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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
<b>Creator - Author</b>	Warmington, Carl
<b>Title</b>	Carl Warmington Collection
<b>Date</b>	1924-1992
<b>Extent</b>	0.75 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English

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## Biography

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Carl Warmington was born on September 5, 1907 in Dubuque, Iowa. He lived in Minneapolis from 1909 to 1936 at 3105 Clinton Avenue with his parents. He married Ruth Carter in 1936 and the couple lived in St. Paul until 1938 when Carl accepted the Executive Secretaryship of the Kansas City, Kansas Community Chest and Council. The Warmingtons did not return to live in Minnesota until 1978 when they briefly lived near Lake Harriet before they moved to Florida in 1980 for the rest of their retirement. Carl Warmington died on December 17, 2006 in Bradenton, Florida.

Warmington was a musician, social worker, and Minneapolis resident. Collection includes biographical reminiscences, especially about the Depression and Mr. Warmington's days as a member of a Jazz band during the 1920s. Also includes photos from his days as director of the Homeless Men's Bureau (early 30s) and manuscripts. Looking Back, a Personal History (2 c.) and Reminiscences, a 1929 Round the World Cruise on the S. S. President Wilson Steamship, "Homeless men in Minneapolis during the depression": an oral history project 10/10/1989. "Jazz Memories" from the periodical Active Lifestyles, February 1991 (pgs 38-39), and the articles "Remembering the Great Depression", "Enjoying Tennis during Retirement Years", "Alcoholism and the Homeless Man" from The Transient, and "Memories of the Jazz Age" from Mississippi Rag. Letters and some family photos included.

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## Description of Collection

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Two boxes. Collection consists of biographical reminiscences, letters, family photos, and photos taken in 1930's of Anchor hotel, Men's Bureau, Union City Mission, and Gateway District.

Box 1 contains three spiral bound manuscripts. "Looking Back A Personal History by Carl Warmington Memories of Boyhood in Minneapolis, Musical Adventures, Depression Years, Fund Raising Highlights, Community Planning Years, Revival of the Player Piano, Senior Tennis Tournaments, Assessing Retirement Years", "Looking Back A Personal History", "Reminiscences a 1929 Round the World Cruise on the S. S. President Wilson Steamship by Carl Warmington's Minnesotans March 22. 1929 to July 10, 1929.

Box-folder 2 contains photos of Men's Bureau Buildings and Staff, Gateway Buildings and Residents, Union City Mission Farm, and unnumbered photos of Men's Bureau Clients and Staff, Salvation Army Buildings, Union City Mission Restaurant, and Bed bugs. See index.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Minnesota Historical Society has the Carl Warmington Papers.

Also in the Minneapolis Collection is:

Warmington, Carl. Living a full live during the 20th century: an autobiography. F614.M553 W37 1999

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Minneapolis Transient Bureau. (Minneapolis, Minn.)
- Minneapolis Working Boys Band.

### Geographic Name(s)

- Minneapolis (Minn.) -- Economic conditions -- 1918-1945.

### Subject(s)

- Big bands -- Minnesota -- Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

- Depressions -- 1929 -- Minnesota.
- Homeless persons -- Services for -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.
- Musicians -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis -- Biography.
- Public welfare -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.
- Social workers -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis -- Biography.

## Collection Inventory

Correspondence with library staff	Box	Folder
	1	1
<p><b>Biography and Family History</b></p>		
<p><b>Education</b></p>		
<p>Warmington attended Clinton Grade School, and played trumpet in the Minneapolis Workingboy's Band. Upon graduating from Central High School in 1924 (having entered high school at age 12), he played trumpet with the stage band known as the Juvenile Follies around the Midwest. On his 16th birthday, Warmington started at the University of Minnesota. There, he studied traffic management, and began playing the trombone as the University Band had too many trumpet players. Warmington was successful as a musician and band leader, taking time off from his studies to put together a band which traveled on the S.S. President Grant for a tour of the Orient in 1928. Stops on the tour included: Honolulu, HI; Yokohama, Japan; Shanghai, China; Hong Kong and Manila. Another tour, this time traveling with his band around the world, was aboard the S.S. President Wilson in 1929. In 1930, he had a band at the Breezy Point Lodge in Nisswa, Minnesota.</p>		
<p>He graduated with a Masters degree in Social Work from the University of Minnesota in 1936, completing his coursework during the evenings.</p>		
<p><b>Children</b></p>		
<p>Warmington and his wife Ruth Carter had two sons: Jay and Todd. Jay is married to Ella Heman (as of the writing of memoir, "Looking Back: A Personal History), who worked for the St. Paul Pioneer Press. Jay has his MBA from the University of Minnesota and worked for several banks before purchasing VendoWash from his uncle, D. K. Carter. Jay and Ella live in a Purcell house on Lake Harriet. Todd is married to Julie North, as of the writing of above-mentioned memoir. They live in Seattle, Washington with their son Carter. Todd has completed an advanced degree in computer graphics from the University of Washington. He has a BA and BFA from Ohio State, and an MA in regional planning from the</p>		

**Biography and Family History**

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University of Wisconsin. With Julie, who studied at Vassar and Ohio State, they have developed Warmington North, a design woodworking shop in Seattle.

**Controlled Access Headings****Personal Name(s)**

- Warmington, Ruth Carter

**Box****Folder**

Parents and siblings

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**Scope and Contents note**

Carl Warmington, a Minneapolis native, was a son of Edward and Henrietta Warmington. He grew up in a family which made education a top priority. In fact, his father relocated the family from Asbury Iowa to Minneapolis so that Carl's older sister, Leone, could enroll at the University of Minnesota, and his older brother Harold could attend Minneapolis Public Schools. Includes "Summer Vacations" essay about coming home to Minnesota from other parts of the country with is wife and children.

**Controlled Access Headings****Personal Name(s)**

- Warmington, Edward
- Warmington, Harold
- Warmington, Henrietta
- Warmington, Leone



**Biography and Family History**

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Family photos

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**Scope and Contents note**

Photographs of Edward and Henrietta Warmington, and Carl seated with his siblings Harold and Leone.

“Homeless Men in Minneapolis During the Depression” an oral history transcription of an interview with Carl Warmington by Lillian Burns--2 copies October 10, 1989

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**Controlled Access Headings****Subject(s)**

- alcoholism
- Homeless persons -- Services for -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.

Ruth Carter Warmington

**Scope and Contents note**

See “Ruth Carter Warmington: A Remarkable Life April 23, 1907-August 23, 2002” in the Special Collection. NA737.W34 A2 2003. 176 pages, Carl Warmington, 2003. Prepared and published by Carl after Ruth’s death, the book’s three sections include: two autobiographical collections of short essays, titled “Life on a Drawing Board” and “Pieces from my Past.” The final portion of the manuscript is reminiscences of Ruth collected by her husband Carl after her death. They include contributions from architect Bob Hunker, Tress Pittenger, Leo Molinaro, Carl Warmington, Rich Redfern, Jennifer Valone, Ed Hord, Anne Genge, and John Mellon. Several renderings of Ruth’s architectural designs are included in the publication. Ruth’s career as an architect, teacher, wife and mother are explored throughout.

**War Chest Career**

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**Controlled Access Headings****Subject(s)**

- Architects -- United States -- Biography
- Women architects -- United States -- Biography

**Box****Folder**

Insurance career

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**Prepaid Adversity Insurance**

Warmington drafted a work paper for The American City Corporation, "A Description of Prepaid Adversity Insurance." Published originally in 1969, when Warmington was Senior Specialist for Health and Welfare of The American City Corporation, it was prepared in support of The Greater Hartford Process, as a component of a new system for social services.

**Controlled Access Headings****Subject(s)**

- The American City Corporation

**War Chest Career****Box****Folder**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes "Directing the Madison, Wisconsin War Chest"

**Memoirs**

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**Memoirs****Scope and Contents note**

The collection includes two bound memoirs by Warmington. He wrote these with the specific intent that his sons and grandchildren learn about his family (he didn't have much information about his grandfather, Edward Warmington, Sr.) and his career. 1: Looking Back: A Personal History. 38 pages; spiral bound. 2 copies. Note: many of the referenced attachments are not included. The series of short essays includes reminiscences about growing up in Minneapolis, Warmington's education--including his two musical tours with his bands--his career in several cities around the United States, and his hobbies, which include restoring player pianos, tennis, and a lifelong interest in jazz music. 2: Reminiscences: A 1929 Round the World Cruise on the S.S. President Wilson by Carl Warmington's Minnesotans—March 22, 1929 to July 10, 1929. 50 pages; spiral bound. Travel writing from the perspective of a jazz group and based on Warmington's travel diary; includes reminiscences of visits to numerous countries over the course of 110 days.

**Controlled Access Headings****Personal Name(s)**

- Adams, Carlyle
- Barkula, Barney
- Brynteson, Harold
- Gross, Al
- Gross, Walter (Fritz)
- Johnson, Wayne B.
- Scharping, Karl
- Smith, John (Red)

Looking Back: A Personal History

## Memoirs

**Scope and Contents note**

We have two copies of this 39 page memoir. One has no referenced attachments, and the second has select attachments. In Folder #1, see notes with related correspondence between Minneapolis Public Librarians and Carl Warmington.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Memories of a Wonderful Marriage	1	25

**Scope and Contents note**

Sixteen page essay by Carl recapping the many places the Warmingtons called "home" and their marriage.

Reminiscences: A 1929 Round the World Cruise on the S.S. President Wilson Steamship

**Scope and Contents note**

A 38 page essay, with numerous attachments interwoven within the manuscript detailing Warmington's journey around the world.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Rhode Island house designed by Ruth	1	26

**Medway Street House**

Ruth collaborated with Chip Harkness to design a modern house for the Warmington family in Providence, Rhode Island. An essay, "Good Neighbors" provides the details. A second piece, "Providence's Contemporary House" gives even more context for how the house came to be built. Includes a photograph of the south side of the home.

**Social Services career**

Stan Hywet Gatehouse

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**Stan Hywet Gatehouse**

In 1958, while living in Ohio, Carl and Ruth moved into the Gate House of the estate of F.A. Weiberling, founder of Goodyear Tire & Rubber. The essay relays the joys of living on a 70 acre estate, a particular delight for their teenaged sons.

"Living with Dyslexia" 2 copies

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**Social Services career****Scope and Contents note**

Unemployed during the first two years of the Great Depression, Warmington sat for the Civil Service exam in 1930, and was hired as the head of relief rentals in Minneapolis. In 1932, he was promoted to be in charge of the Men's Bureau, responsible for providing a social safety net to single men affected by the economic disaster of the 1930s. In 1936, he became the Assistant Secretary of the St. Paul Community Chest and Council, a predecessor to the United Way. Subsequent positions included Community Chest positions in Kansas City, Kansas, and Madison, Wisconsin. World War Two brought fundraising for the war effort to the fore, and Warmington led the Madison War Chest campaign. Subsequently, he worked in Providence, Rhode Island, and then to Akron, Ohio. In 1969, Warmington began working at American City Corporation, in Columbia, Maryland, where he planned health and welfare services for New Towns, of which there were over 100 in the planning stage. He retired from work in 1972 at age 65.

**Controlled Access Headings****Geographic Name(s)**

- Lilac Drive

## Social Services career

**Personal Name(s)**

- Kjorlaug, M.U.S.

**Subject(s)**

- Union City Mission Farm

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
A Legacy of Leadership and Community Foundations, A Reflection	1	4
Alcoholism and the Homeless Man-- 3 copies	1	5
Depression Days in the Thirties	1	6
Hobo Herbie-- 2 copies	1	7
Manual of the Men's Bureau 204-210 North Second St. Minneapolis Minnesota--compiled by Carl Warmington September 1, 1935	1	8
Remembering the Great Depression -- 2 copies, and Invisible Income	1	10
Speeches, Speeches, Speeches-- 2 copies	1	10
Annual Report Men's Bureau Division of Public Relief 204 No. 2nd St. 1934	1	3

## Creative Works

**Creative Works****Writing**

Moving "how to" guidance

**Scope and Contents note**

Warmington wrote two booklets detailing the lessons learned from his family's numerous relocations. In 1956, he self-published "Moving Made Easier: A Practical Moving Guide." 44 pages long, it is chock-full of tips and tricks for families relocating their households. In 1968, a new booklet, "The Family Guide to Successful Moving" was published by the National Board of Young Men's Christian Associations.

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"Moving Made Easier"	2	22
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"The Family Guide to Successful Moving"	1	23
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Music Essays

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
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"I Always Wanted to Learn How to Play the Piano" 2 copies	1	14
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"Jazz Memories" 3 copies	1	15
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"Jobbing During the Depression"	1	16
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## Writing

“Memories of Breezy Point Lodge Days” 2 copies and Two Faces of Jazz (Warmington's 1968 Christmas Card)	1	17
"Memories of the Jazz Age"--2 copies, "Looking Back at Prohibition", "Musician's Jobbing During the 1930's Depression"	1	18
"Memories of the Rubber City Retreads" 3 copies, "Assessing My Retirement"	1	19
“The Juvenile Follies of 1924”	1	20
“Working Boy’s Band” article written by Carl Warmington published in Minneapolis Star and Tribune June 8, 1985	1	21
"Local Boy Makes Good, If You Remember Art Landry and His Orchestra You Will Especially Enjoy the Story of His Success" -- 2 copies	1	24
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Tennis 1992	1	30

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes essay, "Enjoying Tennis During Retirement Years" and "Tennis News of Florida" June 1992 edition, with a front page article about Carl's tennis ambitions.

**Controlled Access Headings****Subject(s)**



## Photographs

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- Tennis Players

<b>Photographs</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
	1	31
<b>Photographs</b>		
<p>Warmington's collection of photographs detailing the residents and buildings of the Gateway, the Street Mission meetings, dormitories provided by the Salvation Army and the Union City Mission, and staff of the Men's Bureau are evocative and powerful. Included are several photographs of the Union City Mission Farm at Medicine Lake, Minn., which grew produce for the Minneapolis dormitories' kitchens. It was also an in-patient treatment facility for alcoholics, providing them with good diets, moderate exercise. Preceding the creation of Alcoholics Anonymous, the Medicine Lake Farm was a predecessor of Hazelden Addiction Treatment Center. Also included in the collection are numerous photographs of bed bugs, at various stages in their lifecycle. They were taken by an anonymous janitor in the basement of one of the Gateway's hotels.</p>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
CWARM001-005	2	1
CWARM006-010	2	2
CWARM011-015	2	3
CWARM016-020	2	4
CWARM021-025	2	5
CWARM026-030	2	6

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CWARM031-035	2	7
CWARM036-040	2	8
CWARM041-045	2	9
CWARM046-050	2	10
CWARM051-055	2	11
CWARM056-060	2	12
CWARM061-065	2	13
CWARM066-070	2	14
CWARM071-075	2	15
CWARM076-080	2	16
CWARM081-085	2	17
CWARM086-090	2	18
CWARM091-095	2	19
CWARM096-100	2	20

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CWARM101-105	2	21
CWARM106-110	2	22
CWARM111-115	2	23
CWARM116-122	2	24