

Early Education in North Dakota

This pathfinder will lead researchers to several resources available at the North Dakota State Archives highlighting the early education system of North Dakota.

Archival Collections

10003 Linda (Warfel) and Benjamin Franklin Slaughter Family Papers

Papers of Linda (Warfel) Slaughter, her husband Benjamin Franklin Slaughter, daughters Linnie Lee (Mrs. Albin) Hedstrom, and Jessamine (Mrs. Arthur) Burgum, sister Aidee, granddaughter Hazel (Hedstrom) Eastman, grandson Ted Hedstrom, grandson Vern Hedstrom, and great-granddaughter Virginia (Eastman) Dullum. The collection also includes family history and genealogy information, newspaper clippings about the Slaughters, papers of Albin Hedstrom (Burleigh County Sheriff), Allan Eastman (Bismarck Tribune writer), Vern Hedstrom's Army records, and football and basketball coaching materials, and Allan's parents Phillip K. and Maude Eastman (store owners in Wilton, N.D.).

10064 Edwin James Taylor Family Papers

Papers of Edwin James Taylor, his wife Charlotte (Sterrett), and sons Herndon and Edwin Jr., as well as the papers of Mrs. Hazel Paris Reid (sister of Edwin Taylor Jr.'s second wife Aldeen Paris [Welch] Taylor), and papers of Major James Hanley (whose daughter Lewista married Aldeen Paris' brother Robert). E. J. Taylor Sr. was an educator and librarian. The Taylor papers include correspondence with Walter Stockwell, W. E. Hoover, Minnie J. Nielson, Beatrice Johnstone, and Jerry D. Bacon, among others, pertaining in part to educational affairs and politics.

10098 Bertha Rachel Palmer Papers

Correspondence, reports, scrapbooks, family papers, and clipping files relating to administration of the Department of Public Instruction, education, the North Dakota Federation of Women's Clubs, North Dakota Women's Christian Temperance Union, and the North Dakota Sunday School Association. Collection includes papers of Palmer's maternal grandfather, Aaron M. Ludlow.

Useful Search Guidance

Subjects

- One-room schoolhouses
- North Dakota Public Instruction
- Superintendent of Schools

People

- Bertha Rachel Palmer, 1880-1959
- Laura J. Kelly (Eisenhuth) Alming, 1859-1937
- Linda Slaughter, 1843-1911
- Edwin James Taylor, 1869-1956

Locations

- Mimer School, Velva
- Soper School
- Manfred School
- Ivarie School
- Glenmore Consolidated Rural High School
- Elgin High School

Journal Articles

Memoirs of a Prairie Schoolteacher
Enid Bern— *North Dakota History* Vol. 42
Issue 3

Gilbert and Pearl Wick—Robinson
Larry J. Sprunk— *North Dakota History* Vol. 44
Issue 4

The Bertha Palmer Papers: A Colorful
Historical Resource
Gregory S. Camp—*North Dakota History* Vol.
52 Issue 3

10132 Bryant Family Papers

Papers of George A. Bryant (1850-1923), businessman and treasurer of Foster School District No. 2, Logan County; his son O. Frank Bryant (1873-1940), attorney, businessman, secretary to Governor Shafer, and publisher of the Napoleon Homestead; and grandson Jay Bryant (1904-1985), Deputy Secretary of State. The collection primarily consists of O. F. Bryant's papers, and includes correspondence, printed material, invitations, ephemera, land records and legal papers relating to real estate business, the Homestead newspaper, F. O. Bryant's Ford Dealership and radio business, positions as Register of Deeds of Logan County and secretary to Governor Shafer. The Shafer material includes speeches, office layouts, correspondence, and material relating to the fire at the ND State Capitol.

10228 O. Leonard Orvedal Papers

Minutes of circuit meetings and Lutheran mission records in Rawson and Hartland, church census records, plans and specifications for rural schools, records of the Rugby and Pembina Chapters of the American Red Cross, printed materials, records from his time as Superintendent of Schools, and documents from the Teacher's Protective and Benefit Association.

10282 North Dakota Congress of Parents' and Teachers' Associations Records

Minutes, correspondence, subject files, resolutions, reports, membership lists, constitutions, scrapbooks, audits, bulletins, photographs, convention materials, and printed materials. Records relate primarily to administration, scholarships, educational issues, school legislation, and the state conventions.

10290 North Dakota Education Association Records

Minutes, convention proceedings, subject files, chronological files, programs, miscellany, and printed material. Minutes include annual budgets, constitutional revisions, motions, and resolutions from meetings of the Board of Directors, Representative Assemblies, Northwest Division, Second and Third Grade Section, Rural Section, and convention proceedings. Subject files consist of correspondence, committee reports, budgets, departmental minutes, news releases, and conference information. Chronological files contain incoming and outgoing correspondence of the Association's administrative personnel. Program series includes programs for annual state, division, and North Dakota Association of School Administrators conventions. Miscellany Leadership training manual, a National Council of State Education Association's report, ephemera, newspaper clippings, a scrapbook and an oversize item, including a charter for Stutsman County Local.

21177 Rosebud Country School Museum Records (Fullerton, North Dakota)

Rosebud Country School Museum (Fullerton, ND). Prints of photographs of the interior and exterior of the schoolhouse (museum), a history of the school, a copy of an informational handout given to all visitors as part of their tour, news article about the museum project, a script for a theatrical program (reenactment) performed at the museum during their 2005 open house, and two reminiscences by Lucille Pazandak, who attended the school.

Books

Important Voices: North Dakota's Women Elected State Officials Share their Stories, 1893-2013

2014—Susan E. Wefald with a forward and conclusion by Dr. Kjersten Nelson

Call Number: 920 W399i 2014

A Brief History of the Department of Public Instruction, 1860-1932: An Historical Sketch

1932 – Bertha R. Palmer

Call Number: 351.851 P182 1932

Course of Study for the Rural Schools of North Dakota

1928 – Department of Public Instruction, Bertha R. Palmer, Superintendent; prepared by Department of Public Instruction and co-operating educators

Call Number: 372 N811 1928

North Dakota Elementary Courses of Study: With Suggested Daily Program and Organization for Rural Schools

1918 – Department of Public Instruction, Bertha R. Palmer, Superintendent; prepared by Department of Public Instruction and co-operating educators

Call Number: 372 N811 1929

Syllabus in Alcohol Education

1933 – Bertha Rachel Palmer

Call Number: 375.61381 P182

Pioneers in Education in North Dakota

1923 – Edwin J. Taylor

Call Number: 370.92 T213

Eisenhuth, Laura J

General Information File Biography

Taylor, Edwin J

General Information File Biography

Online Resources

Bertha Palmer

Lucid Thomas—Dakota Datebook Prairie Public Newsroom

SHSND Photobook

State Historical Society of North Dakota's Online Search Portal for all digitized photographs

Digital Horizons

Online consortium of historic photographs from the collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota

WorldCat

State Historical Society of North Dakota's publication search portal

External Resources

[Bismarck Weekly Tribune October 21, 1892](#)

Example ballot on page 2 of the newspaper that includes Laura J. Eisenhuth for State Superintendent of Public Instruction

[Schools Are Given Examination as to Health Provisions](#)

The Bismarck Tribune article from May 20, 1929

State Archives

For more information related to the collections and resources available at the North Dakota State Archives, please email archives@nd.gov or call (701) 328-2668.



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