

**Town and Country Public Library**  
**Historical Collection**  
**General Collection**  
**#2010-02**

**Scope and Content Note:** The provenance of this material is unknown. This collection contains miscellaneous material from local businesses, cemetery listings, church records, programs and invitations for local events, scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, funeral/memorial service programs of local residents and documents from 1849 to present. The collection is arranged by topic alphabetically and thereafter chronologically. The collection is not complete; material will continue to be added.

**Quantity:** 4 Letter Sized Boxes, 5 x 12 ¼ x 10 ¼  
3 Banker Boxes, 12 x 15 x 10 ¼  
1 Oversized Box, 12 x 15 x 3  
80 Linear Inches 6.67 Linear Feet

**Box 1**

**Businesses**

Advertisement in glass: Robinson & Kendall, n.d.; print advertisements for coffee at Robinson & Kendall  
Advertisement: Nichols' Bar & Iron, "for sale by A.T. Matthewson (sic) Blackberry, Ill."  
Downtown Elburn Business District Businessmen, 1871 & 1893  
Various Business Receipts/Advertisements, 1877-1915  
Nix & Anderson Garage History  
Pocket Directory, The Live Merchants of Elburn, 1912  
Elburn Herald Receipt, 1922 for public notice re: estate of Thomas E. Ferrell  
Kane County Bank & Trust Messenger (newsletter), December 1928; site plan, new addition, n.d.  
Elburn State Bank sold to Kane County Bank and Trust 1930  
Kane County Bank Robbery, 1949  
Economy Grocery calendar, 1948  
Misc. Business Receipts; Smith's Centrella, c. 1950, Photography by Doug McIntosh, 1977  
Elburn Packing Company Open House brochure 1947-1960, 1960  
Business Directory, 1987  
Sticker – Elburn Business Council Member 1989

**Cemeteries**

Burial Records – Veterans of All Wars, Blackberry Cemetery (1 of 2) **(can be further processed/indexed)**  
Burial Records – Veterans of All Wars, Blackberry Cemetery (2 of 2) **(can be further processed/indexed)**

**Elburn & Countryside Community Center**

Replies to reunion invitation with fund raising request for Elburn & Countryside Community Center 1986 (many responses have recollections of Elburn)  
Various clippings and information, Elburn & Countryside Community Center 1985 - 1990

**Box 2**

**Churches**

The Elburn Cookbook by The Ladies Aid of the M.E. Church (n.d., ~1900)  
Baptist Church Record 1857-1885 (Handwritten bound copy); First Fire Department/Cemetery Blackberry  
Blackberry M.E. Church calling card 1883-1884  
Historical Record of the Methodist Episcopal Church (copied in 1940)

M.E. Church 1954-1890 (copy)  
Loose newspaper clippings from M.E. Church (**can be further processed/indexed**)  
Young Peoples Society Congregational Church Elburn, 1895-1901  
Tax Receipts from Baptist Parsonage, 1896, 1897  
Document re: Sale of Methodist Church property, 1931-1937  
St. Gall's Church Financial Report, 1948

### **Elburn Players**

Programs and receipts ~1925-1940  
Play scripts

### **General**

Original documents re: Miner, Milton house, 1856-1859  
Donor list for fund to rebuild Thomas Clark's mill after it burned down 1889 (fragile, document in three pieces)  
Minutes – founding and meetings, Literary Society of the Boys' and Girls' Brigade 1894 – 1895  
Elburn Woman's Club 'The Comparison Shopper' 1961  
The 1972 Mill Illinois Pageant program – Miss Elburn, Kristine Kay McConnaughay, sponsored by Elburn Lions Club  
Elburn Rag by Arvid Homuth, 1985 (music composition)

### **History**

Elburn History by Clara Crosby (date unknown)  
History of Elburn by J.S. Watson in a letter to Miss Lisbeth Downing, Dec.25, 1906  
Honor Roll, WWII, 1943, from Elburn Herald

### **Box 3**

Elburn History, Events by Date 1834-1973; Early History, Blackberry Station  
Notes on History of Post office, n.d.  
Miscellaneous 'history's' (**can be further processed/indexed**)  
Elburn Record – 4 issues; Sept, Oct, Dec 1897, March 1899  
Garfield Cemetery Records, compiled 1998 (**move to Cemeteries**)

### **Box 4**

#### **Events/Correspondence**

Program, Sadie Washington Reception 1794  
Program, Union Forever, 1862  
Program, Thanksgiving – Congregational Church c. 1895 (fragile)  
Programs – various, 1800s  
Programs – various, 1900s  
Invitations – various, 1881-1957  
Postcards, 1910-1933  
Ticket Stub, Tunney vs. Dempsey, 1927 (The Longest Count)  
Tickets, International Live Stock Exposition, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, 1933  
Clippings – Obits, 1992-2006  
Funeral/Memorial cards – 1970s  
Funeral/Memorial cards – 1980s  
Funeral/Memorial cards – 1990s  
Funeral/Memorial cards – 2000s

## **Oversize Material**

### **Box 1**

Police Magistrate Docket – May 1928 to April 1938

Patterson Scrapbook, General History Elburn & Fox Valley, Oct 1983 – March 1984

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Elburn Mothers' Club minutes, 1961 – 1974

Minutes, "Mary Logan" Camp No. 734, R.N.of A., January 1900 – December 1911

Minutes, "Mary Logan" Camp No. 734, R.N.of A., January 1912 – December 1924

McNair & Lewis's Day Book No.3, May 16, 1870 – March 1, 1871, incl. Index of patrons

McNair & Lewis's Day Book No.4, April 17, 1871 – Oct, 1872, incl. Index of patrons

G.D. Smith, Milk Book, January 1885 – 1895

Hattie Smith, Day Book, 1890

Minutes, EHS Literary Society 1906 – 1908

### **Box 2**

Scrapbooks, No. 1 – 9, 1940 - 1959, birth, death and marriage announcements

### **Box 3**

Scrapbooks, "This Was News" No. 1 – 5 (Note seven total volumes, two No. 2 volumes exist with different material in each, 1 unidentified volume exists), 1940 - 1959 Columns from newspaper, '15 years ago', '20 years ago' etc.

### **Box 4**

Scrapbooks by Ethel Anderson Neidigh (Aaron), five w/misc. clippings

Photo album by Ethel Anderson Neidigh (Aaron)

Album of post cards by Ethel Anderson Neidigh (Aaron)

(foldered) Wedding announcement, Anderson – Neidigh, October 17, 1911

### **Box 5**

Record of the First Christian Society and Church of God of Blackberry Kane County Illinois, 1849

Transcribed and Indexed version of Record of the First Christian Society and Church of God of Blackberry Kane County Illinois, 1849, created 1990