

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: 6 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
1 Missing Box
80 Linear Inches 6.67 Linear Feet

Box 1

Businesses

- 1-1 Advertisement in glass: Robinson & Kendall, n.d.; print advertisements for coffee at Robinson & Kendall
- 1-2 Advertisement: Nichols' Bar & Iron, "for sale by A.T. Matthewson (sic) Blackberry, Ill."
- 1-3 Downtown Elburn Business District Businessmen, 1871 & 1893
- 1-4 Various Business Receipts/Advertisements, 1877-1915
- 1-5 Pocket Directory, The Live Merchants of Elburn, 1912
- 1-6 Nix & Anderson Garage History (The Corner Garage)
- 1-7 Elburn Herald Receipt, 1922 for public notice re: estate of Thomas E. Ferrell
- 1-8 Kane County Bank & Trust Messenger (newsletter), December 1928; site plan, new addition, n.d.
- 1-9 Elburn State Bank sold to Kane County Bank and Trust 1930
- 1-10 Economy Grocery calendar, 1948
- 1-11 Kane County Bank Robbery, 1949
- 1-12 Misc. Business Receipts; Smith's Centrella, c. 1950, Photography by Doug McIntosh, 1977
- 1-13 Elburn Packing Company Open House brochure 1947-1960, 1960
- 1-14 Business Directory, 1987
- 1-15 Sticker – Elburn Business Council Member 1989
- 1-16 Elburn Co-Operative Co. Letterhead, with Officer and Directors Names, c.1930s

Elburn & Countryside Community Center

- 1-17 Replies to reunion invitation with fund raising request for Elburn & Countryside Community Center 1986 (many responses have recollections of Elburn)
- 1-18 Various clippings and information, Elburn & Countryside Community Center 1985 – 1990
- 1-19 Glidden Drug Store: Various Newspaper Articles (c.1946-2007), Retailer of the 20th Century Awards and letters from IL Governor, IL, Lt. Governor, IL Comptroller, IL Treasurer, IL Senator, and IL House of Representatives

Box 2

Churches (see also Box 9)

- 2-1 Baptist Church Record 1857-1885 (Handwritten bound copy); First Fire Department/Cemetery Blackberry
(have been indexed)

- 2-2 Tax Receipts from Baptist Parsonage, 1896, 1897
- 2-3 M.E. Church 1854-1890 (copy) **(have been indexed)**
- 2-4 Blackberry M.E. Church calling card 1883-1884
- 2-5 The Elburn Cookbook by The Ladies Aid of the M.E. Church (n.d., ~1900)
- 2-6 Loose newspaper clippings from M.E. Church **(can be further processed/indexed)**
- 2-7 M.E. Church Photos – MOVED TO PHOTOGRAPH Collection
- 2-8 Document re: Sale of Methodist Church property, 1931-1937
- 2-9 Historical Record of the Methodist Episcopal Church (copied in 1940)
- 2-10 Community Congregational Church c. 1893 – photos in glass **(move to PHOTO COLLECTION)**
- 2-11 Young Peoples Society Congregational Church Elburn, 1895-1901, The Elburn Endeavorer, January 1895
- 2-12 Program, Thanksgiving – Congregational Church c. 1895 (fragile), Service of Rededication, Community Congregational Church, January 6, 1963 (2 copies)
- 2-13 St. Gall's Church Financial Report, 1948
- 2-14 Elburn Church Histories article, April 19, 1984

Box 3

Elburn Players

- 3-1 Programs and receipts ~1925-1940
- 3-2 Play scripts

General

- 3-3 Original documents re: Miner, Milton house, 1856-1859
- 3-4 Donor list for fund to rebuild Thomas Clark's mill after it burned down 1889 (fragile, document in three pieces)
- 3-5 Minutes – founding and meetings, Literary Society of the Boys' and Girls' Brigade 1894 – 1895
- 3-6 Elburn Woman's Club 'The Comparison Shopper' 1961
- 3-7 The 1972 Mill Illinois Pageant program – Miss Elburn, Kristine Kay McConaughay, sponsored by Elburn Lions Club
- 3-8 Elburn Rag by Arvid Homuth, 1985 (music composition)

History

- 3-9 History of Elburn by J.S. Watson in a letter to Miss Lisbeth Downing, Dec.25, 1906
- 3-10 Elburn History by Clara Crosby (date unknown)
- 3-11 Various material Re: History of railroad and Elburn Depot
- 3-12 Elburn History, Events by Date 1834-1973; Early History, Blackberry Station
- 3-13 Elburn Record – 4 issues; Sept, Oct, Dec 1897, March 1899
- 3-14 Honor Roll, WWII, 1943, from Elburn Herald
- 3-15 Notes on History of Post office, n.d.
- 3-16 Miscellaneous 'history's' **(can be further processed/indexed)**

Box 4

Events/Correspondence

- 4-1 Program, Sadie Washington Reception 1794
- 4-2 Program, Union Forever, Ball, 1862
- 4-3 Programs – various, 1800s
- 4-4 Programs – various, 1900s
- 4-5 Invitations – various, 1881-1957
- 4-6 Postcards, 1910-1933
- 4-7 Ticket Stub, Tunney vs. Dempsey, 1927 (The Longest Count)
- 4-8 Tickets, International Live Stock Exposition, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, 1933
- 4-9 Funeral/Memorial cards – 1970s

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- 4-11 Funeral/Memorial cards – 1990s
- 4-12 Funeral/Memorial cards – 2000s
- 4-13 Clippings – Obits, 1992-2006

Oversize Material

Box 5 (BOX MISSING)

- 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 6

- Scrapbooks, No. 1 – 9, 1940 - 1959, Newspaper clippings of birth, death and marriage announcements & misc.
 - Book 1: 1940-1944
 - Book 2: 1945
 - Book 3: 1946-1947
 - Book 4: 1947-1949
 - Book 5: 1949-1952
 - Book 6: 1952-1954
 - Book 7: 1954-1957
 - Book 8: 1957-1958
 - Book 9: 1959

Box 7

- Scrapbooks, Military Newspaper clippings 1940-1959 (World War II & Korea)
 - Book 1: 1940-1943
 - Book 2: 1943
 - Book 3: 1943-1945
 - Book 4: 1945-1948
 - Book 5: 1948-1959

"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. (Books 1, 4 & 5 MISSING)

Box 8

- Scrapbooks by Ethel Anderson Neidigh (Aaron), five w/misc. clippings, contains local town news, family, travel clippings and cards
- Scrapbook magnetic album by Ethel Anderson Neidigh (Aaron) 1984 Elburn Days
- Album of post cards by Ethel Anderson Neidigh (Aaron) MISSING

(folded) Wedding announcement, Anderson – Neidigh, October 17, 1911 **MISSING**

Box 9 - Oversized

9-1 Carlson's Confectionery, Ice Cream Packaging, c.1938

9-2 Team Winner, United Duroc Record Association, 1952

9-3 Elburn Packing Plant, General Contract Specs, Cooler and Freezer Addition 1958

9-4 Record of the First Christian Society and Church of God of Blackberry Kane County Illinois, 1849-1872

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

Box 10

10-1 Elburn Woman's Club History 1927-1970

10-2 Elburn Woman's Club Annual Reports & Membership, 1936/1937, 1969-1978

10-3 Elburn Woman's Club Annual Meeting article, new president election c. 1959

10-4 Blackberry Lodge #359 Lodge Cornerstone Laying, October 11, 1919

Box 11

Cemeteries

11-1 Garfield Cemetery Records, compiled 1998

11-2 Burial Records – Veterans of All Wars, Blackberry Cemetery (1 of 2) **(have been indexed)**

11-3 Burial Records – Veterans of All Wars, Blackberry Cemetery (2 of 2) **(have been indexed)**

11-4 List of Veterans of American Wars Buried in Elburn (Blackberry Cemetery), n.d.