



David L. Rice Library's Archive's Special Collections

Summaries:

Vardine Moore MSS #1

She was an author of works like *Billy in Between*, *House Next Door*, and *Mystery of the Bells*. Her collection contains samples of typescripts and gallery sheets from her books like *Picnic Pony*, *Billy in Between*, and *Mystery of the Bells*. The collection also contains a variety of articles and brochures on her writings and personal life.

Marilyn Durham MSS #2

She was an author of works like *The Man Who Loved Cat Dancing*, and *Dutch Uncle*. Her collection contains drafts, proof sheets, corrected galley proofs of these two books, as well as newspaper clippings about her life and books.

Kenneth McCutchan MSS #4

The collection contains material from the 1800s to the 2000s. It contains letters written by Joseph Webb, William Erskine, and Andrew Erskine, miscellaneous WWII papers, photos, certificates, books by Mr. McCutchan, and genealogy research and family histories.

Charles LaFollette MSS #5

This congressman's collection contains congressional record speeches from 1943-1949, and correspondence and papers.

John Waring Doane MSS #22

His collection contains periodicals from 1959-1971, glass slides, and photographs of places in Mt. Vernon, IN; New Harmony, IN; White County, IL; Posey County, IN; Griffin, IN; Effingham, IL; Sheldon, IL; Jolietville, IN; Evansville, IN; New Harmony, IN; Warrick County, IN; Anderson, IN; Brazil, IN; Bloomington, IN; and Bloomington, IN.

John Quincy Adams MSS #405-9

This collection contains the original letter from John Quincy Adams to Isaac S. Lyon Esqr in Parsippany Morris County, NJ, March 1831 and a copy of a photograph of J.Q. Adams.

Ruth Kishline Fashion MSS #38

Collection contains fashion sketches from 1967-1989, patterns, Vogue pattern books, and framed advertisements for Ruth Kishline's Country Clothes Shop, and fashion sketches from 1970.

Mesker Steel Inc. MSS #40

Contains catalogs of store fronts from 1890-1910.

Mead Johnson MSS #41

The collection consists of a variety of product samples, annual reports, price lists, Dr. Mead Johnson speeches, and correspondences from the 1950s-1990s.

Land Grant Certificate MSS #42

Land Grant Certificate appointing Azza Harrison as guardian of Diego Wood- August 10, 1866.

Helen Wallace Art Collection MSS #56

This collection consists of art work and papers of Mt. Carmel, Illinois artist and teacher Helen Wallace. After graduating from the Chicago Art Institute, Miss Wallace worked as an artist in the advertising department of the Chicago Herald and Examiner during the 1920s.

Later she taught art in the native Mt. Carmel.

Jerry Robertson, Petroleum Information Corporation MSS #64

This collection contains items dealing with Robertson's Oil Company, petroleum industry, tri-state Oil reports, and many scrapbooks and newspaper clippings.

Burch Plow Works, Inc. MSS #76

This collection contains a history of the Burch and Blount companies – 1965, inventory of the Burch, Inc. archival records, biographical notes, Blount Co. Catalog No.73, supplement to Evansville Courier and Press – August 15, 1965, and various clippings from 1977-1978.

Indiana Furniture MSS #103

This collection contains books of cabinet makers, cabinet room, and varnishes. These books date from 1883-1927.

W.C. Bussing MSS #108

This collection contains personal and family papers and photographs.

Sidney Kramer MSS #110

This collection contains correspondence, speeches, poetry, photographs, and Gold Star Memorial Bridge Dedication.

Jessamyn West MSS #141

Letter from Jessamyn West to Ronald Rayman – September 17, 1977.

Booth Tarkington MSS #143

Letter from Booth Tarkington to Mr. Lipsey – July 9, 1941.

Hendrich Family MSS #166

It contains excerpts from History of Vanderburgh County, letters, statements from Schultze, Waltman, and Co., and Catholic Education information from Evansville.

Albert A. Woll MSS #172

This collection includes the minutes from the Board of Trustees when Mr. Woll served as a member for the Evansville – Vanderburgh School Board. He was also president of the Board in 1970. The collection has proposals and correspondences of the Indiana School Boards Association as well as materials from the Evansville Teachers Association. Some of the material reflect Mr. Woll's tenure on the Board of Trustees for Indiana State University. His personal correspondence and books are also included in this collection.

Civil War Documents of Captain Louis Puster MSS #178 - Donated by Dr. Darrell Bigham

This collection contains documents collected by Captain Louis Puster of Company K, 21st Regiment of the Missouri Infantry Volunteers. Captain Puster was in charge of the clothing and equipment for his company. Many of the documents are invoices from the United State Army stores and correspondences concerning the location of deceased soldiers and their personal belongings. There is also a strongbox which was probably used for receipts and money. There are also statements included from the actual Business Department of Evansville Commercial College, 1880.

Brad Awe MSS #184

This collection contains slides of Evansville, Indiana businesses and landmarks, collected by the Landmark Consulting Services, Inc. Mr. Brad Awe has donated these 1,566 slides. 136 of the slides belong to a program produced by Brad Awe entitled, Evansville: The Industrial Evolution, Spring 1978. There is a script accompanying this presentation.

Fendrich Cigar Factory MSS #224

This collection contains eight photographs, slides, and negatives of the Fendrich Cigar Factory, n.d.

Monastery of St. Clare MSS #242

This collection consists of printing blocks, stamps, typesets, and bookplates used for publishing some of the Monastery of St. Clare materials, such as the "Princess of Poverty," music and ceremonials printed in 1924, and "Mother Maddalena" leaflets. Also included is the monastery in Evansville, the monastery in Omaha: the first house of the Poor Clares in New Orleans, Mother Maddalena's signature Diamond Jubilee booklets, the Bishop of

Indianapolis (Rt. Rev. F.S. Chatard), and Christmas and Easter card cuts.

Don Blair Collection MSS #247

This collection contains glass plate negatives, silver nitrate flexi film negatives, and photographs. The photographs are of places in New Harmony, IN; Griffin, IN; Posey County, IN; White County, IL; and Posey County, IN.

Elmo Holder Jr. MSS #248

Elmo Holder Jr. was born in Texas but lived in Evansville, Indiana for several years. His father was an Indiana State Senator from Evansville. This Collection has his original poetry handwritten on several legal pads plus typed versions of poems later printed as a book, entitled Regions and Other Poems

Assumption Cathedral MSS #249

These music books were donated in memory of Aurelia Ellert, an organist for Assumption Cathedral. It was her wish to put these original books used by the choir, in the Special Collections Department.

Evansville Shipyard MSS #257

This collection contains an pictorial history of the Evansville Shipyard, shipyard data, and articles about the Evansville Shipyard.

Mueller Collection MSS #264

This collection contains glass plate negatives, silver nitrate flexi film negatives, and photographs. The photographs are of places in Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Louisiana and Tennessee.

Antoinette Ray Flood of 1937 MSS #267

This collection contains a letter from Antoinette Ray to Robert Reid about the 1937 flood; dated October 10, 1986.

This collection is from the Miscellaneous MSS box.

1937 Flood Collection MSS #272

This collection contains glass plates, slides of photographs from the personal scrapbook of Karl Kae Knecht, contact sheets and negatives from Rose Borries, Orville Blaser, Jay Fredrich, Michael Homrick, Ray Lutterbach, Clara McClary, Owensboro Davis Co. Library, Ray Peck, Leonard Schlamp, Otto Schroeder, and Tim Tully. There are also miscellaneous donor and photograph contact sheets and negatives, duplicate slides incarousel from Karl Kae Knecht, and scrapbooks, plaques, and mounted photographs of Hotel McCurdy.

Helen Wesselman MSS #324

This collection is a collection of slides from various trips Helen Wesselman went on. The slides are of Australia, Israel, Egypt, Alaska, Hawaii, New England, California, Japan, Turkey, Europe, Germany, Greece, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Louisiana, Orient, Quebec, Ontario, Canada, New Zealand, Middle East, South Pacific, Mediterranean, Jerusalem, Southeast Asia, Switzerland, New Mexico, South America, Scandinavia, Holy Land, Africa, Spain, Spanish Morocco, and China.

German Bible MSS #345

This collection consists of 2 boxes containing old donated German bibles.

Box 1 contains a German bible that was donated by Don Blair's daughters after his death. It was believed to have been owned by Gertrude Rapp.

German Bible MSS #346

This collection contains an old German bible and old correspondence sheet. The German bible contains 1179 pages numbered and illustrated and includes apocryphal books.

Charles Leich MSS #364

This collection contains Charles Leich and Family Photographs and negatives.

John McCutchan MSS #369

This collection contains miscellaneous items, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and ISUE Foundation items.

Charles C. White MSS #391

This collection contains items pertaining to studies of sand developments in Illinois and Indiana, booklets on these studies, and maps of the surrounding areas in the study.

Winfield Denton Collection MSS #7

Winfield Denton was a lawyer and legislator from Evansville in the 1930's and 40's. This collection includes his personal correspondence and materials from his time as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Some items are legislation proposed, House Rules and Regulations from the 89th Congress, (1967).

Cranford Price Collection MSS #8

Collection of family papers and genealogy information on the descendants of the Captain Absolom Mackey. Account book for Cawson family from 1830 to 1918.

S & A. Stevenson Collection MSS #10

Copies of clippings and news items on leaders in the African-American community on the late 1960's and into the 1970's.

Periodicals and NAACP 1965-1975.

Charlotte Y. Minnette Collection MSS #11

Local family since the 1880's, this collection includes travel article about Evansville and surrounding areas from the 1970's. Originally the collection held postcards from Evansville from 1900- 1915, these are with the Evansville Postcard Collection, MSS#

Henry G. Shafer Collection MSS #12

Booneville resident and collector of books, furniture, and family estates from the 1920's & 30'S. Items include family travel notes from 1905, photos circa 1888, and personal scrapbook from 1879-81.