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ABSTRACT:

The Ray Colwell collection consists of an audiocassette and transcript of an oral history interview conducted between Colwell and Scott Markell during the fall of 1987. Colwell began his teaching career in Benson, Minnesota, but after one year there, he joined the United States Air Force. Following his service in the Korean War, Colwell was hired to teach art in Owatonna, Minnesota in 1955. During the interview, Colwell briefly discussed his experiences at Benson, but the majority of the interview concerned his career in Owatonna between 1955 and 1987. Colwell noted the ways that the junior high school changed during his tenure. He mentioned the influence of the media, the closings of area private schools, state and federal financing, along with a gradual decline in the willingness of students to work hard.

This oral history interview was conducted as a requirement for the graduate level Educational Foundations course entitled History of Education in American Culture at Mankato State University in Mankato, Minnesota.

RESTRICTIONS:

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ACQUISITION:

Ray Colwell donated this collection in October 1987.

PROCESSED BY:

Scott Markell transcribed the interview in November 1987.
Jeff A. Jenson processed the collection and developed the finding aid in November 2002.

OCLC AND RLIN:

After checking the OCLC and RLIN national databases in November 2002, it has been determined that there are no similar manuscript collections about Ray Colwell available elsewhere.

LCSH SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Colwell, Ray, 1926- interviewee.

Colwell, Ray, 1926---Interviews.

Markell, Scott, interviewer.

Educational change--Minnesota--Owatonna.

Art teachers--Minnesota--Owatonna.

Junior high school teachers--Minnesota--Owatonna.

Teachers--Minnesota--Interviews.

Oral History.

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