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# **McIlwee, Mamie Himmelwright Papers**

## **An inventory of the Mamie Himmelwright McIlwee Papers at DC Public Library**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	McIlwee, Mamie H.
<b>Title:</b>	Mamie Himmelwright McIlwee Papers
<b>ID:</b>	161
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1932-1952
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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Mamie Himmelwright McIlwee was born on August 8, 1886 in Star Tannery, Frederick County, Virginia to parents John and Hattie Himelright. Mamie married Branson Gilbert McIlwee and together they raised four children in the District, Mae, Hettie, Jay, and John. Mrs. McIlwee worked to secure funding for expanded classrooms, additional courses, educational materials, and grounds beautification at Roosevelt High School by serving on the Roosevelt Parent Teacher Association as a member of the Legislative Committee and Chairman of the Committee on Beautifying School and Library Grounds. Additionally Mrs. McIlwee was a member of the Petworth and Manor Park Citizens Associations. Mrs. McIlwee passed August 3, 1967 at the National Lutheran Home for the Aged in Northeast D.C.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes correspondence, legal documents, photographs, and newspaper clippings pertaining to Mamie H. McIlwee's work advocating for resources for Petworth public schools and libraries.

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## Arrangement

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Series 1: Correspondence Sub-series 1: Beautification of School Grounds and Petworth Library Sub-series 2: Civic Action Series 2: Legal Documents Series 3: Memoranda Series 4: Photographs Series 5: Newspaper Clippings Series 6: Scrapbook

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Custodial History

The provenance is unknown. No Deed of Gift was identified for this collection.

### Processing Information

One scrapbook was disassembled due to degradation. Its contents were sorted into various folders for correspondence, legal documents and newspaper clippings. Correspondence was extracted from the remaining scrapbook which has been kept intact with original newspaper clippings left inside. In keeping with the original organization of the scrapbooks, documents were grouped by theme or subject and then arranged in chronological order.

## Conditions Governing Use

No known restrictions.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Public schools
  - Women
  - Libraries
  - Education
  - Neighborhoods
  - Petworth, Washington, D.C.
  - McIlwee, E,
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## Collection Inventory

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### Series 1: Correspondence

#### Sub-series 1: Beautification of School Grounds and Petworth Library

Title/Description	Instances	
Campaigns and Proposals, 1932-1936	Box 1	Folder 1
Campaigns and Proposals, 1937	Box 1	Folder 2
Campaigns and Proposals, 1938	Box 1	Folder 3
Campaigns and Proposals, 1939-1940	Box 1	Folder 4

#### Sub-series 2: Civic Action

Title/Description	Instances	
Department of Health and Physical Education, "Posture Education", 1936	Box 1	Folder 7
Protesting Petworth Liquor Licenses, 1934-1937	Box 1	Folder 8
Requesting Funds from Board of Commissioners, 1934-1936	Box 1	Folder 9
Roosevelt High, Petworth Library, Petworth Women's Club, 1931-1936	Box 1	Folder 10

Letters Against the "Dog Interest", 1938-1945	Box 1	Folder 11
Miscellaneous, 1934-1945	Box 1	Folder 12

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## Series 2: Legal Documents

Title/Description	Instances	
Legal Documents, District of Columbia Appropriation Bill Excerpts, 1938-1942	Box 1	Folder 13

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## Series 3: Memoranda

Title/Description	Instances	
The Beautification of School Grounds, 1933-1940	Box 1	Folder 14
Roosevelt High, Coolidge High, 1934-1941	Box 1	Folder 15
Petworth Public Library and Neighborhood History, 1917-1951	Box 1	Folder 16

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## Series 4: Photographs

Title/Description	Instances	
Unidentified buildings, 1932-1970	Box 1	Folder 17

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## Series 5: Newspaper Clippings

Title/Description	Instances	
Newspaper Clippings - Washington Post and Evening Star, 1933-1945	Box 2	Folder 18
Newspaper Clippings - Petworth Citizen, 1916-1930	Box 2	Folder 19
Photocopied Clippings - Washington Times, Evening Star and Post, 1937-1939	Box 2	Folder 20
Photocopied Clippings - Washington Times, Evening Star and Post, 1939-1952	Box 2	Folder 21

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## Series 6: Scrapbook

Title/Description	Instances
Scrapbook of Newspaper Clippings, 1936-1941	Box 3      Folder 1

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