

Town and Country Public Library
Historical Collection
Objects Collection
#2010-13

Scope and Content Note: This collection contains three-dimensional objects, two-dimensional works, items of clothing and tapestry. Items of note are sports trophies, a spinning wheel, wooden high chair, cobblers tools, paper and wooden models of the town of Blackberry/Elburn, scientific equipment, crewel art by Julia Calliss Morris, tuxedo and evening clothes including shoes c.1880, and dresses from 1930s and 1940s. The origin of many of these items is unknown and their purpose to the collection may not be clear until further research is complete. As of summer 2013, many of the items have been relocated to more appropriate repositories. New locations are as noted.

Quantity:

Box 1 – Trophies *Transferred to Kaneland High School*

Little '8' Tournament, 1st Place, 1953 – white trophy with brass plate
Little '8' Speech Contest, First Place, 1946 – wood plaque with black/brass plate
Presented by Curtis Circulation Company for Outstanding Accomplishment, Elburn High School, \$1,110.75 1950-51 Junior Class 1950-51 – wood plaque with brass plate
Presented by Curtis Circulation Company for Outstanding Accomplishment, Elburn High School, \$1,303.15 Junior Class 1951-52 – wood plaque with brass plate
First Place, Little 8, Tournament, 1931 – wood plaque with brass plate
Little 8, Varsity, Second Place, 1952 – brown Bakelite with brass plate
1954 I.H.S.A. District Tournament Held at Oswego – wood plaque with brass plate
2nd, Little Eight Tourney 1956 – brass plate only
Illinois High School Athletic Association, Championship, District Tournament held at DeKalb March 5,6,7, 1925

Box 2 – Trophies *Transferred to Kaneland High School*

Champions Little Eight 1930 Won By – unknown metal, male basketball player (note: plaque is not complete)
1936 Little Eight Tournament Champions – brown Bakelite with brass plaque and wooden eagle (detached) (note: list of participants on rear with photo; Warne, Wickwire, Seylier, Anderson, Bartlett, Peterson, Nelson, Malone, Frost, Warne, Lundgren)
1st Elburn 1952, Woodstock Fresh Soph Tournament – white Bakelite with brass plaque
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Box 3 – Trophies *Transferred to Kaneland High School*

Mooseheart National Private School Relay, presented by F.H. Nobel & Company of Chicago Illinois, Grade School 880 Yard Relay 1931 – Silver 'cup'
Winner Little Eight Tournament 1932 – Silver 'cup'
Little 8 Tournament 1938 Third – brown Bakelite with brass plaque
Woodstock Frosh-Soph Tournament 1949, 1st Place Consolation – wood with brass plaque
Little 8 Decathlon 1st 1957 Elburn H.S. – wood with brass plaque

Box 4 – Trophies *Transferred to Kaneland High School*

Little 8 Spelling 1933 – silver ‘cup’

Winner of Little Eight Track Meet 1933 – silver ‘cup’

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Kane County Track and Field Meet Class B Batavia Ill. May 5 1928 Relay – brass w/brass runner sculpture

Little 8 Speech Contest 1942 – gold colored ‘cup’

Little 8 1942 3rd – wood base with brass plaque and eagle sculpture

Little 8 Tournament 1952 – wood base with brass plaque

Second Annual Holiday Tourney DeKalb Teachers College Dec. 26-27-28 1929 Sponsored by the Varsity Club – silver ‘cup’

Undefeated Elburn/Kaneville Kane County Youth Invitational 1993 5th – 6th Grade Girl Champions

Box 5 – Scientific/Experimental Equipment

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Box 9 – Clothing/Tapestry

Red “E”s from Elburn High School (5) *Transferred to Kaneland High School*

White sweatshirt with red lettering and symbol; Elburn Trojans *Transferred to Kaneland High School*

Gold banner with blue border; “Illinois High School Association 1945 Sectional Speech Contests Class B Winner
Transferred to Kaneland High School

White towel with 1967 calendar; “Altepeteter Equipment Co., 125 S. First St., Elburn, Illinois 312-365-6225

Apron, beige broadcloth, “W.J. Henderson Lumber Co. Lumber and all kinds of Building Material, Clarks
Nebraska (note: nails on pocket of apron)

Knit scarf (?), green with strips at ends, strips are yellow, pink, blue, grey and black

Box 10 – Clothing/Tapestry

Shoes, c. 1890s. One black and one brown, high ankle lace up with 2” heel; one cream material, high ankle lace up with 2” heel

Evening shoes, unknown date (contemporary) with ‘Summit Hill’ label, black with beaded detailing, 4” heel

Crewel stitch purse. Black background with flower motif, attached coin purse, mirror and comb in interior

Dress, c. 1940s. Yellow top w/olive skirt and terra cotta belt, copper button detail, mid- to full length, hand sewn.

Evening Dress, c. 1930s. Sage satin, off-shoulder style with dark olive beaded neckline detail, full length, hand sewn

Dress or overlet, c. 1900s (?). Pink w/rose circle detail, hand sewn.

Box 11 – Clothing/Tapestry

Crewel work pillow, ~12” x 12”, olive velvet back, crewel in black, pink, brown, lavender, orange geometric design

Lengths of material: olive tweed with beige, yellow; olive drab

Box 12 – Clothing/Tapestry

Man's black wool tails tuxedo, white shirt, black pants, vest and jacket c. 1870s-1880s (?) Label 'Morris', hand sewn.

Man's vests. 4 off-white and/or cream with pearl buttons, hand sewn.

Woman's black wool dress ensemble c. 1870s-1880s (?), hair cover w/black beaded detail, small black coin bag w/beaded detail, blond hair piece, black caplet w/black satin lining, black muffler, lace head cover, off-white under garments, black coat w/flower fabric closure, black dress. All hand sewn

Framed items:

Crewel work, by Julia Calliss Morris, 1931, 'States of the East'

State of Illinois Proclamation by Governor Jim Edgar on 100th Anniversary of Blackberry/Elburn

The Follett Dictionary of Geographical Words c.1930s

Oil painting, yellow mums and white daisies in brown/tan jug, signed R. Colan

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Elburn High School Diploma, Winnie Amelia Volstorff

Awarded to C.L. Morris by The Orcan Accident and Guarantee Corporation in recognition of Twenty-five Years 1919-1944 of loyal and faithful service as Local Agent at Elburn Illinois

Women's Relief Corps Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic Proclamation to establish Rodger Bell No. 319, October 1915

Map of School Districts of Kane County, October 1957

Prout's Map of Elburn, Kane County, Illinois, C.A. Prout Surveyor – Map Maker, Geneva, Illinois

Unboxed items:

- 01 Shuffle board with two shuffle paddles, 8' x 3', unknown origin
- 02 Shovel with inscription "Meadows Apartments Groundbreaking – August 19, 1996
- 03 Wood boards (~5" wide x 3' long) with piano wire strings (qty 4) – used to explain pitch (?)
- 04 Wood box (~2' x 3' x 2') with tools including wood mallet, metal scissors, awl, etc.; may have been owned by Mr. Christensen, cobbler
- 05 Black register/calculator from Nix & Anderson garage (with cover)
- 06 Metal flag stands (qty 4) Women's Relief Corp, 1883 – 1933, Loyalty, Fraternity, Charity
- 07 Metal stand (~3' tall) with filigree center and 'U' shaped bracket at top – unknown purpose
- 08 *Metal and wood folding chairs with labels: E.C.H.S. Class of '35; E.C.H.S. Atn. Ass'n.; E.C.H.S. Class of '36*
- 09 Wood folding chair "S.C."
- 10 Wood high chair – light colored wood, good condition, ~3.5' high x 3' wide
- 11 Wood spinning wheel (this item is broken and in ~6 pieces)
- 12 Black cast iron wood-burning stove, Coles
- 13 Wood wheel with stencil "___umbus, Ind"
- 14 Model, Hix & Anderson garage
- 15 Wood model of Village of Elburn, created by Boy Scout troop (date unknown)
- 16 Paper model of Village of Elburn c. 1895, unknown origin
- 17 Large tapestry hammock with macramé ends; gold, maroon, dark grey fringe