

# Guide to the Eugene R. McPhee Papers, 1923-1966, 2003-2004

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## Overview of the Collection

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**Reference Code:** USGZE AS249**Accession Number:** 10-007, 14-020**Collection Number:** AS249**Creators:** McPhee, Eugene R.**Title:** Eugene R. McPhee Papers**Dates:** 1923-1966, 2003-2004**Quantity:** .8 linear feet (2 archives boxes)**Location of Collection:** D10/1c**Languages:** Collection materials are in English and Italian.

**Summary:** After service in WWII, McPhee became director of teacher training at Eau Claire until leaving for Madison in 1948. Contains personal and professional papers of McPhee's military career in the United States as well as while he was stationed in Italy. McPhee's thesis and other documents from his educational career. There are early University of Wisconsin -- Eau Claire financial documents regarding scholarships, memorials and other aspects of the university.

## Biographical / Historical Note

Eugene R. McPhee was born in Chippewa Falls, Wis. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the Eau Claire State Normal School in 1923 and his Masters of Arts from the University of Minnesota in 1932. McPhee was

superintendent of schools in Winter and Elk Mound, Wis. prior to serving as Director of Teacher Training at the then Eau Claire State Teachers College from 1932 to 1941. McPhee served during World War II in North Africa and Italy as a Reserved Major. When the war ended, McPhee was promoted to Colonel. In April 1948, Mr. McPhee was appointed acting secretary of the Board of Regents of State Normal Schools. Later in 1948, he was made director of the Board and served this position until 1970.

In 1971, the WSU merged with the University of Wisconsin system and McPhee became a consultant and associate secretary of the new merged education board. McPhee died on May 10, 1975.

## Content Description

This collection is divided into two series: personal and professional papers and early University of Wisconsin -- Eau Claire financial documents.

## Administrative Information

**Acquisition Information:** Donated to Special Collections & Archives prior to March 2006. ACC# 10-007

**Access Restrictions:** Collection is open to the public.

**Use Restrictions:** Researchers are responsible for using in accordance with 17 U.S.C. Copyright of Series 1 not owned by the University of Wisconsin--Eau Claire.

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**Arrangement:** By series

## Subjects

**Personal Names:** McPhee, Eugene R. -- Correspondence.

**Corporate Names:** Eau Claire State Normal School -- History.

**Subject Terms:**

Education -- Wisconsin -- History.

Veterans -- Wisconsin -- History.

# Detailed List of Contents

## Series 1: Personal and professional papers

Contains lectures notes, Italian correspondence regarding military honors and immigration to the United States. McPhee's thesis and other personal and professional documents. Located in Box/Folder 1/6 is an article written by McPhee titled "A veteran speaks his mind," which talks about McPhee impression of the poor quality of education available to veterans.

**Dates:** 1927-1948, 2003-2004

**Extent:** .4 linear feet (1 archives boxes)

Container	Contents	Dates
Box/Folder 1/1	Italian correspondence	1945-1947
Box/Folder 1/2	Italian translation guide	1943
Box/Folder 1/3	Lecture notes	1927-1943
Box/Folder 1/4	List of social situations mention in four manuals for undated high school students	
Box/Folder 1/5	Miscellaneous	undated
Box/Folder 1/6	Personal correspondence	1946-1948
Box/Folder 1/7	The School of Military Government the third class and fourth class	1943
Box/Folder 1/8	Standards for teachers	1933
Box/Folder 1/9	Thesis	1934

Box/Folder 1/10	Honorary citizenship to Genoa, Italy	1945-1946, 2003-2004
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**Series 2:** Early University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire financial documents

Contains early financial documents including various scholarship and memorial fund files as well as the Articles of Incorporation of the Wisconsin State Teachers College at Eau Claire Foundation, Inc.

**Dates:** 1923-1966

**Extent:** .4 linear feet (1 archives boxes)

Container	Contents	Dates
Box/Folder 2/1	Agreements, contracts, warranties	1954-1965
Box/Folder 2/2	Arthur T. Thorson Scholarship Fund	1952-1960
Box/Folder 2/3	Article- McPhee watched WSU grow up	1973
Box/Folder 2/4	Articles of Incorporation Wisconsin State Teachers College at Eau Claire Foundation, Inc.	1958
Box/Folder 2/5	Bonds and securities	1956-1960
Box/Folder 2/6	Bronze plaque memorial to alumni who served in World War II	1945-1948

Box/Folder 2/7	Clara Mae Ward Memorial	1951-1955
Box/Folder 2/8	Class donation fund	1935-1941
Box/Folder 2/9	Class of 1921 student loan fund letter	1923
Box/Folder 2/10	Coin values	1956-1957
Box/Folder 2/11	Cornerstone men's dormitory	1957
Box/Folder 2/12	Eau Claire State Teachers College endowment fund	1945
Box/Folder 2/13	Eau Claire State Teachers College scholarship trust fund	1959
Box/Folder 2/14	Eau Claire State Teachers College seal	undated
Box/Folder 2/15	J.T. Ames Memorial Fund	1932-1955
Box/Folder 2/16	Ledger forensic honor club	1929-1942
Box/Folder 2/17	Major appliances for Wisconsin State College	1952-1966
Box/Folder 2/18	Monroe B. Milliren Scholarship Fund	1942
Box/Folder 2/19	Payments	1923-1949
Box/Folder 2/20	Real estate purchases, insurance and appraisals	1943-1961
Box/Folder 2/21	Request for allocation. Federal Works Agency. WPA Art Program	1942

Box/Folder 2/22	Rights for broadcasting the plays "Studio and school radio" plays	1937
Box/Folder 2/23	United States Defense Savings Bonds	1943-1945

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