

Town and Country Public Library
Historical Collection
Small Collections
#2010-11

Scope and Content Note: The following surnames are present in this collection: Beith, Belden, Bowdish, Christensen, Elden, Ercanbrack, Hoyt, Johansen, Johnson, McGruder, McNair, Morrill, Pattee, Pouley, Sheldon, Smith, Stevenson, Stewart, Whitney, and Wilkinson. This collection contains personal correspondence, scholastic, business, and governmental material pertaining to Blackberry (later Elburn) and its surrounding area from 1850 to 1994 collected by residents of the area. This collection is arranged alphabetically by family name and thereafter chronologically. The collection is not complete; material will continue to be added.

Quantity: 3 Letter Sized Boxes, 5 x 12 ¼ x 10 ¼
1 Oversized Box, 15 x 12 x 3
30 Linear Inches 2.5 Linear Feet

Box 1

Calling Cards, Personal and Business (**can be further processed/indexed**)

Beith – Beith family history, compiled 1981; includes photos

Belden - Dance Programme, Young Men’s Pleasure Club, 1895 with photo

Bowdish – Autograph book, Effie Bowdish, 1876

Christensen – Elburn Public School report cards, Christine, 1894 – 1904. Includes Class of 1904 dance card, riddle cards, play program; Teachers referenced: Flynn, Kate; Fenn, Sarah; O’Brien, Lizzie; Pattee, Ella

Elden – Dew-Drops and Pearls, 1927, by Edith ELDEN Robinson

Ercanbrack – Autograph book, Claude Ercanbrack, 1886

Ercanbrack – Funeral book, Claude Ercanbrack, January 1943

Ercanbrack – Letter with copies of photos of Claude Ercanbrack

Hall – Scrapbook of postcards to Grace Hall 1905 – 1907; correspondence to Ida Colburn with school grades 1877

Box 2

Hoyt – J.N. Hoyt Diary (transcript) 1853

Hoyt – Basic Mileage Ration Coupon; Photo of Elburn Grade School Class Grades 4 & 5, Mr. Hoyt, Teacher, 1963-1964

Johnson – Autograph book, Anna Johnson, 1881

McGruder – Speech given by Pat VandeWalle to dedicate new headstone with corresponding newspaper article, 1994; photo, n.d.

McNair – Rush McNair, M.D. papers 1860 - 1944; includes memorial speech given at his father’s funeral, Samuel McNair in 1898

Morrill – Tax Receipt, 1871 F.S. Morrill

Morrill – Autograph book, Mabil Morrill, 1880

Morrill – Myr Morrill Perry’s husband Roy helped build “Highest Spectacular Electric Sign in the World”, Chicago 1910

Pattee – Autograph book, Ella Pattee, 1879; Methodist Hymns 1850

Pouley – Misc. items including certificate of Church membership for Doris Ercanbrack, Blackberry Cemetery Association Deed to Verna Seaton

Box 3

Sheldon – Diary of Samuel R. Sheldon (copy) 1860-1867; Family Record, John and Betsey Miller 1792 – 1950/Copy First Baptist Church Record 1849

Sheldon – Diary of Emma Sheldon, January 1 – February 2, 1874

Sheldon – Correspondence from Dr. Levi Chase re: death of Miss Emma Sheldon 1879 (tornado, Irving, Kansas KS)

Sheldon – Miscellaneous correspondence, notes of Sarah A. Sheldon, 1850 – 1869; includes Hattie Richardson

Sheldon – Certificate of Award for Punctual and Regular Attendance, June Sheldon, 1917

Smith – Autograph book, Obediah Smith, 1887

Smith – Smith family history; mansion article; obituary and article on Bert Smith and Leonard Smith

Stevenson – Donald Stevenson papers; Poll list of Election 1849; Bill of Lading and Memo of Agreement (Massillon) 1863; Photo 1903 Grand Jury having found man guilty and sentencing him to death (Antonio Ramano, hung)

Stewart – Biography, John Stewart

Whitney – Correspondence and research re: Aaron Whitney (1828 – 1916) includes copied photo, information re: donation of land for Congregational Church

Wilkinson – Outline for Plant Description 1917

Wilkinson – Greeting Cards 1925 – 1942; Calendar from Elburn Meat Market 1948

Box 4 Oversized - Johansen

American Red Cross pin; Blue Star pin

American Red Cross textbook on Hygiene and Care of the Sick, 1933

American Red Cross Certificate of Recognition, Service WWII (framed)

American Red Cross Uniform