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Descriptive Summary

Title: San José State University McFadden Health Cottage Records

Dates: 1925-1967

Bulk Dates: 1932-1954

Collection number: MSS-2010-05-01

Creator: San José State University

Collection Size: 1 box, 0.42 linear feet

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Abstract: The San José State University McFadden Health Cottage Records, 1925-1967 (bulk 1932-1954), document the creation, management and dissolution of a building purchased by the university in order to establish a "rest cottage" for the student population. The records consist of administrative and financial materials, including meeting minutes, correspondence, student usage statistics, and legal records. This collection is arranged into one series: Series I. McFadden Health Cottage Records, 1925-1967 (bulk 1932-1954).

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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Project Information

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Organizational History

In 1857 the San Francisco Board of Education established Minns' Evening Normal School for current and prospective teachers in the city. Named after its principal, George W. Minns, the institution was formally established as the first California State Normal School by the State Legislature in 1862. A decade later, the Legislature voted to move the Normal School to San José, and the school relocated to its new home on Washington Square prior to the fall term of 1872. After a fire destroyed the Normal School building in 1880, the Legislature authorized $200,000 to construct a new building on the same site. Completed in 1881, the building was commonly referred to as the Second State Normal School. After several names and curriculum changes, Minns' Normal School is now San José State University, offering more than 134 bachelor's and master's degrees with 110 concentrations, and is recognized as one of the top public universities granting such degrees in the West.

According to the information contained within the records, in 1925, the university's health board, representing the Associated Students of San José State Teachers College, purchased property from the Edwin Markham Home Landmark Association in order to create a "rest cottage" for the health needs of the student population. Located at 432 South 8th Street in downtown San José, the building was initially named the Edwin Markham Health Cottage, Inc. and was incorporated in 1929 by the authorization of the Associated Students. In 1939, the building's name was officially changed to the McFadden Health Cottage, in recognition of the services of Miss Elizabeth McFadden of the College Health Service. In 1965, the Board of Directors of the McFadden Health Cottage, Inc. amended the by-laws of the corporation to prepare for the dissolution of the corporation. The remaining assets of the Health Cottage were subsequently absorbed by the San José State College Foundation in 1966.

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Scope and Content of Collection

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Subject Headings

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

San José State University. McFadden Health Cottage -- History

San José State Teachers College -- History

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San José State University -- History

Education, Higher -- California -- San José

College students -- Health and hygiene -- California -- San José

Series I: **McFadden Health Cottage Records 1925-1967 (bulk 1932-1954)**

Physical Description: 1 box

Series Scope and Content Summary

The materials in this series document McFadden Health Cottage from 1925-1966, also formerly known as the Edwin Markham Health Cottage. The records consist of meeting minutes, correspondence, by-laws and articles of incorporation, tax information, and income and expense reports for the management of the cottage. In addition, the records include an organizational history, architectural blueprints for the modification of the cottage in 1925, patient reports from 1932-1954, and documentation of the dissolution of the McFadden Health Corporation, Inc. and its subsequent absorption by the San José State College Foundation in 1966.

Box 1 **McFadden Health Cottage Records 1925-1967**