



BHC-MSS 0188

Guide to the Veronica Litrop Collection of Maplewood Junior High School
Material
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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Litrop, Veronica

Title: Veronica Litrop Collection of Maplewood Junior High School Material

Dates: 1900-1984

Quantity: 1 liner foot

Abstract. Maplewood Junior High School began its life in 1893 as an elementary school to replace the Old South Schoolhouse. It was constructed to meet the needs of a rapidly growing population at the end of the 19th Century, and acts as a microcosm of changes in the Bridgeport educational system from the 1890s to 1984.

Language: English

Repository: Bridgeport History Center

Biographical History:

Maplewood Junior High School began its life in 1893 as an elementary school to replace the Old South Schoolhouse. Built by Longstaff and Hurd (responsible for the Barnum Museum and the Crescent Building among others), it was constructed to meet the needs of a rapidly growing population. At the end of the 19th Century, Bridgeport's population was booming, which meant more children and the need for more schools.

Over the years, numerous additions to the building were made to keep up with the pace of growth. The building became a junior high school in 1917.

Education experiments and changes in the status of teachers are reflected in the school's history in the collection, the Maplewood Journal. Included is information about special programs for students with disabilities since the 1920s, the debate over married teachers being required to retire, and the issues of integration during the 1960s.

The school closed in 1984.

This collection was curated by Veronica Litrop, who taught social studies at Maplewood for 7th and 8th graders and wrote the school's history. Other material in the collection was donated to her by alumni.

Scope and Content note:

This collection represents Litrop's collecting and research, as well as the contributions of alumni. Most important to the collection is the "Maplewood Journal" which gives a full, unabridged history

of the school written by Litrop herself. The scrapbooks created by alumni provide useful contemporary information about the school as well.

Arrangement Note:

Collection is divided into three series - yearbooks, PTA and alumni, and scrapbooks and clippings. Each is arranged chronologically.

Administrative information:

Provenance:

Preferred Citation:

Veronica Litrop Collection of Maplewood Junior High School Material (BHC-MSS 0188), Bridgeport History Center, Bridgeport Public Library.

Names and Subject Tracings

Corporate names

City of Bridgeport. Board of Education.

Subject tracings

Schools

Elementary schools

Junior High Schools

Detailed box/folder listing

Box 1

Series I, Yearbooks

1. Yearbooks, 1922-1923
2. Yearbooks, 1976-1977
3. Yearbooks, 1980

Series II, PTA and alumni

4. National Congress of Parents and Teachers plaque, 1900
5. PTA certificate, 1934
6. Alumni day program, 1984
7. List of graduates, 1915
8. Photographs, 1960s-1977, undated

Series III, Scrapbooks and clippings

9. Clippings, 1930s-1950s
10. Clippings, 1983

Series II, Scrapbooks

Box 2

1. Scrapbook compiled by Mrs. Arthur Burgess, 1936-1939
2. Scrapbook, compiled by Effie Hobby, 1939-1940
3. Maplewood Journal, 1984