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005 Small Manuscripts Collection  
006 Etta J. Wilson Papers  
140 Personal Papers  
200 1908  
210 1990  
220 1908-1931, 1970s, 1990  
240 0.48 cf.  
241 2 @ 0.24 boxes  
261 Etta J. Wilson (1883-1971) was a teacher, *Newark Post* newspaper reporter, and education reformer who served as executive secretary of the Service Citizens of Delaware and its successor organization, Delaware Citizens Association, as well as the state Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).  
270 Papers include a 1931 Delaware Citizens Association annual report, a school register for Wilson's fifth grade class in the Newark School District, 1908-1909, papers that Wilson wrote for a University of Chicago extension course, and several education related publications.

The annual report includes a lengthy narrative by Wilson describing the activities of the Association, a report by Allan Hulsizer, Director of the Demonstration School, a report by H. V. Holloway, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on what the Association meant to the schools, and a treasurer's report by H. Fletcher Brown. The school register is a monthly record of attendance which lists the names of students, age, days they attended, total days attended, average daily attendance for the month, and notations on visitors to the school. Publications include "Delaware College Summer School, A Source of Inspiration to Delaware People," published by the Service Citizens of Delaware, 1920; "Public Education in Delaware: A Report to the Public School Commission of Delaware," 1918; and "School Laws, State of Delaware," 1923. Also included is a typescript by Burton P. Fowler, "A Bill of Rights for the Children of Delaware," "Temperance Instruction in the Public School" by Janet Paten, and two poems relating to World War II.

Many of the papers (ca. 1912-1913) that Wilson wrote for the University of Chicago Extension Division, Correspondence-Study Department, reflect her views on education, progressive thought, and the local Newark area. Paper titles include "A Bit of Experience" (local politics), "A Chapter in Local History" (suffragettes in Newark), "Christmas and Home," "The Development of the Reading Habit," "Domestic Science Should Become a Part of the Curriculum in all High Schools," "The Function of the Normal School," "The Making of a Country Weekly" (*Newark Post*), "The Need of a Free Library in Newark," "The New Idea in Education," "The Price the Teacher Pays," "The School as the Social Center of the Community," "To the People of Delaware" (establishment of a college for women), and "Wherein Our Local School Failed." There are additional papers on literary topics. Some correspondence with the program administrators and the course assignment lists are also present.

Also included with her papers is a folder on the Etta J. Wilson Elementary School which contains clippings about the school, 1970s, and five photographs of the school dedication ceremonies, 1970. Another folder contains Wilson's obituary, a copy of Robert J. Taggart's biography of Wilson (*Delaware History*, 1990), and a presidential invitation to attend the President's Conference on Home Building and

Home Ownership, 1931.  
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329 WORK STATUS:  
  
330 Arranged alphabetically by folder heading.  
331 No index.  
332 Handwritten, typed, printed.  
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360 Fair - poor condition. Acid, storage damage. Several items laminated.  
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430 See also Wilson's book, *Dreams and Realities*, 1968.  
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