Frederick B. McKay papers
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Summary Information

Repository: Eastern Michigan University Archives
Creator: McKay, Frederick
Title: Frederick B. McKay papers
Date [inclusive]: 1906-1971
Extent: 0.4 Linear feet 1 archives box
Language: English

Abstract: The Frederick B. McKay papers document the life and work of Michigan State Normal College (MSNC) alumnus and professor. McKay attended MSNC and taught as a speech professor from 1911 to 1944. He was an involved member of the Ypsilanti community and educational community in the state of Michigan. The collection is arranged in alphabetically order and contains clippings, correspondence, photographs, writings and information on the Inaugural Garret Tower and Massachusetts Agricultural College. There are no teaching materials, or comprehensive subject files in this collection. Records date from 1906 to 1971.

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Biographical note

Dr. Frederick B. McKay was a professor of speech at Michigan State Normal College from 1911 until 1944. McKay was born January 15, 1876 in Ontario, Canada and was always involved in education. He taught in county schools, and was principal of Croswell High School and superintendent of schools in Bad Axe, Michigan. McKay graduated from Michigan State Normal College and the University of Michigan. He taught at the Massachusetts Agricultural College from 1909 to 1911, and soon after became a member of the Speech Department faculty at Michigan State Normal College. He taught at MSNC for 35 years and eventually served as the head of the department.

McKay continued his own education earning a Masters Degree from Harvard University in 1918, and his Doctorate in Speech Science from the University of Michigan in 1932. McKay was an involved Ypsilanti community leader and was a member of the First Congregational Church, and president of the Kiwanis Club. In 1947, McKay received the Community Service Award from the Chamber of Commerce, and in 1968 the Distinguished Citizen Award from Kiwanis International. In addition to his community involvement McKay was a member of national and state educational associations, the National Speech Association, the Michigan Schoolmasters Club and the Michigan Speech Association.

McKay died in 1971 at the age of 95.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Eastern Michigan University Archives 2013 December 18

Conditions Governing Access note

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note
Additional Materials on the Speech and Drama Department can be found in the Marion Franklin Stowe collection (05.MFS)

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Alumni and Alumnae
- Michigan State Normal College
- Professor
- Speech
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