Central School, District No. 55 (Saline County, Mo.) Records (C4474)

Collection Number: C4474

Collection Title: Central School, District No. 55 (Saline County, Mo.) Records

Dates: 1882-1959

Creator: Central School, District No. 55 (Saline County, Mo.)

Abstract: Materials include district record books, teacher and treasurer reports, warrant registers, and poll books from District No. 55 in Saline County, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.6 cubic feet
(15 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia. If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

Restrictions on Use: The Donor has given, assigned, and transferred to the Society all copyrights, and associated rights the Donor may possess in the materials.

Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] Central School, District No. 55 (Saline County, Mo.) Records (C4474); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Columbia].

Donor Information: The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Mary Klinge Lenz on July 10, 1989 (Accession No. CA2753).

Processed by: Processed by Aleksandra Kinlen on December 10, 2021.

Historical Note:

Central School was a one-room schoolhouse located in an area west of Marshall, south of Malta Bend, and north of Shackleford in Saline County that had between five and 21 students aged 3-20 attending each term from the 1880s to the 1950s. Previously, it had been known as District 1, Township 50, Range 22, but in 1909 when districts were reorganized it became District 55. The records of this collection are from both before and after this change.
Like many other states Missouri went through even more rounds of school consolidation and district reorganization during the first half of the twentieth century because of the state’s 1948 Hawkins School Reorganization Act. This act specifically promoted the consolidation of rural school districts into larger and more efficient systems to provide more acceptable levels of educational opportunity for children. Under the act, any reorganized school district was required to have an assessed valuation or property in the district of at least $500,000 and record an average daily attendance of at least 100 pupils. Through the 1950s and 1960s the rest of the one-room schools which were still operating in Saline County were eventually consolidated and centralized in larger towns such as Marshall. The number of districts across the state was eventually reduced from 8,422 to 3,841 by 1955.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following four series:

District Records Books
Reports
Warrant Registers
Poll Books

Scope and Content Note:

District Records Books

This series contains seven comprehensive district record books from 1882-1958, which include annual school and board of directors meeting minutes, teacher’s contracts, registers of school officers, treasurers accounts, lists of resident tax payers, and lists of students. Some of the information in these books are also held in the “Report” series of this collection. The series is arranged chronologically.

Reports

This series includes annual and monthly treasurer reports for 1933 and 1943-1959; payroll and contributions forms for teachers from 1947; monthly and term teacher reports for 1938-1949; and mixed reports from 1893-1899, 1942-1944, and 1946 that include attendance and exam information. The series is arranged chronologically.

Warrant Registers

This series covers school financials, including the payment of teachers, instructional expenses and school operations, and capital expenditures for 1932 and 1940. The series is arranged chronologically.

Poll Books

This series consists of three poll books from 1947, on the election for county superintendent of public schools; 1949, on the proposed enlargement of the district; and 1953, on establishing a Saline County Library District as well as creating a tax for a free county library. The series is arranged chronologically.
Container List:

f. 1-7 District record books
   f. 1  1882-1897
   f. 2  1898-1909
   f. 3  1911-1924
   f. 4  1924-1935
   f. 5  1936-1938
   f. 6  1941-1943
   f. 7  1946-1958

f. 8-13 Reports
   f. 8  Treasurer, 1933, 1943-1959
   f. 9  Payroll and contributions, 1947, n.d.
   f. 10-13 Teacher
      f. 10  Term, 1938-1948
      f. 11  Monthly, 1938-1949
      f. 12-13 Miscellaneous, 1893-1899, 1942-1944, 1946

f. 14 Warrant registers, 1932, 1940
f. 15 Poll books, 1947, 1949, 1953

Index:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Index Terms</th>
<th>Folders</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Blosser, Emilie L., 1900-1984</td>
<td>7, 10, 11, 13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Callahan, Mary</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Central School, District No. 55, Saline County (Mo.)</td>
<td>1-15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clarke, Isabella J., 1873-1962</td>
<td>1, 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cochran, Juanita</td>
<td>6, 10, 11, 13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>De Rackin, Minnie Mae, 1908-1984</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flynn, Nora, 1865-1951</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Frain, Mary Jane, 1915-1997</td>
<td>3-5, 10, 11, 14, 15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fulton, Mary C., 1879-1964</td>
<td>6, 7, 9-11, 13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gauldin, Joshua B., 1860-1939</td>
<td>1, 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harrison, M. Irene, 1898-1994</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hayes, Roxie</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hutcherson, Louise</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>King, Josephine E.</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kline, Annie</td>
<td>2, 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Montgomery, Catherine</td>
<td>6, 10, 11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Schools--Missouri--Saline County</td>
<td>1-15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Schools--Records and correspondence</td>
<td>1-15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tobin, Mary E.</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>