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**ABSTRACT:**

The Mabel Compart collection consists of an audiocassette and transcript of an oral history interview between Compart and Cynthia Torkelson during November 1985. In the interview, Compart discussed her experiences as a rural school teacher that began around 1930. From the mid-1940s through the early-1980s, Compart worked as an elementary teacher and later as a middle school teacher in St. James, Minnesota. After retiring from her duties as a regular classroom teacher, Compart began working with illiterate adults to help them learn to read and write during the mid-1980s. Compart devoted her entire life to educating others, and as a result, she had no close family and avoided community activities.

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

**RESTRICTIONS:**

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**COLLECTION CITATION:**

This collection should be cited as:

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**ACQUISITION:**

Mabel E. Compart donated this collection in November 1985.

**PROCESSED BY:**

Cynthia A. Torkelson transcribed the interview in November 1985.  
Jeff A. Jenson processed the collection and developed the finding aid in January 2003.  
Adam Smith made an addition to the collection guide in May 2019.

**OCLC AND RLIN:**

After checking the OCLC and RLIN national databases in January 2003, it has been determined that there are no similar manuscript collections about Mabel Compart available elsewhere.

**LCSH SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Compart, Mabel E., 1911-1991, interviewee.  
Compart, Mabel E., 1911-1991--Interviews.  
Torkelson, Cynthia A., interviewer.  
Adult education--Minnesota--St. James.  
Rural schools--Minnesota.  
Educational change--Minnesota--St. James.  
Teachers--Minnesota--Interviews.  
Oral History.

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