

WILLIAM R. STOCKING, JR. COLLECTION

Papers, 1901-1956
(Predominately, 1908-1913)
.25 Linear Feet
6 Scrapbooks

Accession Number 6

The papers of William R. Stocking, Jr., teacher and coach at Detroit Central High School, were placed in the Wayne State University Archives by Mrs. William Stocking in July, 1960.

William Stocking, Jr. came to Detroit in 1908 to be a teacher and coach at Central High School on Cass Avenue. Born in Wissacasset, Maine in 1881, Stocking received his M.A. from Williams College of Williamstown, Massachusetts in 1905. Through the coaching of Stocking, Central's athletic teams achieved great distinction. Central's football team held the title of State Champion in 1910 and 1913 and claimed to be the 1910 Midwestern High School Champion. Stocking also coached basketball, 1911 State Champions, baseball and taught English at Central.

In 1913, Stocking retired from active coaching to become house principle and subsequently assistant principle at Central. From Central High School, he assumed the duties of principle of Southeastern High School in 1926 and became Redford High School principle in 1941. William Stocking, Jr. died at the age of 68 in 1949.

Throughout his career as an educator and school administrator. Stocking was active in numerous organizations - The National Education Association, Michigan Education Association, Detroit Teacher's Association, Detroit Schoolman's Club, Vocational Guidance Association and the Michigan Schoolmaster's Club - and served as president for several. Stocking was also an active member of the Christian Science Church.

The papers of William R. Stocking, Jr., generally reflect the work of an active innovative educator. Specifically the papers reflect his activities at Detroit Central High School from 1908 to 1913, and the high regard which the faculty and students of Central had for Stocking.

Important subjects in the collection are:

- Detroit Central High School
- Football Team, 1908-1913
- English Department, 1908-1913
- Mackenzie, David, 1922, 1926-1927

Among the correspondents are: (an index to the location of these letters will be found on the last page of the guide)

- Bishop, Harriette
- Conklin, Louise
- Hull, Isabella
- Mackenzie, David R.,

Photographs of Stocking and the 1910, 1913 Central High School football team were removed from the collection and placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collection.

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Correspondence, clippings, reports and other materials kept by William R. Stocking cover the period from 1901 to 1956, but the predominate concentration of materials are in the scrapbooks which concern the time span of 1908 to 1913. Material not in the scrapbooks are filed chronologically by subject. Files 3 through 6, concerned with the Central High School English Department, is loose material from Scrapbook #5. The correspondence of files 11 and 12 is arranged by correspondent.

Box 1

1. Central High School, Central Alumni Bulletin, May, 1926.
2. , Clippings, Undated, 1942,
3. , English Department, Course, Lessons, Undated, 1910.
4. , Examinations, 1910-1913.
5. , Meetings, 1908, 1909.
Debate Program, 1912. Conference, 1914.
6. , English Department, Reading, Supplementary Material, Undated, 1911.
7. , Graduation Programs, June, 1912, January, 1921.
8. , Reunion, April, 1936.
9. , Senior Banquet Program, June, 1926.
10. Central High School and Jr. College General Teachers' Meeting, September, 1918, October, 1920.
11. Correspondence, Farewell Letters, September, 1925, February, 1926.
12. Correspondence, General, Undated, 1922, 1923, 1926.
13. Detroit Jr. College, Enrollment and First Assembly, September, 1917.
14. Education in Detroit, Papers, Outlines:
"History of Secondary School", Undated.
College of the City of Detroit, Description, 1926.
"History of High School Football in Detroit", 1927.
"The House System in Detroit High Schools", 1930.
15. Mackenzie, David, Biography Speech, ca. 1926-1927. Obituaries, January, 1927.
16. Stocking, Wm., Clippings, Undated, 1925, 1949, 1956.

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Scrapbook #1

1908 Central High School Football, Clippings, Programs, Memorabilia

Scrapbook #2

1909-1910 Central High School, Sports, (Primarily Football), Clippings, Photographs, Programs, Memorabilia

Scrapbook #3

1911-1912 Central High School Football, Clippings, Programs, Photographs, First High School Freshman Football Team in Michigan at Central, 1912

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Scrapbook #4

1913 Central High School Football, Clippings, Programs, Photographs

Scrapbook #5

1910-1912, Undated, Central High School, English Classes, Articles, Course Descriptions, Lessons, Meetings, Notes, Reprints, Newspaper Clippings

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Scrapbook #6

Central High School Invoices, 1901-1919

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