

THE EDWARD MCFARLAND COLLECTION

Papers, 1926-1950
(Predominantly, 1941-1948)
3.5 Linear Feet

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The papers of Edward McFarland were opened for research in March 1975.

Edward Wills McFarland was born in Millwood, Pennsylvania in 1885. He received his early education in that state, graduating from the Pennsylvania State Teachers College at Indiana in 1908. After teaching in Pennsylvania he moved to this state to attend the University of Michigan. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in 1913 and 1915 respectively, and approximately two decades later, earned a doctorate degree, all from Michigan. His special areas of interest were public finance, taxation, purchasing and distribution.

Between 1915 and 1920 McFarland taught in Detroit's Northern and Central high schools. In 1920 he was appointed to the Detroit Teachers College, eventually becoming professor of sociology and economics. He was one of the most important faculty members, quickly becoming popular among teachers in the city, who elected him president of the Detroit Teachers Association from 1932 to 1936.

McFarland served on innumerable committees for both mayors of Detroit and governors of Michigan. In 1937 he was appointed chairman of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. He was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress in the Democratic primary of 1942. He was deeply involved in consumer affairs, being particularly interested in cooperatives and credit unions. He helped found the Motor City Co-op and the Detroit Teachers Credit Union.

Professor McFarland was an important figure in the creation of the labor education program at Wayne, and was placed in charge of the program in November, 1944. He continued his involvement in the program until his sudden death in December, 1949.

The papers of Edward McFarland deal in large measure with his involvement in the labor program. They also reflect, however, his concern with consumer issues and his political interests.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Consumer affairs
Cooperatives
Credit unions
Industrial health and safety education
Labor education at Wayne University
Michigan political affairs

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This series consists of correspondence, including inter-office correspondence, from 1926 to 1950.

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This group of papers deals with the labor education program at Wayne University between 1943 and 1950.

Series III, Boxes 5-7

These papers pertain to McFarland's political and consumer interests. They date from 1931 to 1949, falling primarily in the period between 1938 and 1949.

Series IV, Box 7

This series contains records dealing with classes Professor McFarland taught at Wayne University. It includes materials dated from 1948 to 1950.

Series I
Boxes 1-2, 3, (Folders 1-6)

This series consists exclusively of correspondence dated between 1926 and 1950, primarily 1945 to 1948. It includes inter-departmental correspondence. Much of the correspondence deals with the labor program at Wayne University, but Professor McFarland's other interests are also reflected. The papers are arranged chronologically, with separate folders for general and interdepartmental correspondence. Correspondence found in this series is related to subjects found in series II and III.

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Series II
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Materials regarding labor education are found in this series. Included are class and faculty records for 1945 to 1949; information regarding the industrial health and safety courses; and correspondence regarding the industrial health and safety courses and the labor program at Wayne University. The folders are arranged alphabetically by subject, with the exception of the first folder, which is placed for the benefit of the user. The papers cover the period 1943-1950.

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12. Labor Legislation-Bonine-Tripp Labor Bill, 1947
13. Labor Legislation-The Toledo Plan, 1947

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- 1-2. Publications-Education Round-Up, Sept. 1945-April 1948
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6. Worker Education Programs-U-D and U-M, 1945

Series III
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This series deals with the political and consumer interests of Professor McFarland. Of particular value are the folders on consumer education, cooperatives, credit unions and national health legislation. The folders dealing with reapportionment of the state legislature, particularly the correspondence folder, give much insight into state politics. The series is arranged alphabetically by subject heading, and covers the period between 1938 and 1949.

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7. Academic Freedom Conference, May 24, 1947
8. Aid to Education - Federal, 1945, 1947
9. Aid to Education - States, 1946
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9. Oleomargarine-Taxation and Regulation, 1941-1943
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4. UNESCO - Newspaper Clipping, 1949
5. UN Monetary and Financial Conference - Bretton Woods, 1944-1945
6. Wayne County Social Welfare Committee Minutes, August 15, 1941

Series IV
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Information regarding classes taught by Professor McFarland at Wayne University is in this series. The courses dealt with subjects important to McFarland. None were introductory in character. Generally, there are copies of lesson sheets and examinations for each class. Arrangement is by course title and number. The material covers 1948 and 1949.

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