

## **MS-306: Edith Holsinger Collection**

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**Title:** Edith Holsinger Collection

**Dates:** 1958-1987

**Creator:** Holsinger, Edith, 1912-2007

**Summary/Abstract:** Edith Holsinger was an English teacher, teaching at both Fairmont West High School and Barnes Jr. High School. In 1964, Holsinger aided in the creation of the Kettering Teachers Union and was an active participant until her retirement. The collection consists of administration papers, newsletters, and personal correspondence.

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**Arrangement:** The collection is arranged into 16 series:

Series I: Kettering Federation of Teachers, 1960-1981  
Series II: Kettering City School District, 1958-1981  
Series III: Kettering Classroom Association, 1963-1976  
Series IV: Kettering Board of Education, 1976-1979  
Series V: American Federation of Teachers, 1964-1986  
Series VI: Ohio AFT-CIO, 1972-1986  
Series VII: Dayton Miami Valley AFT-CIO, 1970-1987  
Series VIII: Ohio Federation of Teachers, 1971-1981  
Series IX: Union Teacher Press Association, 1964-1974  
Series X: City Teacher Unions and News, 1964-1980  
Series XI: Educational Testing Service, 1976-1978  
Series XII: State Federations of Teachers, 1975-1978  
Series XIII: Ohio Education Association, 1975-1980  
Series XIV: Political, 1974-1983  
Series XV: Jimmy Carter, 1976-1977  
Series XVI: Edith Holsinger, 1968-1983

### **Biographical Note:**

Edith Holsinger was born in New York City in 1912. She graduated from high school in 1930 and went on to graduate from University of Dayton with a B.S. in 1956. She became an English Teacher teaching both at Fairmont West High School and Barnes Jr. High School. In 1964 Edith Holsinger aided in the creation of the Kettering Teachers Union. She became the union's newsletter editor in 1968 and remained the editor for 14 years until she resigned. She also was the union's corresponding secretary in 1970 and remained the secretary until her retirement. Edith Holsinger also ran for State Representative in 1980. She was greatly involved in various political activities including the presidential campaign for Jimmy Carter. In 1985 Edith Holsinger was named one of Dayton Daily News' Ten Top Women Honorees. She passed away in 2007.

### **Scope and Content**

The Edith Holsinger Collection consists of various newsletters, meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, correspondence, and agendas. The collection details the interests of Edith Holsinger, both political and personal.

Series I: Kettering Federation of Teachers, consists of meeting reports from the early meetings of the Kettering Federation of Teachers union. It also contains correspondence from and to the union. This series also has the newsletter from 1968 to 1980 that Edith Holsinger edited for 14 years.

Series II: Kettering City School District, is composed of correspondence and various studies done by the school board to predict statistics like enrollment. It also contains the teacher contact from 1976.

Series III: Kettering Classroom Association, contains the newsletters from 1965 to 1976 that were created by the Kettering Classroom Association. It also includes the Kettering Classroom Association's constitution.

Series IV: Kettering Board of Education, is a large series that contains the school board meetings' agendas from 1976 to 1979. Also in the series is the policy manual for the school board from 1976.

Series V: American Federation of Teachers, contains the federation's newsletter *Action* and various pamphlets created by the federation. This series provides a brief history of the federation, which was created in 1916 in Illinois. It is one of the fastest growing labor unions in America and it is affiliated with AFL-CIO. Also in this series is the AFT newspaper the *American Teacher* and a series of booklets that contain newspaper clippings that were published together called *AFT in the News*.

Series VI: Ohio AFT-CIO, provides information about the Ohio AFL-CIO including its relationship to the AFL. This series contains various correspondences and a large number of *New and Views* Newsletters that was published by the Ohio AFL-CIO. There are also many newspaper clippings that contain information about the unions everyday operations.

Series VII: Dayton Miami Valley AFT-CIO, consists of meeting minutes, correspondences, and reports. It also contains the constitution of the organization. It has newspaper clippings that were saved by Edith Holsinger. This series also shows a connection between the OHIO AFT-CIO and the AFT.

Series VIII: Ohio Federation of Teachers, is a small series that contains various items including, mailing lists, their constitution, and financial reports from 1980 to 1981. This series provides a little background information about the Ohio Federation of Teachers.

Series IX: Union Teacher Press Association, contains a large collection of the newsletter Union teacher Press that was received by Edith Holsinger from 1968 to 1972. Various correspondences are also present that were sent to and from the Union Teacher Press Association.

Series X: City Teacher Unions and News, is a small series that contains various newsletters from several city schools and contains various newspaper clippings about city schools including Dayton, Sugarcreek, and Centerville that were saved by Edith Holsinger. Also included are newsletters from various city teachers' union including Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Toledo. This series provides some insight into how various teachers unions from different cities were connected.

Series XI: Educational Testing Service, contains newsletters from 1976 to 1978 that were created by the Educational Testing Service and sent out to various teachers including Edith Holsinger. It also contains a news release from 1978.

Series XII: State Federations of Teachers, consists of various newsletters from various state federations of teachers including Pennsylvania and Minnesota, which were mailed to Edith Holsinger.

Series XIII: Ohio Education Association, contains various newspaper clippings that were saved by Edith Holsinger. The newspaper clippings contain information about the Ohio Education Association.

Series XIV: Political, contains various political newsletters that were received by Edith Holsinger including *The Ohio Voter* and the *Ohio Civil Liberties*. In this series there is various newspaper clipping that were saved by Edith Holsinger herself which shows what she views as important issues. The newspaper clippings are from 1974 to about 1984.

Series XV: Jimmy Carter, contains a few correspondences between Edith Holsinger and Jimmy Carter. It also includes an invitation to Carter's inauguration sent to Edith Holsinger.

Series XVI: Edith Holsinger, is a small series that contains a small number of correspondences sent to or received by Edith Holsinger. It also contains various Jewish newsletters that were saved by Edith Holsinger and are from 1969 to 1980. Two scrapbooks are also located in this series, which are travel scrapbooks that contain a large number of postcards that were sent to Edith Holsinger by her husband or were collected by Edith Holsinger herself.

## **Subject Terms:**

### **Persons/Families**

Holsinger, Edith, 1912-2007

### **Organizations/Corporate Names**

Kettering Federation of Teachers

Kettering (Ohio). Board of Education

Kettering City School District (Ohio) – History – 20<sup>th</sup> century

Kettering Classroom Association

### **Subjects (General)**

Teachers' unions – Ohio -- Kettering

### **Material Types**

Newsletters

Minutes (administrative records)

Correspondence

Scrapbooks

## Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Series I</b>		<b>Kettering Federation of Teachers</b>	<b>1960-1981</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Meeting Report	1964
1	2	Meeting Report	1965
1	3	Meeting Report	1966
1	4	Correspondences	1972
1	5	Workshop Agenda	1979 Oct 17
1	6	Agenda	1968 Oct 16
1	7	Awards	1973-1976
1	8	Newsletter	1968 June – 1980 Jan
1	9	News releases	1972 Feb 2 – 1979 Oct 12
1	10	State Teachers Newsletter	1979-1981
1A	1	Scrapbook Oversized	1960-1980
<b>Series II</b>		<b>Kettering City School District</b>	<b>1958-1981</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	1	Bulletin	1958 Aug
2	2	Budget	1978
2	3	Calendar	1972-1973
2	4	Calendar	1980-1981
2	5	Correspondence	1965-1976
2	6	Correspondence	1976
2	7	Correspondence	1976
2	8	Correspondence	1977-1981
2	9	Enrollment Predictions	1976-1977
2	10	Teacher Contract	1978 Jul 1
2	11	Study	1976
2	12	Study	1979 Jan 15
2	13	Newsletters	1976 Sept
2	14	Newspaper Clippings	1965-1980
<b>Series III</b>		<b>Kettering Classroom Association</b>	<b>1963-1976</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	15	Report	1963
2	16	Newsletters	1965-1976
2	17	Newsletters	1976

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Series IV</b>		<b>Kettering Board of Education</b>	<b>1976-1979</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	1	Meeting Agenda	1976 Jan 25
3	2	Meeting Agenda	1976 Jan 6
3	3	Meeting Agenda	1976 Jan 27
3	4	Meeting Agenda	1976 Mar 9
3	5	Meeting Agenda	1976 Apr 20
3	6	Meeting Agenda	1976 June 29
3	7	Meeting Agenda	1976 Aug 10
3	8	Meeting Agenda	1976 Sept 14
3	9	Meeting Agenda	1976 Sept 28
3	10	Meeting Agenda	1977 Feb 8
3	11	Meeting Agenda	1977 Apr 26
3	12	Meeting Agenda	1977 May 10
3	13	Meeting Agenda	1977 Jun 14
3	14	Meeting Agenda	1977 Jun 28
3	15	Meeting Agenda	1977 Jul 12
3	16	Meeting Agenda	1977 Aug 23
3	17	Meeting Agenda	1977 Sept 27
3	18	Meeting Agenda	1977 Nov 8
3	19	Meeting Agenda	1977 Dec 13
3	20	Meeting Agenda	1977 Dec 27
3	21	Meeting Agenda	1978 Jan 3
3	22	Meeting Agenda	1978 Jan 10
3	23	Meeting Agenda	1978 Feb 28
3	24	Meeting Agenda	1978 Mar 14
3	25	Meeting Agenda	1978 Mar 28
3	26	Meeting Agenda	1978 Apr 11
3	27	Meeting Agenda	1978 Sept 12
3	28	Meeting Agenda	1978 Sept 26
3	29	Meeting Agenda	1978 Oct 10
3	30	Meeting Agenda	1978 Nov 21
3	31	Meeting Agenda	1978 Dec 12
3	32	Meeting Agenda	1978 Dec 19
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	1	Meeting Agenda	1979 Jan 6
4	2	Meeting Agenda	1979 Jan 23
4	3	Meeting Agenda	1979 Feb 6
4	4	Meeting Agenda	1979 Feb 27
4	5	Meeting Agenda	1979 Mar 13
4	6	Meeting Agenda	1979 Mar 27

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	7	Meeting Agenda	1979 Apr 10
4	8	Meeting Agenda	1979 Apr 24
4	9	Meeting Agenda	1979 May 8
4	10	Meeting Agenda	1979 May 22
4	11	Meeting Agenda	1976
4	12	Meeting Agenda	1977 July 12
<b>Series V</b>		<b>American Federation of Teachers</b>	<b>1964-1986</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
5	1	Awards	undated
5	2	Correspondence	1972 Dec 11 – 1982 Feb 18
5	3	Intercom Newsletter	1978 Dec – 1979 July
5	4	AFT Action Newsletter	1964-1977
5	5	AFT Action Newsletter	1979
5	6	AFT Action Newsletter	1980
5	7	AFT Action Newsletter	1981
5	8	AFT Action Newsletter	1982
5	9	AFT Action Newsletter	1983
5	10	AFT Action Newsletter	1984
5	11	AFT Action Newsletter	1985
5	12	AFT Action Newsletter	1986
5	13	Pamphlets	undated
5	14	Washington Newsletter	1967 Feb – 1970 Sept
5	15	Miscellaneous	undated
5	16	AFT in the News	1976 Apr – 1978 Dec
5	17	AFT in the News	1979 Nov
5	18	AFT in the News	1979 Dec
5	19	AFT in the News	1980 Jan
5	20	American Teacher Newspaper	1971 Dec
5	21	American Teacher Newspaper	1973 Apr
5	22	American Teacher Newspaper	1976 Jun
5	23	American Teacher Newspaper	1976 Nov
5	24	American Teacher Newspaper	1976 Dec
5	25	Changing Education Journal	1976 Jun
5	26	Weekly Bulletin	1972 Feb 28
<b>Series VI</b>		<b>Ohio AFL-CIO</b>	<b>1972-1986</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	1	Correspondence	1976-1982
6	2	Focus Newsletter	1975 Aug – 1980 May

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	3	News and Views Newsletter	1975
6	4	News and Views Newsletter	1976
6	5	News and Views Newsletter	1977
6	6	News and Views Newsletter	1978
6	7	News and Views Newsletter	1979
6	8	News and Views Newsletter	1980
6	9	News and Views Newsletter	1981
6	10	News and Views Newsletter	1982
6	11	News and Views Newsletter	1983
6	12	News and Views Newsletter	1984
6	13	News and Views Newsletter	1985
6	14	News and Views Newsletter	1986
6	15	Pamphlets	undated
6	16	Regional Conference Report	undated
6	17	Community Service Action Newsletter	1977 Jan
6	18	Newspaper Clippings	1972-1981
<b>Series VII Dayton Miami Valley AFL-CIO</b>			<b>1970-1987</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
7	1	Delegate Meeting Minutes	1976 Feb – 1985 Apr
7	2	Correspondence	1977-1987
7	3	Activities Report	1983-1984
7	4	Field Trip Report	1981 Jul 13-14
7	5	Constitution	undated
7	6	News Releases	1981-1983
7	7	Labor News	1981-1983
7	8	Industrial Council News	1979 Feb
7	9	Newspaper Clippings	1983 Oct 11
7	10	Miscellaneous	1970-1980
<b>Series VIII Ohio Federation of Teachers</b>			<b>1971-1981</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
8	1	Correspondence	1972-1980
8	2	Agenda	1972 Dec 2 – 1980 Oct
8	3	Convention	1981 Feb 12
8	4	Meeting Minutes	1972 Feb - Mar
8	5	Ohio Legislative Committee report	1972 Mar 1
8	6	Awards	1972
8	7	Mailing List	1971, 1972, 1981
8	8	Financial Report	1980-1981
8	9	Constitution	undated



<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
8	10	Annual Convention	1973
8	11	Reports	undated
8	12	Pamphlets	undated
<b>Series IX Union Teacher Press Association</b>			<b>1964-1974</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
9	1	Balance Sheet	1969 Aug 14
9	2	Teachers Press Newsletter	1968-1972
9	3	Correspondences	1964-1974
9	4	Newsletter	1965 Sept – 1967 Jan
9	5	Pamphlets	undated
9	6	Miscellaneous	undated
<b>Series X City Teacher Unions and News</b>			<b>1964-1980</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
10	1	Miscellaneous Newsletters	1971-1980
10	2	Newspaper Clippings	1970-1980
10	3	Cincinnati Federation Teachers Newsletter 1979-1980	1979-1980
10	4	CFT The Federation Teacher Newsletter	1979 Feb
10	5	CFT The Federation Teacher Newsletter	1980 Apr
10	6	Cleveland Teachers' Union Newsletter	1971 Spring
10	7	Toledo Federation of Teachers weekly Bulletin	1964-1968
<b>Series XI Educational Testing Service</b>			<b>1976-1978</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
10	8	ETS News release	1978 Dec 8
10	9	ETS Newsletter	1976-1978
<b>Series XII State Federation of Teachers</b>			<b>1975-1978</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
10	10	MFT Action Newsletter	1975 Sept
10	11	MFT Action Newsletter	1976 Oct
10	12	MFT Action Newsletter	1977 Nov
10	13	MFT Action Newsletter	1978 Jan
10	14	Pennsylvania Federation Teachers Bulletin	1976 Sept
<b>Series XIII Ohio Education Association</b>			<b>1975-1980</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
10	15	OEA Newspaper Clippings	1975-1980
<b>Series XIV Political</b>			<b>1974-1983</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
11	1	Roach Report Newsletter	1976 Aug – 1977 Oct
11	2	Ohio Voter Newsletter	1975 Sept – 1976 Sept
11	3	Ohio Civil Liberties Newsletter	1975 Aug – 1979 Jun
11	4	The National Voter	1976
11	5	United Action Caucus Newsletter	1974-1979
11	6	Pamphlets	1976-1980
11	7	Newspaper Clippings	1974-1983
11	8	Political Miscellaneous	undated
<b>Series XV Jimmy Carter</b>			<b>1976-1977</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
12	1	Correspondence	1977 Sept 28
12	2	Carter for President Committee Application	1976 Jun
12	3	Inaugural Invitation	1977
12	4	Misc. Newsletters	1976 Jan - Sept
12	5	Newspaper Clippings	1976-1979
12	6	Pamphlets	1976 Nov
<b>Series XVI Edith Holsinger</b>			<b>1968-1983</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
12	7	Correspondence	1968-1983
12	8	Jewish Newsletters	1969-1980
12	9	Name Tag	undated
13	1	Scrapbooks	undated
14	1	Scrapbook	undated