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Yaeger, Selma I., 1903 – 1993. Oral History Interview, 1980.
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ABSTRACT:

The Selma I. Yaeger collection contains an audiocassette recording, CD duplicates of the audiocassettes, and a transcript of an interview conducted at Yaeger’s home in 1980. The interview deals with Yaeger’s recollections of her roles and responsibilities while working as a rural schoolteacher during the 1920s. Patrice L. Johnson conducted the interview.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Selma I. Yaeger attended rural school in Blue Earth County, Minnesota and graduated from Mankato High School in 1922. As a senior in high school, she earned her Rural Teacher Education certification. Yaeger taught school in Olmstead County from 1922 to 1927. Following her teaching experience, she entered Mankato State Teachers College for one year and studied urban teaching. Following this learning experience, Yaeger worked as an educator in an urban school before retiring to raise her family in 1930. Later in her life, she worked as a tutor and substitute teacher.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

In the interview, Yaeger discussed the following topics.

Tape 1	Teachers Institute
Family background	Pay scales
Educational background	Handicapped and gifted children
Practice teaching	Tape 2
First year of teaching in a rural school	Handicapped child (wheel chair)
Superintendent	Practice teaching for urban schools
School Board’s function	Handicapped child (deformed arms)
Teaching schedule	Comparison between rural schools and schools in ca. 1980
Parent-Teacher relations	Tape 3
Social statues and role of teacher	Materials and facilities
Accommodations and relations with boarding family	Limited curricula
Church	Classroom rewards
Extra curricular and community responsibilities of teacher	State Boards
Religion in school	Slow and gifted children
Report cards	Record keeping
Discipline in classroom	Learning to read in rural school versus urban school
Attendance	Motivation of children by encouragement
Homework	Follow-up questions

RESTRICTIONS:

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COLLECTION CITATION:

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ACQUISITION:

Selma I. Yaeger donated this collection in August 1980.

PROCESSED BY:

Rick Smith processed this collection in May 1990.

Jeff A. Jenson developed the finding aid in February 2002.

Kieu Cao updated the finding aid in January 2017.

RELATED COLLECTIONS:

It has been determined that there are no similar manuscript collections about Selma I. Yaeger available elsewhere.

LCSH SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Yaeger, Selma I., 1903 – 1993.

Education, Rural--Minnesota.

Handicapped children--Education--Minnesota--History.

Mankato State Teachers College--Alumni.

Oral History.

Rural schools--Minnesota--History.

Teachers--Minnesota.

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