

# Guide to the William R. Davies Papers, 1920-1948

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## Overview of the Collection

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**Reference Code:** USGZE UHC238

**Accession Number:** 86-122

**Collection Number:** University Historical Collection 238

**Creators:** Davies, William R.

**Title:** William R. Davies Papers

**Dates:** 1920-1948

**Quantity:** 1.4 linear feet (1 archives box, 1 record carton)

**Location of Collection:** A10/1d

**Languages:** Collection materials are in English.

**Summary:** Yearbooks and newsletters relating to William R. Davies's career as a school administrator. Also includes miscellaneous clippings and family papers.

## Biographical / Historical Note

William R. Davies served as the second president of Eau Claire State Teachers College / Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire from 1940-1959. Davies was born in 1893 in Tenino, Washington. His family migrated to Cambria, Wisconsin when he was four years old. He graduated Ripon College with a bachelor's degree in 1915 and the University of Wisconsin with a master's degree in 1921. He taught briefly at a private school in Endeavor, Wisconsin, but left that position to serve in World War I. When he returned to the United States, he accepted a position as principal of McKinley Senior High

School in Marshfield, Wisconsin. In 1925, he was elected school superintendent of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and in 1930, he was elected school superintendent of Superior, Wisconsin. William R. Davies died December 10, 1959.

## Content Description

The William R. Davies Papers consist primarily of published materials documenting his career as a school principal and superintendent. Yearbooks from high schools in Marshfield, Wisconsin, Shawano, Wisconsin, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and Superior, Wisconsin comprise the bulk of the collection. *The Circular*, the newsletter of the Superior Public Schools, documents administrative and professional development activities for teachers in the 1930s. Other materials include clippings and assorted family papers: Davies's father's immigration narrative, his daughter's baby book, and his wife's notes from a choral class presumably taught at the Wisconsin State Teachers College (Eau Claire).

## Administrative Information

**Acquisition Information:** Donated to the University Archives and Special Collections, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire by Delpha Davies in 1986.

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**Arrangement:** Chronological.

## Subjects

**Personal Names:** Davies, William R.

**Corporate Names:** Eau Claire State Teachers College, School District of Superior (Wis.)

**Subject Terms:** School superintendents - Wisconsin & School principals - Wisconsin

**Genre Terms:** College student newspapers and periodicals

## Detailed List of Contents

Container	Contents	Dates
Box 1	Tiger Yearbook, Marshfield High School, Marshfield, Wis.	1920, 1922-1923
Box 1	Shawnee Yearbook, Shawano	1924

	High School, Shawano, Wis.	
Box 1	Green and Gold Yearbook, Beaver Dam High School, Beaver Dam, Wis.	1926-1926, 1929, 1930-1931
Box 1	Wa-Wa-Ta Yearbook, Superior East High School, Superior, Wis.	1932, 1935, 1938, 1940
Box 1	Echo Yearbook, Superior Central High School, Superior, Wis.	1932-1033, 1935, 1937, 1939- 1941
Box 1	The Circular, Superior Public School Newsletter	1931-1936
Box 2	The Circular, Superior Public School Newsletter	1937-1941
Box 2	Clippings	1940-1948
Box 2	Family Papers	1920-circa 1940