

**Collection:** Paterson Teachers Salary  
Adjustment Organization

**Accession:** 2012.052

## Finding Aid

**Date Range:** 1678-1945

**Bulk Date:** 1930-1945

**Creator:** unknown

**Container:** 4 Flip-top document boxes

**Size(in cubic feet):** 0.436ft<sup>3</sup>

**Storage Location:** Library and Archives

**Aid Created By:** Alexandria Rossillo, Intern (Complete 7/20/12)

### **Biographical Information:**

The Paterson Teachers Salary Adjustment Organization (PTSAO) was part of a larger umbrella corporation the Teachers Salary Adjustment Organization run by Miss Leila O. Brown, President. In the late 1930s- early 1940s, the Paterson branch of this organization realized that its members had not received raises or bonuses on their salaries in several years. In reaction, the President of the PTSAO, Mr. Charles D. Offhouse, (a Mathematics teacher of eleven years in Eastside High School), filed a motion to gain the Paterson teachers their salary raises. The PTSAO went to court with the help of Newark Lawyer, Jerome C. Eisenberg, who represented them. The opposing side was represented by Paterson Lawyer, Harold D. Green. The mayor of Paterson, William P. Furrey (1941-1947) was also present for the case. The case was first filed March 5, 1941. The decision of the case was decided and the case was dismissed on April 10, 1944.

### **Scope and Content:**

This collection contains legal letters between Charles D. Offhouse, Mayor William P. Furrey, Jerome C. Eisenberg, Winifred Alexander, Leila O. Brown, etc. Newspaper clippings from the preceding of the court case and the surrounding area are also present. There are many documents pertaining to the PTSAO Newsletters, and legal documentation pertaining to the actual court case can be found. One picture was found in the collection in the folder designated **Newspaper Clippings 3**.

### **Series:**

This collection was well organized before the creation of this finding aid. However, some of the folders were split up, and reorganized so that space could be utilized. The folders were/are organized in topical order. In some cases duplicate items (of 3 or more) were removed to conserve space.