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DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Name	Henry Turner Burr
Title	Office of the President, Henry T. Burr, 1904-1918.
Extent	.75 linear foot. 2 boxes.
Arrangement	This collection was created by the University Archives staff. The material is divided into seven series and arranged chronologically within each series.
Provenance	This collection was brought together and organized from documents and material sent to the University Archives from many sources including but not limited to the Office of the President.
Finding Aid	Printed finding aid available in repository. Electronic version: http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/
Preferred Citation	[Series, Folder description, Date]. Office of the President, Henry T. Burr, 1904-1918. University Archives, J. Eugene Smith Library, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, Connecticut 06226.
Access points	Teacher educators. Willimantic State Normal School.
Occupation	Educator. 3 rd Principal - Willimantic State Normal School. Connecticut.
Restrictions	None.
Document types	Press releases. Print material. Photographs. Realia.

BIOGRAPHY:

Henry Turner Burr was born in 1874 in Medford, Massachusetts.¹² He attended Bridgewater Normal School and graduated from Harvard University. He taught science at the State Normal School in New Britain, Connecticut from 1900-1904. In 1904 he came to the State Normal School in Willimantic as its third principal. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Principal Burr taught psychology, the history of education and civics. He was known as a serious and progressive educator. During his tenure, the first “model school” for teacher training was built and opened at the beginning of the spring term on January 31, 1910. Principal Burr was admired for his involvement in the local community and his advocacy for the school in the state legislature, including lobbying for the school’s first dormitory.¹³

Principal Burr retired at the end of the summer term in 1918. Three years later, the school’s first dormitory opened. The dormitory was dedicated and named in his honor in 1940. Henry T. Burr died in 1957 at the age of 83.¹³

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The Office of the President Collection contains materials and information gathered to document the tenure of the principals and presidents of this public institution. Due to a fire in 1943 that destroyed the administration/classroom building, much of the original documentation pertaining to the early principals and principal/president Shafer was lost. The information collected documenting that era has been taken from local newspapers and publications as well as from the donations of generous alumni and staff.

This collection offers information about the school’s third principal, Henry T. Burr who served while the school was known as the Willimantic State Normal School. This collection includes biographical information, a variety of news clippings, annual reports, a history of his residence at 122 Windham Street and memorabilia from the school’s 25th anniversary celebration.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Series I - Committees

This series includes lists of faculty and staff who served under Principal Burr’s leadership taken from the school catalog.

Series II - Events

This series includes a copy of former President Burr’s speech given at the Dedication of Burr Hall in 1940 and a copy of the speech given by his niece at a Tea honoring his service in 1984. Articles about the 25th Anniversary Celebration in 1914 may be found in the series V- News clippings and the guest book for the occasion is available in Series IX- Realia.

Series III - News clippings

This series documents Principal Burr’s years at the Normal School through the local newspapers including notices about speaking engagements and his retirement.

Series IV - Papers/Speeches

This series includes a copy of a paper Principal Burr presented to the CT State Board of Education to request a dormitory for the school.

Series V - Reports

This series includes copies of annual reports submitted to the Connecticut State Board of Education between 1905 and 1914.

Series VI - Photographs

This series includes a photocopy of a portrait of Principal Burr created to celebrate the school's centennial celebration in 1989. The original hangs in the University Archives.

Series VII - Realia

This series includes documents and an early history of 122 Windham Street, Willimantic, Connecticut, the residence of Principal Burr and his predecessor Principal George Phenix. It also includes the registration booklet and memorabilia from the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the school (in a phase box).

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RELATED COLLECTIONS:

Information and materials related to the activity of a Principal/President may also be found in the University Events Collection, Photograph Collection/People, and in the print collection: catalogs.

The University Archives has a substantial collection of university archives material and also houses the Connecticut Studies Collection. For more detailed information on these collections please speak with a staff member, call 860-465-5563 or visit the Smith Library Archives & Special Collections online at <http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/>

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Henry T. Burr, 1904-1918, 3rd Principal		
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	Faculty and State Board of Education	1905
	Faculty and State Board of Education	1906
	Faculty and State Board of Education	1908
	Faculty and State Board of Education	1913
	Faculty and State Board of Education	1917
Series II - Events		
1	Arbor Day message from President Roosevelt	13 Apr 1907
	Dedication of Burr Hall	1940
	Honorary Tea	1 May 1984
Series III - News clippings		
1	Normal School	1901
	Normal School	1902
	Normal School Catalogue	1902
	Normal School	1903
	Normal School	1904
	The New Kindergarten	23 Aug 1904
	Statistics from Report of State Board of Education	9 Sept 1904
	Correspondence Courses	1 Nov 1904
	Normal School	1906
	Normal School	1910
	Normal School	1914
	Retirement notices	1917-1918
	Normal School	1918
	Biographical information & obituary	various
Series IV - Papers/Speeches		
		1910
1	“Reasons for the Erection of a Dormitory for the Willimantic State Normal School”	
Series V - Reports		
1	Annual Report to the CT State Board of Education	15 September 1905
	Annual Reports to the CT State Board of Education	1906, 1907, 1908
	Annual Report to the CT State Board of Education	1910, 1911
	Annual Report to the CT State Board of Education	1913, 1914
Series VI - Photographs		
1	Henry T. Burr, portrait photograph (Grube)	n.d.
	Henry T. Burr (2)	1918

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Series VII - Realia		
1	25th Anniversary register w/ memorabilia (boxed)	1914
	A History of 122 Windham Street (Burr home)	2000
	Child's book & "Count Book", 122 Windham Street	[1805-1814]
	Documents & news clippings, 122 Windham Street (6)	1868-1871
2	Jonathan Bidwell Count Book (conserphase box)	n.d.