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005 City of Wilmington
006 Board of Public Education
140 Photographs
200 1927
210 1928
220 ca. 1927-1928
240 2.28 cf.
241 2 @ 1.14 boxes
261 Mounted photographs prepared for public display. They were used to promote the new platoon school system in the George Gray, William P. Bancroft, Thomas F. Bayard, John Palmer, Jr., School Number Nine, and School Number Twenty-four. Students were divided into two platoons; one platoon studied academic subjects in the morning while the second platoon participated in shop or home economics, nature study, art, music, athletics, or dramatic arts. Classes were reversed in the afternoon. Teachers taught one subject and classes changed every half hour. The system also maximized the use of all rooms in the school.
270 Photographs show the buildings, classroom scenes, and school activities. Subjects include art, music, school orchestra, plays and programs in the auditorium, cafeteria, school nurse, club activities, physical education in the gymnasium, boys and girls basketball teams, kindergarten, first grade classes, library, manual training, mentally challenged pupils, nature study, field day, sewing, and industrial arts. Most of the photos relate to the George Gray, William P. Bancroft, and Thomas F. Bayard schools.

Two boards consist of letters from students praising the platoon system with one letter giving background information on the adoption of the system in Wilmington. Another board includes letters from parents in favor of the system; a Bancroft School graduation program, 1927; "Michi" play program, 1927; "The Bayard Broadcaster," January 1927, a school newsletter; and two craft items.

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329 WORK STATUS:

- needs sorting
- needs unfolding
- needs foldering/reboxing
- xx other: needs conservation

ARCHIVIST:

- review for identification/needs further identification
- needs processing
- determine origin/purpose
- other:

CONDITION:

- totally disorganized
- order not apparent

origin questionable

other:

330 Mostly arranged alphabetically by subject heading.

331 No index.

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360 Photos in good condition. Mat and mounting board very acidic and brittle.

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390 In-house finding aid.

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