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**Wayne State University
Mathematics Department Chair
Alfred L. Nelson Records**
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Abstract

Alfred L. Nelson began his career at Wayne State University when he was hired in 1925 as Chairman of the College of the City of Detroit Mathematics Department. Nelson held the position of Chair until his death in 1960. The records include correspondence, committee information, education groups, and documents from the graduate school. The collection contains correspondence and other documents relating to Harvey Cohn, who was a professor in the Mathematics Department for a brief period at Wayne State University.

Important Names: Nelson, Alfred L.
Henry, David D.
Cohn, Harvey

Arrangement

The collection is grouped by subject and arranged chronologically thereunder.

Box 1

1. Administrative memoranda, President David D. Henry, 1947-1952
2. Administrative memoranda, President C. B. Hilberry, 1959
3. Army specialized training program, 1943-1944
4. Budget deficit, 1954
5. Athletic advisory board, 1942-1945
6. Curriculum committee, 1933
7. Faculty council, 1933-1948
8. Joint committee, L.A. and Ed., 1940
9. Promotions, 1943-1944
10. Joint committee, L.A. and Ed., 1943-1944
11. Research committee, 1928-1943
12. Scholarship Honor Society, 1938-1950
13. Science committee, 1948-1951

Box 2

1. General correspondence, 1948, 1956
2. Elizabeth Platt, correspondence 1948-1954
3. Egyptian Ministry of Education Group, 1955
4. Faculty assembly, Liberal Arts, 1945-1946
5. Graduate School administrative bulletins, 1945-1954
6. Faculty status forms, n.d.
7. Graduate School, Dean John J. Lee, 1947-1954
8. Graduate School administrative bulletins, 1949-1956
9. Graduate School, M. M. Ramsay, 1947-1955

Box 3

1. Graduate School, 1955-1956
2. Graduate School, 1954-1955
3. Graduate School, 1953-1954
4. Graduate School, 1952-1953
5. Graduate School, 1951-1952
6. Graduate School, 1950-1951
7. Industrial Management Cooperation Programs, 1947-1952
8. Kresge dedication, 1953
9. Mathematics in community colleges, 1934-1947
10. Special programs, 1943-1945
11. Student personnel, Division Digest, 1949-1951
12. Wayne University Club, 1940
13. Graduate School, 1947-1949
14. Cohn, Harvey, 1948-1955