Inventory of the Benjamin C. Willis papers

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Related Materials
Samuel Miller Brownell papers, Hoover Institution Archives
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1901
December 23
1920s Bachelor of Arts, George Washington University
Masters, University of Maryland
1930-1934 Principal, Catonsville High School, Maryland
1947-1953 Superintendent of public schools in Yonkers and Buffalo, New York
1953-1966 Superintendent of public schools in Chicago, Illinois
1961 Proposal to purchase aluminum portable classroom units approved by Chicago Board of Education
1962-1963 Protested by Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders for using portable classrooms, or "Willis Wagons" as they were called by protesters, to relieve overcrowding at schools in Chicago's South Side
1963 Helped develop the federal Vocational Education Act
1965 Helped develop the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act
1968-1972 Worked as an independent educational consultant
1970-1972 Superintendent of schools in Broward County, Florida
1972 Retired from education
1988 Died, Plantation, Florida
August 27
Scope and Content of Collection
This collection is comprised of the office and personal files of Benjamin Coppage Willis, documenting his activities as superintendent of Chicago schools and as a major figure in public education from 1953 to 1969, represented in the form of minutes and verbatim transcripts of meetings, reports, correspondence, speeches, printed matter, photographs, sound recordings, motion picture film, and memorabilia.
The majority of Willis' papers focus on his meetings, interactions, and engagements with the Chicago Board of Education, its members, and critics. Minutes and verbatim transcripts from meetings, correspondence, reports, and conference materials are included in this portion of the collection and focus mainly on the topics of curriculum development; enrollment figures; grants; school budget and finances; mobile classrooms; teacher education; and collective bargaining.

The sound recordings of Board of Education meetings in the collection were originally aired on Chicago public radio from 1962 to 1966. Some of the programs include a segment featuring Willis called "Dr. Willis Reports." Materials relating to Willis' symbolic (and temporary) resignation from the Board of Education in 1963, spurred by the Board's decision to alter the student transfer policy, are included in the collection in the form of correspondence, public statements, superintendent contract files, photographs, and printed matter.

Accompanying these materials are Willis' research findings, reports, ledgers, correspondence, speeches, and photographs from conferences on the advancement of vocational education programs in urban cities. As a major proponent of vocational education, Willis helped found the Great Cities School Improvement project, which later changed its name to the Research Council of the Great Cities for School Improvement Program. The group held conferences across the United States, collaborated with administrators and Board of Education members from major U.S. cities, and participated in congressional hearings to advance education policies, standards, and sources of funding. Conference materials include reports and presentations on topics relating to teacher education, grants and funding, and the special needs of children in urban schools.

Other materials in the collection include correspondence, daily planners, yearbooks, and printed matter from Willis' early career in education, as well as reports, speeches, conference materials, and correspondence from Willis' time in the AASA and as superintendent of schools in Broward County, Florida.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Audiotapes.

Education--Illinois--Chicago.

Motion pictures.

Sound recordings.

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**Biographical file 1954-1956**  
Scope and Contents note  
Includes photographs

Box 172  
**Chicago Board of Education materials 1957**  
**Intercultural education 1960s**  
**Buffalo, New York**

Box 173  
**Biographical file 1958**  
Scope and Contents note  
Includes awards and honors.

Box 173  
**Conferences 1960s**  
**Cambodia 1958**  
Scope and Contents note  
Includes photographs, clippings, correspondence, and expenses from Willis' trip.

Box 174  
**Committee on Human Relations 1958-1959**  
**Chicago Board of Education materials 1959**  
Scope and Contents note  
Includes budget and expenses

Box 175  
**Miscellaneous papers 1959-1960**  
**Committee on Youth Welfare 1960**  
**Reports 1960**  
**Biographical file 1960**  
**Personal and biographical file 1960**  
**Meetings and memoranda 1961**  
**Blueprints of schools 1961**  
**Alphabetical lists of principals and administrations 1961**  
**Correspondence 1962**  
**Minutes, correspondence, and reports 1962-1963**  
**Resignation 1963**  
**Report on creative problem solving from official bulletin of Chicago Board of Education 1963**  
**Resignation 1963**  
**National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) 1963**  
**Statements to school board 1963-1965**  
**Chicago Board of Education publications and reports 1960-1963**  
**Doolittle Project, final report undated**  
**Resignation 1963**  
**Statements to Board of Education 1965**  
**Board of Education files 1965-1966**  
**Resignation 1963**  
**Photographs of Willis circa 1962**  
Scope and Contents note  
Includes portraits and group photo with President John F. Kennedy.

Box 187  
**Correspondence and clippings 1964**  
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**Education serials 1965**  
**Congressional hearing booklets 1953**  
**Reports and statements to Chicago Board of Education 1964 1965**  
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Box 199  Regional principals conference materials 1930s
Box 199  Photographs of Board of Education meeting, taken by Chicago Tribune photographer 1963
Box 200  Catonsville High School principal's files 1930-1934
Box 201  Catonsville High School principal's files 1930-1934
Box 202  Correspondence 1967 February-June
Box 203  Correspondence 1967 July-December
Box 203  Executives Club, newsletters 1967
Box 204  Correspondence with different committees and organizations 1967
Box 205  Correspondence 1967-1968
Box 206  Correspondence 1968
Box 207  Curriculum guides, programs, and meeting proceedings 1968
Box 208  Correspondence 1968
Box 209  Correspondence 1968
Box 209  Reports 1968
Box 210  Correspondence 1968
Scope and Contents note
Includes correspondence with the office of president-elect Richard M. Nixon
Box 211  Correspondence 1968-1969
Scope and Contents note
Includes photographs of San Diego city schools
Box 212  Correspondence 1969 February-September
Box 213  Correspondence 1969 October-December
Box 213  Personal research files 1969
Box 214  Correspondence with different organizations 1969-1970
Box 215  Correspondence 1969-1970
Box 215  Agreements and contracts 1968-1970
Box 216  Correspondence 1967, 1970 May-December
Box 216  Personal file, news clippings 1970
Box 217  News clippings and correspondence 1970-1971
Box 218  Correspondence 1971 January-July
Box 219  Correspondence 1959-1972
Box 220  Correspondence 1972 June-December
Box 220  Correspondence 1973
Box 221  Correspondence 1973 February-December
Box 222  Correspondence 1973-1974 December
Box 223  Correspondence 1975
Box 224  Correspondence 1976
Box 225  Correspondence 1977 January-December
Box 225  Correspondence 1978 January-May
Box 226  Correspondence 1978 June-December
Box 226  Correspondence 1979
Scope and Contents note
Includes materials relating to Willis' tenure as superintendent of schools in Broward County, Florida
Box 227  Minutes from school board meeting of Broward County, Florida 1970-1971
Box 228 Minutes from school board meeting of Broward County, Florida 1970-1971
Box 228 Correspondence 1979 April-December
Box 228 Correspondence 1980 January-February
Box 229 Correspondence 1980 March-December
Box 229 Chicago Board of Education 1965
   Scope and Contents note
   Includes miscellaneous correspondence.

Box 229 Pension and retirement funds 1961
Box 230 Clippings, transcripts of hearings, and school survey committee materials 1955-1965
Box 231 Notes, press releases, and newsletters 1965
Box 232 Chicago Board of Education. Materials from Fiscal Policy meetings 1963
Box 232 Reports and statements to Chicago Board of Education 1963-1964
Box 233 Reports and enrollment figures 1963-1964
Box 234 Office files regarding education and events 1964
Box 234 Magazines 1965-1966
   Scope and Contents note
   Includes articles on Willis

Box 235 Magazines and clippings 1951, 1965
Box 235 Photographs of Willis 1950s-1960s
Box 235 Photographs of Vocational Conference 1960s
Box 236 Magazines and clippings 1951-1966
Box 236 Photographs 1932
Box 237 Clippings, arranged by subject 1950s
Box 237 Photo album of conference testimonies 1959-1961
Box 237 Photographs with President John F. Kennedy circa 1962
Box 238 Photo album of graduation exercises for Chicago City College 1961 June
Box 238 Reports and studies 1967
Box 238 News clippings 1966
Box 239 News clippings 1953-1967
Box 240 News clippings 1955
Box 240 Chicago Retired Teachers. Correspondence 1980-1981
Box 241 Chicago Retired Teachers. Expenses and miscellaneous
Box 241 Committee by-laws and related papers 1979-1981
Box 241 Papers relating to A. Maxim Coppage 1979-1981
Box 242 Papers relating to A. Maxim Coppage 1979-1981
Box 243 Empty photo albums
Box 244 Enhance, nutritional supplement company undated
   Scope and Contents note
   Order forms and correspondence

Box 244 Meadowfresh company forms
Box 245 Meadowfresh, presentation packets undated
   Scope and Contents note
   Includes audio cassette tape labeled "Napkin Presentation"

Box 245 Miscellaneous catalogs and mail order forms 1980s
Box 245 Miscellaneous directories and mailing lists 1980s
Box 246 Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Board of Education. Curriculum and training guides
Box 246 Profiles of schools in Florida 1972
Box 246 Reports, studies, and surveys 1958-1972
Box 247 Reports, studies, and surveys 1958-1972
Box 247 Yearbook 1964
Box 247 Printed matter 1974
Box 248 Illinois Junior College 1967-1969
Box 248  University of Illinois 1967-1969
Box 249  Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry 1967-1968
Box 249  The Bridge, educational organization 1967-1968
Box 250  The Bridge. Studies and correspondence 1967
Box 250  Chicago Boys Club. Correspondence 1967
Box 251  Chicago Boys Club 1969
Box 251  Scholarship program materials
Box 251  Cosmetology Accreditation Committee papers 1967
Box 252  Cosmetology program 1968
Box 253  Educational Policy commission meeting materials 1957
Box 253  Steering committee meetings 1958
Box 254  Educational Policy commission meeting materials 1958
Box 255  Educational Policy commission meeting materials 1959-1960
Box 256  Educational Policy commission conference materials 1959-1961
Box 257  Educational Policy commission conference materials 1959-1961
Box 257  School surveys 1963-1964
Box 258  School surveys 1964
Box 258  Report of conference proceedings 1955
Box 259  Special Project study papers 1960
Box 259  Reports of the Professional Conference of Chicago Public School Administrators
1956-1960
Boxes 260-262  Education studies. Massachusetts public education research materials 1963-1965
Box 263  Illinois Junior College Board minutes 1967
Box 264  Binders. Principals meetings at Teacher's College, Columbia University

Scope and Contents note
Includes charts

Box 265  Writings and essays by Willis 1950
Box 265  Correspondence 1947
Box 265  Student essay contest submissions 1948

Scope and Contents note
Essay topic is "The American Way of Life--It's Meaning for Me." Sent to Willis' office as
superintendent of schools in Yonkers, New York

Box 266  Student essay contest submissions 1948
Box 266  Chicago Board of Education. Financial reports 1954
Box 267  Chicago Board of Education. Financial reports 1952-1953
Box 267  Student essay contest submissions 1948
Box 268  Yonkers, New York superintendent files 1955-1957

Scope and Contents note
Includes datebooks.

Box 269  Datebooks 1954-1965
Box 270  Datebooks 1965-1966
Box 270  Chicago Board of Education. Official report 1950
Box 270  Chicago Board of Education. Annual budget 1951, 1964
Box 271  Chicago Board of Education. Annual budget and financial reports 1955-1957
Box 272  Chicago Board of Education. Annual budget and financial reports 1957-1959
Box 273  Chicago Board of Education. Annual budget and financial reports 1959-1961
Box 274  Chicago Board of Education. Annual budget and financial reports 1961-1963
Box 275  Correspondence and personal files 1940s
Box 276  Correspondence 1940-1941
Box 277  Studies, summaries, and correspondence 1940s
Box 278  Correspondence 1930s-1940s
Box 278  Notes from faculty meetings 1930s-1940s
Box 278  Monthly supervisory reports 1931
Box 279  Correspondence and notes 1930-1933
Box 280  Notes, notebooks, and correspondence 1931-1938
Box 280  Dr. Paul R. Mort, correspondence 1943
Box 280  Personal file 1940
Box 281  Personal file and correspondence 1949
Box 281  Bound hardcopy of Vocational Education Act 1963
Box 282  Standard Education Almanac 1974-1975
Box 282  Monographs 1937-1976

Scope and Contents note
Monographs in boxes 282 to 301 include works of fiction and non-fiction on the topics of American history, education, educational administration, professional development, and management. Most are inscribed with a note to Willis from the author

Box 283  Report of the Survey of the Schools of Chicago Illinois, Volumes 1-5 1932
Box 283  Report of Warren Commission 1964
Box 283  Monographs 1937-1976
Boxes 284-300  Monographs 1937-1976
Box 301  Monographs 1960s
Box 301  Great Cities program file 1966
Box 302  Chicago Board of Education. Reports and statements 1966
Box 303  Correspondence 1966 January-July
Box 304  Correspondence 1966 August
Box 305  Miscellaneous papers. Correspondence and conference materials 1966
Box 306  Chicago Board of Education. Studies and reports 1965-1966
Box 306  Reports to Chicago Board of Education by Willis 1964-1965
Box 307  Reports to Chicago Board of Education by Willis 1966
Box 307  Correspondence with Kiwanis Club 1966-1967
Box 307  Advisory Committee on Education 1966
Box 308  Reports to Chicago Board of Education by Willis 1965-1966
Box 309  Commission on Life Adjustment Education for Youth. Conference materials, reports, and correspondence 1947-1950
Box 310  Commission on Life Adjustment Education for Youth. Conference materials, reports, and correspondence 1947-1950
Box 311  Commission on Life Adjustment Education for Youth. Conference materials, reports, and correspondence 1947-1950
Box 311  White House conference report 1966
Box 311  Notes from meeting with Chicago Teacher’s Union 1966
Box 312  Illinois Education Association Collective Bargaining Division 1962-1963
Box 312  Teacher salaries 1965
Box 313  Chicago Public Schools, general packets, brochures, and other materials 1955-1964
Box 313  “Selected Surveys and Studies with Implications for Guidance,” reports undated
Box 314  Reports on educational specifications for different schools in Chicago
Box 314  Civil rights 1962
Box 314  Central office communications 1965
Box 315  International Bureau of Education, bulletins 1967
Box 315  Chicago Board of Education. Public hearing on budget 1966
Box 316  International Bureau of Education 1964-1965
Box 317  Buffalo School District files
Box 317  Research materials on city of Chicago 1950s

Scope and Contents note
Includes real estate, population, and urban amenities.

Box 318  Correspondence 1950s
Box 319  Report on desegregation in Florida 1972
Box 319  Study of public schools in Broward County, Florida 1967
Box 320  Journal of trip to Asia circa 1950s
Box 320  Chicago Board of Education. Reports on budget 1966
Inventory of the Benjamin C. Willis papers

Scope and Contents note
Includes correspondence, reports, and memoranda

Scope and Contents note
Includes reports on mobile classrooms.

Scope and Contents note
Includes brochure, information packets, and glass shampoo and lotion bottles.
Box 342 **Correspondence 1953**
Box 343 1945-1950s
  Scope and Contents note
  Includes miscellaneous correspondence, reports, and other materials

Box 344 **Binders of minutes regarding human relations work in Chicago schools 1948-1951**
Box 344 **School binders 1940s**
Box 345 1950s
  Scope and Contents note
  Includes miscellaneous correspondence, reports, and other materials

Box 346 1950s
  Scope and Contents note
  Include files on education

Box 347 **General education files 1951**
Box 348 **Yearbook 1921**
Box 348 **Packets of automation studies by General Electric undated**
Box 348 **Reports and writings by Willis 1962**
Box 349 **Monographs**
Box 350 **Bretney Corporation. Company packets on household products and nutritional supplements 1982**
Box 351 **Bretney Corporation files. Correspondence 1982**
Box 352 **Bretney Corporation files. Correspondence 1980s**
Box 353 **The Educator's Encyclopedia**
Box 354 **Monographs on education 1950s**
Box 354 **Bretney Corporation files undated**
Box 355 **Miscellaneous personal correspondence 1982**
Box 355 **American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) 1980**
Box 355 **Retirement files 1980s**
Box 356 **Statements and reports to Board of Education 1964**
Box 357 **Speeches and speech materials 1965**
Box 357 **Photo album 1961 September - 1962 August**
Box 357 **Photo album 1957 January - 1959 June**
Box 358 **Photo albums 1965-1966**
Box 359 **Photo album 1955 August - 1956 December**
Box 359 **Personal correspondence 1981-1982**
Box 359 **Monographs 1950s**
Boxes 360-361 **Reports and statements to Board of Education 1963**
Boxes 362-363 **Speeches and public statements 1964**
Box 364 **Oversize. Management Division of Academy for Education Development 1959-1970**
  Scope and Contents note
  Includes box of conference materials, printed matter, and brochures.

Box 365 **Oversize. News clippings and magazines 1959-1964**
Box 365 **Oversize. Photo album of publicity photographs of Willis undated**
Box 366 **Oversize. Trophy from Fisher Body Craftsmen Guild Model Car Competition, marked "Advisory Board 1954-1967"**
Box 367 **Oversize. AASA member plaques 1979-1982**
Box 367 **Nameplates and empty photo albums**
Box 368 "A Salute to Dr. Willis," 1966
Your Right to Say It television program 1961 November 28
Physical Description: 1.0 sound tape reel
Scope and Contents note
Broadcaster: WGN, Channel 9 Subject: Integration in the Chicago Schools Guests: John M. Fewkes, Rev. Carl A. Fuqua

The Jerry Williams Show: "School Problems in Chicago," 1965 October 25
Physical Description: 2.0 sound tape reels

General committee meeting 1966 April 13
Physical Description: 3.0 sound tape reels
Scope and Contents note
Though a five-part recording, only parts 2-4 are available.

Policy hearing 1966 April 14
Physical Description: 2.0 sound tape reels

Regular board meeting 1966 May 11
Physical Description: 2.0 sound tape reels
Scope and Contents note
Though a three-part recording, only parts 2-3 are available.

Unidentified sound recordings 1966
Physical Description: 2.0 sound tape reels

Christmas program: Barton School chorus, Morgan Park High School chorus 1965 December 16
Physical Description: 1.0 sound tape reel

At Random television program, sound recording
Physical Description: 3.0 sound tape reels
Access
Use copy reference number: 82064_a_0013417
Scope and Contents note
The sound track of a television program, including commercials. The labels on the source tapes indicate this comes from WBBM-TV.
The program is a discussion on several local issues to Chicago, such as, but not limited to, schools, busing, and funding the police and fire departments.
There are occasional drop-outs in the audio, such as around 24:20 in part 3. These are heard on the source tapes.

Physical Description: 1.0 discs

Chicago Vocational High School spring music festival
General Physical Description note: 12-inch vinyl LP disc

Philips high school choir and band
General Physical Description note: 12-inch vinyl LP disc

The Mikado starring Groucho Marx
General Physical Description note: 12-inch vinyl LP disc
Record cabinet

Eisenhower in Asia / Kruschev in America
General Physical Description note: 12-inch vinyl LP disc

Record cabinet

19?? November 22
General Physical Description note: 12-inch vinyl LP disc

Reading room workstation

Chicago public schools orchestra and chorus assisted by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra music recordings 1959 December
Access
Use copy reference number: 82064_a_0005684
Scope and Contents note
Fantasia by Walter Hendl. Hymn to Democracy by Howard Hanson. Walter Hendl conducts both selections. 12-inch lacquer disc.

Reading room workstation

H. Miller air check sound recording 1963 January 18
Access
Use copy reference number: 82064_a_0005685
Scope and Contents note
Miller defends Benjamin Willis as an outstanding school administrator, pointing out that Massachusetts hiring Willis from his current job in Chicago is a compliment to the city. Recorded by WIND radio. 10-inch lacquer disc.

Reading room workstation

Benjamin Willis speech: "Start School, When School Starts," 1961 August 31
Access
Use copy reference number: 82064_a_0005686
Scope and Contents note
Willis asks every boy and girl to enroll in school and stay in school. 10-inch lacquer disc.

Reading room workstation

Party at Houston's and other miscellaneous sound recordings 1947 July 17 - 1950 July
Access
Use copy reference number: 82064_a_0005687
Scope and Contents note
11 July 1950: The school board of Yonkers pays tribute to Benjamin Willis as he relocates to Buffalo. Part 1, Bill Dickson, Wm Lally, John Class; Part 2, Wm Lally, B.C.W.; Part 3, B.C.W., Class; Part 4, Class, Collins; Part 5, Collins, Sheets, Burke, Riley; Part 6, Minnervini, Elkind, Campion; Part 7, Rachel, singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow". Part 8 on 17 July 1947: Officials of Yonkers, New York introduce Benjamin Willis, the recent appointee as school superintendent. Speakers are George Schiele, John Class, Hilda; Part 9, Hilda, Rachel Jr.; Part 10, Rachel Hons of Rest. Taken from original sleeves with speaker information written on them. Set of five 12-inch lacquer discs.

Reading room workstation

William C. Diehl farewell speech for Benjamin Willis 1947 June 9
Access
Use copy reference number: 82064_a_0005688
Scope and Contents note
William C. Diehl delivers a speech about Benjamin Willis on the occasion of Willis' departure for a new job. Prior to Mr. Diehl's address, Mrs. Irene Hutzell offers a brief address to Willis concerning a gift from his office. 12-inch lacquer disc.
Washington County Hillbillies musical performance of Mr. Willis Said 1947 April 7

Access
Use copy reference number: 82064_a_0005689

Scope and Contents note
This is about Benjamin Willis' work with the Washington County schools. 12-inch lacquer disc.