University Board of Governors, political materials, 1961
33. Newspaper clippings from Joe Norris’s work, 1932-1951
34. Diamond Dick, Boy’s Best Weekly, numbers 209, 290, 333, 1900-1903
35. Tip Top Weekly, numbers 188, 212, 260, 262, 295, 324, 1899-1901
36. Secret Service, Old and Young King Brady Detectives, numbers 149, 175, 193, 251, 1901-1903
37. Comrades Tales of Adventures for Young Folks, number 55, 1901
38. Pluck and Luck, number 69, 1899, and number 216, 1902
39. Beadles Boy’s Library of Sport, Story and Adventure, The Snow Trail, 1899
40. Preliminary Report on the history of Wayne University, N.D.
41. Political materials handed out on Wayne State University’s campus, 1936-1956

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45. Detroit Institute of Arts, flyers and pamphlets, 1947-1951
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51. Masonic Auditorium, 1947-1950
52. Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 1940-1949
53. Detroit political pamphlets, flyers, and mailers, 1941-1957
54. Detroit political pamphlets, flyers, and mailers, 1958
55. Wayne County Salvage Committee, Salvage for Victory, circa 1942
56. Detroit city election ballot, circa 1956
57. The Detroit Election Spotlight, 1957

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2. Detroit Republican Club, 1950
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10. Albert Cobo, 1956
11. Detroit Automotive Golden Jubilee Committee for Civic Celebration, 1946
12. Instruction ballot for Wayne County, 1942
13. Instruction ballot for Wayne County, 1952
14. Division of Student Personnel, 1941
15. Jew and Gentile, We Need Each Other, 1941
16. Civic Searchlight, Detroit, 1940-1960
17. Citizens for Victory, Detroit, 1942
18. Detroit Teachers Association, 1938
21. The Teller, Detroit Bank, 1949
22. Adcraft Club of Detroit, 1949
23. Detroit 250th Birthday Festival, 1951
24. Rail and Coach line changes, Department of Street Railways, 1942
25. Detroit Schoolmen’s Club, 1941-1959
26. Board of Water Commissioners, 1940-1952
27. Letter to F.M. Reub from “Old Reub” about Detroit (copy), 1834
28. Did you read…? Detroit, 1939-1940
29. Detroit Library Commission, 1938-1947
30. Detroit Public Library Event Pamphlets, 1940-1945
31. Detroit Public Library pamphlets from Burton Historical Collection, N.D.
32. The facts behind the Dodge shutdown, UAW, 1939
33. Traffic Engineering Bureau, 1939-1941
34. J.L. Hudson Company, Historical Detroit magazines, N.D.
35. Detroit City Plan and Improvement Commission, 1914
36. Detroit City Plan Commission, 1946
37. Defense Councils of Detroit, Wayne, and Michigan, In the event of an air raid, 1942
38. Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau and Detroit Publicity Committee, N.D.
39. 75 years of public service, Detroit News, N.D.
40. Detroit Public Schools, flyers and pamphlets, 1938-1953
41. Detroit Public Schools, political flyers, mailers, and pamphlets, 1939-1955
42. Detroit Historical Museum, 1940-1953
43. Detroit Historical Society pamphlets, 1947-1959
44. Automotive industry, circa 1950-1949
45. Dearborn Historical Commission, N.D.
46. Albion College Invitations, 1876-1877
47. Michigan Republican Club, 1960
48. The First One Hundred Years, A souvenir of Lansing’s centennial year, 1947
49. Michigan History Conference, 1940
50. Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters, 1957
51. Constitutional Democratic Cubs of Michigan, 1938
52. The Michigan Militant Newsletter, 1959
53. Frank Murphy For Governor Committee, 1938
54. James M. Hare Campaign Committee, 1956
55. Tax Policy League, 1939
56. Constitution of the State of Michigan handout, 1948
57. Congressman Charles C. Diggs, 1958
58. Republican Party of Michigan, 1952
59. Donald S. Leonard for Governor Committee, 1952
60. Michigan Democratic Party, 1938-1952
61. Wallace for President Michigan Committee, 1948
63. Macauley’s Theatre Program, 1877
64. University of Michigan microfilm collection information, 1941
65. Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, 1951
66. State Historical Society of Michigan, 1947
67. A Pioneer Novelist of Kent County, by Fred C. Hamil, N.D.
68. Gabriel Richard, by Sister M. Rosalita, N.D.
69. Michigan Historical Collections, 1939-1952
70. Michigan Historical Commission, N.D.
71. WM. S. Merrell Company, drawings by James M. Lessions, postcard, N.D.
72. CIBA Pharmaceutical Products, Series of Interesting Medical Events, N.D.
73. Ohio Democratic State Executive Committee, circa 1932
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75. Maumet Valley International Historical Convention, 1940
76. Ohio Capitols, E. Hummel, circa 1943-1949
77. City of Defiance, Ohio, 1944
78. The Duluth, Missabe, and Iron Range Railway Company, Paul H. Van Hoven
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79. Fort Ticonderoga, N.D.
80. University of Wisconsin Historical Digest, 1948-1949
81. Mississippi Valley Historical Association, 1949-1951
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86. American Student Union, Chicago, 1936-1941
87. Legislative Voters League, 1938
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95. Armenian Committee to the Technical Aid for Spanish Democracy, 1937
96. Pushkin Jubilee Committee of Chicago, 1937
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99. Youth Section of American League Against War and Fascism, N.D.
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119. Chicago Progressive Union, 1936
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11. The Gregg Annual, 1920
12. Indiana Historical Society, 1932
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15. The Dog, Official Organ of Indianapolis Union Printers’ Baseball Association, 1916
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23. Sample ballot for proposed amendments to Indiana State Constitution, N.D.
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13. International Labor Defense, Protest Against Hunger and Terror, 1932
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15. National Committee of Americans of Polish Descent, Poland, Russia, and our Honor, circa 1948
16. Help to place syphilis under control, United States Public Health Service, 1937
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22. A Chemical Almanack, 1933
23. A Secret Chapter of Political History, about Samuel J. Tilden, N.D.
26. What you should know about smoking, Stevenson Publications, 1961
27. Christiandiy to Derbyshire, Correspondence, October 5, 1852
28. Foreign travelers opinions of America, 1818-1914
29. Progressive National Committee, circa 1932
30. Hoover versus Roosevelt political pamphlets and flyers, circa 1932
31. Historic examples of American printing and typography, 1947
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51. Cities of America, Saturday Evening Post; Detroit New Orleans, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Dallas and Fort Worth, Sale Lake City, New York, Boston, Seattle, San Antonio, Chicago, Los Angeles, Madison, 1946
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43. Copy of menu at 1857 Baltimore Railroad Celebration, N.D.
44. Research and class notes, N.D.
45. Copies of correspondence, Frederic Remington to Laurant, 1896
46. Research on Grover Cleveland, N.D.
47. A Barrel to each of my generals, essay, N.D.
48. National Park Briefs pamphlet, 1940
49. Seeing New Orleans by the O. Henry Route, N.D.
50. Course reading lists and bibliographies, N.D.
51. Term papers about Illinois, N.D.
52. Research on urban development, N.D.
53. Term papers, Knappen, 1933
54. Incomplete manuscript, largely about social movements in the 1850s, N.D.
55. Rivers and Harbors Convention, 1847
56. Research on James Noble, 1934
57. The ratification of the Louisiana Purchase Treaty, David N. Rowe, N.D.
58. History courses, 1932
59. Research on William Todd Otto, 1931
60. History 787 clippings, N.D.
61. Autobiography of Oliver Lyman Spaulding, N.D.
62. Port of Detroit essay, 1952
63. History 102 reading list, N.D.
64. Masonic Benevolent Association of Central Illinois, 1879
65. Jewelry receipt, grocery receipt, circa 1879
66. Student paper, A story of Chevrolet by C.B. Felten, 1949
67. Correspondence to Vickers from F.M. Murphy, 1941

Box 6

1. History 301 methods and bibliography, circa 1956
2. Correspondence to Dr. George Vickers, 1889-1916
3. Portfolio of Beckett Text for Letterpress Printing, N.D.
4. Stratmore Saxon Deckle Edge Cover, N.D.
5. Cathay Cover, The Beveridge Paper Co., N.D.
6. Portfolio showing printed specimens of Bodleian, N.D.
7. Northwestern University, 1928-1933
8. The Author’s Wallet, P. Hollister, 1934
10. Land reform essay, 1937
11. History of the book trade essay, 1874-1900
14. Research on Mexican War in 1847, N.D.
15. Research on Detroit city lots, 1863-1957
16. Research on religion in 1819, N.D.
17. Research on women’s rights, N.D.
18. Research on Civil War, N.D.
20. Research on Oliver L. Spaulding, N.D.
21. Research on Oliver L. Spaulding, N.D.
22. Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, pre-1918
23. Harvard datebooks, 1928-1929
24. Bibliography cards, N.D.
25. The University of Chicago, 194th convocation, 1938
26. Research on England under the Stuarts, N.D.
27. Research on gold rush, N.D.
28. Research on transportation from 1847-1958, N.D.
29. Research for History of Middle West, 1947-1955
30. Research on rise of Puritanism in England, N.D.
31. Anthony Wayne essays, Norris, circa 1950
32. Norris essays, 1926-1932
33. Francis Nicholson essay, Norris, 1931
34. Student term paper about Grant, N.D.
35. Notes regarding Reconstruction, 1930
36. University of Chicago lecture notes, N.D.

Box 7

1. History 231, Hotchkiss, 1933
2. What is an administrator, Louis Brownlow, 1936
3. History 372, McLaughlin, 1932
4. History from 1876-1930, primarily covering Roosevelt, 1930
5. Literary criticism of the Renaissance paper, 1927
6. History 409, Jernegan, 1935
7. Labor in Chicago, 1848-1871
8. Labor in Chicago, 1848-1871
9. History of printing, N.D.
10. German-English dictionary, N.D.
11. Northwestern University certificate, 1941
12. Territory of Arizona, Twenty Third Legislature of Arizona, 1905
13. Student term papers, University of Chicago, 1928-1938
14. Research and early work for American Book Trade, N.D.
15. Research on livelihood, years 1847-1866, N.D.
16. Lecture notes, N.D.
17. Research on books by genre, N.D.
18. Lecture and course notes for History 271, 1936
19. Lecture and research notes for History 372, N.D.
This box also contains 4x5 research folders containing bibliography cards and research notes arranged alphabetically. This box houses Norris’s research about Michigan agricultural societies and the American book trade, including bookstore failures, juvenile fiction, censorship, and copyright law.

Box 8
Box eight also contains Norris’s 4x5 research folders. Norris’s research on the book trade is continued in this box, beginning with the need for reform of the publishing system, schools books, and book fairs. This box also contains Norris’s research on communication, commercial revolution, cultural and economic life in America, education issues, government’s role within society, health policies and issues, and Native Americans (referred to in this collection as Indians).

Box 9
Box nine is a continuation of the previous boxes. The 4x5 research folders in this box begin with Norris’s research of labor, main current of thought in the 16th century, and manufacturing. This box also contains research on the Midwest, United States military history, population statistics of the United States, biographical information on Gabriel Richard, research about various religions, and social life in America. This box ends with research about trade sales, transportation, urbanization, and the Western Booksellers Association.

Box 10
This box contains bibliography cards that are largely biographical. The cards are arranged alphabetically by the person’s last name. The latter portion of the bibliography cards is topical, and the subjects include: books and pamphlets, articles Norris has referenced, and additions Dr. Norris made to the 1947 bibliography in Michigan History. Lastly, this box holds a small portion of notes from his History 301 class taught in 1946.

Box 11
1. Long Boy by Norris, N.D.
2. Outline map of Indiana, 1882
3. War Geography Atlas, American Education Press, 1942
5. Signed photograph by Arthur M. Schlesinger
6. Sheet music books, 1895-1930
7. Sheet music books, 1895-1946
8. Sheet music books, 1892-1933
The following rolled items are contained within the box:
   A copy of The Literary Light, volume four, June 1894
   Norris’s Harvard degree
   Katherine Hirth’s grammar school and high school diplomas