

Election District second Subdivision Eighth
 Town or City Syracuse County Onondaga

STATE OF NEW YORK
 Military Census and Inventory of 1917
 BY COMMAND OF THE GOVERNOR

This Certifies that the bearer whose signature appears on the line following

Name Edward S. Downes
 Residence 509 Park Ave

has been enrolled in the Census and Inventory of Military Resources of the State.

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George L. Baldwin
 County Director of Census
 by Frederic J. Brown
 Agent

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REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

Whereas it may concern, Certifying:

THESE PRESENTS ATTEST, That in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, and in compliance with law,

Edward Stapleton Downes
 (First name) (Middle name) (Last name)
509 Park Ave SYRACUSE ONON. CO. N. Y.
 (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town.) (County) (State)

has submitted himself to registration and has by me been duly registered this

day of SEP 12 1918, under the supervision of the Local Board designated on the back hereof.

George N. Brown
 (Place stamp of Local Board on back of this card)

Manages Home, Rearrs Six Children and Finds Time for Outside Job

Mrs. Margaret Downes, Investigator for Child Welfare Board of Onondaga Believes Woman Has Right to Select Own Work.

It is possible to manage a home, bring up six children, and handle an outside job successfully, according to Mrs. Margaret Downes, investigator for the Child Welfare Board of Onondaga County.

She has been doing all three for ten years. Mrs. Downes began her social services work in the Free Dispensary, working with Mrs. Cornell Smith in pioneer Americanization work, teaching foreigners who came to the dispensary enough English so they could consult with physicians. During the war, after Mrs. Downes' oldest son left college to enlist in the army, she became interested in work among the soldiers at the local encampment.

When it became obvious that something must be done about the young girls who constituted a serious social problem at that time in Syracuse, Mrs. Downes volunteered for work among the girls. For more than a year she saw a group of girls who came under her charge twice a week in a basement room at the Public Library. A group of prominent women saw the necessity for such work among the girls of Onondaga County and through their efforts Mrs. Downes was made the first woman probation officer of Onondaga County. She served in that capacity for six years, leaving that position to accept her present one with the Child Welfare Board.

Interested in Work.

The work of the board, which cares for 400 children, keeping them at home with their mothers rather than having them placed in orphanages, is carried on by Miss Margaret Pitt, secretary, and Mrs. Downes, the investigator. Mrs. Downes is particularly interested in this work because she believes that there is no substitute for a mother's care.

She goes into the homes, keeps in touch with the mothers and the needs of the children who are being cared for through the Child Welfare Board. The fact that she is a housewife and a mother makes it possible for her to know just what are the problems of the woman

with whom she has to work, and how they may be solved.

Mrs. Downes believes that a woman has a right to decide whether she shall do her own house work, or whether she shall find employment outside the home, and hiring another to do the actual work of the house. This is as much the right of a woman, Mrs. Downes believes, as it is the right of a man to decide whether he will care for his own furnace or shovel his walks in the winter, or pay someone else to do it.

Can Be With Children.

Neither home nor children need be neglected because a mother has an outside job, Mrs. Downes says. By hiring the actual work done, a woman can often keep house more efficiently than by having to do work which may be distasteful to her. An employed woman can be with her children just as much as a woman who stays at home, who spends her afternoons and evenings at clubs and card parties—and generally is with them more of the time and closer to their interests, Mrs. Downes finds.

When children grow up and find interests of their own, the employed mother is not stranded as are so many of the home-keeping type of women, and often is able to keep in even closer touch with her children, she says.