Archives Available for Research in the Wetherill Archives

FAY OMA WAINWRIGHT COLLECTION

The collection of Fay O. Wainwright (1891-1977) includes miscellaneous personal and family items. The bulk of the collection relates to the development of Wainwright High School (1965-1975) located in Sheffield Township, eight miles south of Lafayette and one-fourth mile east of U.S. 52. The news clippings contained in this collection date from the time of the donation and document the school’s development through 1966 with a few articles relating to the school to 1971. Also included in the collection is a complete set of yearbooks from the high school and an architect’s rendering and floor plan of Wainwright High School, 1963. In the fall of 1975 the school became a junior high school, bearing the name Wainwright Junior High School.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION COLLECTION

The collection is arranged in two major series. The first is the CHARLES W. EBEL PAPERS. Mr. Ebel was the major force behind the establishment of the Lafayette Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. He continued to be active in the organization until his death in 1950 at the age of 78. The bulk of the collection dating from 1908 to 1923 contains correspondence and other materials which originated with Mr. Ebel in his various positions as an officer of the Board of Directors.

The second series is that of the TCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS and contains business correspondence, minutes and reports from 1922 to the early 1930s with a few items to 1954. The 520 pages of news clippings (photocopied) with items from 1908 to 1956 form a valuable part of the collection.

ROSS-HENDERSON COLLECTION

The Ross-Henderson Collection of business records and correspondence was donated by Mrs. Harold D. Dicks of Linden, IN. Collection includes ledgers and account books beginning in 1833, correspondence, receipts, shipping orders, rate sheets, and bills of lading.

HARRIS-HAILE-COFFROTH COLLECTION

The Harris-Haile-Coffroth Collection was donated to TCHA in two increments, the first in 1980 and the second in 1982. The collection of letters and other papers belonged to Genelle Haile Coffroth (1905-1969?). The bulk of the collection consists of letters written by Benjamin T. Harris, an officer in the 16th Texas Infantry; the letters date from May 1852, shortly after the company’s organization at Camp Grace near Hampstead, Austin County, Texas, to March 1864. Also included in the collection are family and genealogical materials, primarily relating to Mrs. Coffroth’s family with notes and items re the Clopton, Terry and Haile families.

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HEINZ COMPANY COLLECTION

The Heinz Company Collection contains the Minutes Ledger of the Board of Directors meetings from the Lafayette plant. The entries date from 14 February 1891 to 26 March 1901. In 1901 or 1902 the plant was evidently sold to Cruickshank Brothers Company from Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and became that company’s pickling and vinegar works. The building was razed around 1915. The Heinz Company of Lafayette was located on the east side of Lafayette at Union Street near the 52 Bypass.

GEORGE D. BURKLE COLLECTION

George D. Burkle (1896-1980), a Lafayette, Indiana, native, served in Battery “C,” 150th RSFA., Rainbow, 42nd Division, 67th Brigade, 1916-19. He was a member of the Lafayette Chapter of Indiana Rainbow Division Veterans.

The collection contains a war diary kept by Burkle from 19 July 1916 to 11 May 1919. Also included are several published items, including a war diary (ca. 1923) by George Leach and a history (ca. 1919) of the Rainbow Division by Walter Wolf. There are also lists of names, addresses, death dates of veterans and several photographs of local veterans.

EVALEEN STEIN COLLECTION

Evaleen Stein (1863-1923), Lafayette native, daughter of John A. and Virginia Tomlinson Stein, was an author, poet, and artist. Her literary career began as a contributor to the “Indianapolis Journal” and “St. Nicholas Magazine,” 1886 to 1900. She is best known for her stories written for young people.

The collection is a compilation of many donations of Stein items. Included in the collection are original unpublished manuscripts of poems and travel sketches; correspondence by and about Stein, including letters from Stein to James Whitcomb Riley (1849-1916) and letters (photocopies of originals) to and from George S. Cottman (1857-1941), author and printer in Irvington, Indiana. Also in the collection are notes and letters regarding Evaleen Stein from the papers of William M. Hepburn (1874-1963), Purdue head librarian.

A list of art works by Evaleen Stein in the TCHA Collections is included in the inventory, and also a list of published works by Stein.

SANDFORD C. COX COLLECTION

The collection contains biographical research about the Cox family, personal and business correspondence of Sandford C. Cox and other family members, publications by Cox, a scrapbook and various articles and newspaper clippings.

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MILITARY COLLECTIONS

The Military Collections include several documents pre-dating the Civil War period. The Civil War series includes letters, diaries, official documents, carte-de-visites, etc. Items re the Grand Army of the Republic include membership lists, minute book, reunion booklets and programs, leaflets, etc.

There are several items re the Spanish-American War, including official forms, booklet, and also a roster and minutes of a meeting of local volunteers, April 1898.

World War I items include letters, postcards, official documents, booklets, posters (stored in flat files), and also a scrapbook from the Selective Service Board of Tippecanoe County, 1918-19.

Few items of World War II vintage are included, with the exception of several posters, and war ration books and stamps, etc.

HERITAGE 76-76 COLLECTION

In February 1974 the Sesqui-Bicentennial Committee met and formally adopted the name “Heritage 75-76” for its official title. The organization under the directorship of Albert P. Stewart was to direct the local commemoration of the nation’s bicentennial celebration in 1976, and also the City of Lafayette’s sesquicentennial in 1975 and the county’s sesquicentennial celebration in 1976.

The collection contains materials which were transferred to TCHA from the Heritage 75-76 office, located at 336 Main Street, Lafayette. Included are minutes from Heritage 75-76 Board of Directors meetings, 1973 to 1976; some cash statements; and some minutes, memos and other items from special committees and projects. Included are disc recordings of concerts and musical productions. Heritage 75-76 posters are also included in the collection (stored in flat files).

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN COLONISTS COLLECTION

This collection contains 1 Scrapbook created by the Wea Chapter, Lafayette Daughters of the American Colonists.

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DEXTER RETREAT

An island property with cottage built in 1921 located on the Tippecanoe River about ten miles northeast of Lafayette. It was owned by Carl Dexter (1880-1981?). The property was used by many individuals and community groups, and was later sold for use by Presbyterian church groups.

The collection contains newspaper clippings (n.d.) about the retreat and guest book with names and messages of visitors from July 1929 to August 1953.

JACOB SICKLER COLLECTION

Jacob Sickler (1797-1875) left his home in Chews Landing, New Jersey, in 1842 and with family and relatives settled in Tippecanoe County. He wrote letters to his brother in Chews Landing, New Jersey, describing the “Waubash” country, his life as a farmer and his observations of Lafayette. The letters from this area to his brother, Josiah B. Sickler, date from 1843 to 1852.

Other letters in the collection are written by various persons living outside Tippecanoe County, mostly addressed to Josiah B. Sickler in New Jersey.

The letters in the collection are photocopies of the originals, some owned by individuals, others from the Camden County Historical Society in New Jersey. The “first set” of letters as listed on the inventory were copied and placed in TCHA family files, perhaps in 1964 (see processing file). The “second set” of letters were received from Camden County Historical Society in 1982. All letters (photocopies of originals) have been re-copied onto acid-free paper. The letters written by Jacob Sickler to his brother have been transcribed and the typed transcripts are in the collection.

B. WILSON SMITH COLLECTION

The B. Wilson Smith (19 January 1830 to 13 October 1921) Collection contains primarily correspondence of BWS and his daughters. The bulk of Mr. Smith’s correspondence dates ca. 1980 to 1900 and covers the period 1890 to 1893 when BWS served as Lafayette Postmaster appointed by President Benjamin Harrison. Included in the collection are research notes on various topics. A two-volume journal written by B. Wilson Smith contains entries during his college years at Indiana Asbury University (date of entries: 1851-54).

WOMEN’S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE COLLECTION

This collection contains record books (minutes of meetings) dating from 1905 to 1941.

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STERLING R. McELWAINE COLLECTION 16:71.2

The Sterling R. McElwaine Collection was donated to TCHA in 1971 by Mr. McElwaine’s daughter, Naomi Kate McElwaine Small.

Mr. McElwaine served as teacher and principal of Lincoln School, Lafayette, Indiana, from 1909 (with the exception of the years 1916-19) until 1951 when the Lafayette public schools were integrated. After his retirement from Lincoln School, he worked for the Lafayette School System as manager of the book rental system for the elementary schools; in 1961 he retired from this position.

The Sterling R. McElwaine Collection includes professional and personal memorabilia; family-related items; writings in African American history, civil rights (local and in general); and Lincoln School. Separated from the collection are church records from the Second AME Baptist Church in Lafayette and photographs (approximately 60).

CHARLES C. McKINNIS COLLECTION 17:83.07

This collection contains 14 diaries kept by Charles C. McKinnis, a farmer near Otterbein, Indiana, dating from 1893-1906.

O. P. C. EVANS COLLECTION 18:83.08

O[liver] P. C. Evans (1822-98) was a farmer and stock-raiser in Randolph Township, Tippecanoe County. The collection includes 13 diaries written by O. P. C. Evans during the period from 1866 to 1893. The brief entries relate to daily farming activities; there are also some family and communities references. Also included in the collection are letters written by and letter received by various members of the family of James and Susan Campbell of Lauramie Township (parents of Martha Campbell Martin Evans). Nineteen letters are from Harrison A. Campbell (1840-?), soldier in the Civil War from 1861 to 1866 to members of the Campbell family, and also 2 letters from William W. Campbell, Civil War soldier and brother of Harrison.

EZEKIEL MERRILL TALBOT COLLECTION 19:80.81.1

Ezekiel Merrill Talbot was a civil engineer for the town of Lafayette (ca. 1875-78, according to the 1878 county atlas). This collection contains the personal and professional documents of Talbot and his family.

SAMUHEL K. RICHARDS COLLECTION 20:83.09

The Samuel K. Richards Collection contains a diary, a letter-copy book, letters received, and a scrapbook; the materials were donated to TCHA at various times. SKR served as chief engineer during the construction of local railroads. Letters referring to local railroad construction date from 1849 to 1858 (Lafayette & Indianapolis Railroad) and from 1871 to 1872 (Cincinnati,}

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Lafayette & Chicago Railroad). A scrapbook in the collection was compiled by Susan Watt; the clippings were pasted over the pages of an 1835 account book kept by her father who ran a general store at Jefferson, Clinton County, Indiana. Besides clippings of a domestic and general nature, the scrapbook contains handwritten recipes.

**LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT COLLECTION**

The following types of records and materials are included in this collection of ledger books, papers, forms and photographic items: daily registers of arrests from 1888 to 1896; 1902…1912 (incomplete series; contain names of persons arrested, place of birth, occupation, age, color, date of arrest, offense, disposition of case, etc.); also logs of daily crime reports of robberies, stolen or lost property and missing children from 1907 to 1934; also a record of inspection of “houses of ill fame,” 1900-14; also some miscellaneous department correspondence, memorandum, forms, etc., ca. 1923…1950s; and negatives and prints relating to crimes and accidents, ca. 1930-45, including mug shots, some identified.

**THE USE OF THIS COLLECTION IS RESTRICTED; WRITTEN PERMISSION TO USE THIS COLLECTION MUST BE OBTAINED FROM TCHA DIRECTOR OR COLLECTIONS MANAGER.**

**ALBERT W. BRUCE COLLECTION**

Albert W. Bruce (1812-71) was born in Bennington, Vermont. On 23 June 1868, Rev. Bruce visited Lafayette and preached his first sermon to the First Universalist Church congregation in Lafayette. At a meeting held 14 July 1868, he was unanimously elected pastor of the congregation. Rev. A. W. Bruce continued as pastor until his sudden death, 19 August 1871. Rev. Bruce also served as chaplain in the Congress of the United States, date unknown.

**ART CLUB COLLECTION**

The Art Club held its first meeting on 23 September 1898; Laura Anne Fry, artist and professor of Industrial Art at Purdue University, is considered to have been the primary organizer of the club. She later organized the Lafayette Art Association.

The Art Club was originally called the “Art League” until 1900 when the name was changed.

The collection contains minutes books, 1898-1963; yearbooks, letters, and financial records; exhibit programs; materials about Laura Anne Fry and Edna Browning Ruby. Included is the first yearbook, hand-written and designed by Edna Browning Ruby at age 11.

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GEORGE BARR McCUTCHEON COLLECTION

George Barr McCutcheon was a Tippecanoe County native newspaperman, author, and playwright. He attended Redeye School, Ford School, and Purdue University. With his brothers, John T. and Ben, George was raised on a farm south of Lafayette. This collection contains a publication and manuscript by McCutcheon.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES COLLECTION

This collection was donated by the Tippecanoe County Commissioners.

It consists solely of published materials: reference books (National Bureau of Standards handbooks and updates, 1945-60) and program booklets from the Indiana Association of Inspectors of Weights and Measures annual meetings held in Lafayette, 1942-1968.

ALDO LEOPOLD COLLECTION

Aldo Leopold (1886-1948) is often regarded as the father of wildlife management because of his classic book in 1933, “Game Management” (Scribner’s). He was also a leader in wilderness preservation and use concepts, and he was an articulate proponent of esthetic appreciation for land and the biota it supports. The collection contains the publication, GAME SURVEY OF INDIANA, CA. 1929, CONDUCTED BY ALDO LEOPOLD and other publications and maps produced by Leopold.

LAFAYETTE GAS LIGHT COMPANY COLLECTION

In 1854 the Lafayette City Council granted a contract to start a gas works. The first gas street lights were turned on 16 December 1854.

This collection includes a journal with news clippings and entries probably by William Wallace who began working for the gas company as superintendent in 1868 and later became president. An address written by Mr. Wallace about his work in the gas business is also included in the collection.

KATHERINE KENNEDY COOPER COLLECTION

Katherine Kennedy was born in 1894, the daughter of Michael and Mary Kennedy of Lafayette. Ca. 1910 she performed with the Otis Oliver Stock Company, a touring vaudeville troupe which gave performances at the Family Theater in Lafayette. During WWI she served as an Overseas Entertainer in Europe, ca. 1919. Following the war she worked as stage director for the Purdue Harlequin Club’s theatrical productions, ca. 1921-26. She was also employed by the Dennison Paper Company promoting its arts and crafts department.

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The papers in the collection dating from ca. 1930 to 1981 (she died in 1981) refer to her life and activities in Henderson, Kentucky. The collection includes letters written from Europe during WWI, and also items re the Purdue Harlequin Club. Included are two letters written by George Ade to Kennedy re request for letter of introduction.

**EDUCATION COLLECTIONS** 29:84.13

This collection is a compilation of miscellaneous items, documents, and publications relating to schools in Tippecanoe County.

The items have been sorted into files by township, by city (Lafayette, West Lafayette), or by type of school (i.e., collegiate institutes, business, music schools, etc.).

Included in the Education Collections are several intact, recently accessioned collections: Clara Elma Jakes Collection, #83.82; Anna Lank Collection, #83.32; Buck Creek School Cornerstone Collection, #77.12; and Cecilia Hullihan Collection, #84.123.

Also included in the Education Collections are items from Benton County, Warren County, and Fountain County.

**HORATIO NELSON OGDEN COLLECTION** 30:84.14

Horatio Nelson Ogden was born in Battle Ground, Indiana, 20 August 1843. In 1864, at the age of twenty, he enlisted in the 135th Indiana Infantry, Company E, for 100 days service, during which he kept a daily account of his experiences. Prior to his enlistment, he was a miller, as stated on his discharge paper.

The collection contains grade reports from The Battle Ground Collegiate Institute, 1868, 1869, and also exhibition programs from 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, and 1865. The collection contains a license to exhort granted to HNO by the Methodist Episcopal Church, Battle Ground, Indiana, circuit in 1867.

**LAFAYETTE FREE KINDERGARTEN AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION COLLECTION** 31:84.15

Organized in 1895 under the leadership of Alice Earl (Stuart, Mrs. Charles B; 1850-1937), the Lafayette Free Kindergarten and Industrial School Association provided free kindergarten classes to Lafayette children in various locations.

The collection, comprised of items from several donors, includes a notebook giving a history of the formation of the schools with photographs compiled by Mrs. Charles B. Stuart. Also included in the collection are records, lists of officers and members of the board of directors, and also the constitution and by-laws of the organization.

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MULVEY COLLECTION 32:83.94

Robert R. Mulvey (1895[?]-1982), local resident, graduated from Montmorency High School (1914) and from Purdue University (1919). He was an agronomist with Purdue University. He also served on the Board of Governors from TCHA and was a member of the Historical Markers Committee.

The collection includes correspondence and manuscripts re Indian artifacts, including notched hammerstones; an article on notched hammerstones written by Mulvey was submitted to various institutions for publication.

There are research notes and manuscripts on local topics including, notes regarding Indian sites, Shawnee Mound and Shawnee Indians, first post office in Jackson Township, and Longlois Reserve. There is also a paper “Granville: Wabash-Erie Canal Town.”

The collection also contains materials from Robert Coit Mulvey, son of Robert R. Mulvey. These items include correspondence relating to surveys of Tippecanoe County Indian sites and other miscellaneous items, perhaps some relating to a Purdue Anthropology course.

CITIZENS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION (Tippecanoe County Chapter) 34:84.16

The Citizens Historical Association, Tippecanoe County Chapter was apparently organized in 1934. The local chapter was under the sponsorship of the Citizens Historical Association of Indianapolis; by 1939 the organization had become national in scope.

The purpose of the organization seems to have been to collect biographical sketches of prominent men at the local level and to keep the material collected on file and periodically updated. A publication may have been a goal of the project; however the material was never published and in some cases, the biographical data was not complete.

TOURIST CLUB OF LAFAYETTE, INDIANA COLLECTION 35:85.106

The collection includes a nearly complete (1895-1985) set of yearly program booklets; also included are minutes (1904-06; 1913-14; 1923-82), some correspondence, financial records and several annual reports, yearly scrapbooks of club activities, and club histories. Accessions: 85.106 and 86.19.

The Tourist Club of Lafayette, Indiana, was organized in 1895 for the purpose of studying history and the countries of the world; 12 women were the charter members. In more recent years, club programs have been of a variety of topics, with travel-related subjects predominating.

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FAIRFIELD MANUFACTURING COMPANY COLLECTIONS 36:85.156

Fairfield Manufacturing Company was incorporated by Lafayette, Indiana investors in 1919.

Initial production of straight level gears expanded in later years to include a wide variety of other gears, shafts, and complete gear assemblies. In 1976 Fairfield became a subsidiary of Rexnord, Inc., of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The first increment of this collection was assembled by retired Fairfield president, Thomas M. McCaw, and processed by TCHA, September 1985.

PARLOR CLUB COLLECTION 37:85.149

The Parlor Club of Lafayette, Indiana, held its first meeting on 13 November 1877.

The collection consists of minutes, 1913-77 and 1982-84; program booklets, 1878-1985; some correspondence; items re anniversary meetings; some papers presented by members, including the Joseph Charles Arthur collection of Parlor Club papers, ca. 1894-1933; an album with photographs from the 100th anniversary meeting held at the Cable G. Ball home, 1977. Included is a meeting program for the anniversary meeting, 13 November 1897, which was probably illustrated by Evaleen Stein, Poet Laureate of the Parlor Club until her death in 1923.

YDRAD POWER BOAT CLUB COLLECTION 38:86.17

The Ydrad Boat Club seems to have originated in the early 1870s. According to a May 1875 “Journal” newspaper article, a group of young men formed the Ydrad, a rowing and athletic club with boat rowing and gymnastics; the club put on shows in the Opera House with songs and pantomime.

With the advent of power boats, the club apparently expanded its name to the Ydrad Power Boat Club. As the sport of river boating on the Wabash River in Lafayette declined, the Ydrad Power Boat Club disbanded, ca. 1925. The collection consists of one Minutes Book, 1914 to 1925.

LINCOLN CLUB COLLECTION 39:86.18

The Lincoln Club of Lafayette, Indiana, was organized 4 March 1880 as a political (Republican) and social club. The club evolved from being a political organization to being a strictly social club with many prominent men of Lafayette as members. The club was dissolved in 1928 and the property was sold to the Eagles Lodge.

The collection contains minutes of annual and special general membership meetings and minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors; membership lists; published Articles of association, by-laws, etc.; some correspondence.

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AMERICAN WAR MOTHERS OF LAFAYETTE, INDIANA COLLECTION (Chapter No. 33) 40:86.19

Also known as War Mothers of Tippecanoe County, this organization was started in response to a plea from the State Council of Defense for war mothers (mothers of soldiers) in each county to organize and assist in food conservation efforts. The local War Mothers chapter was started in 1917; on 16 February 1925 the local group decided to join the national organization and adopt its postwar objectives.

The collection contains one scrapbook; items in the collection include news clippings, photographs, program booklets, etc. relating to the work of the group during World War I and to the activities of the local and national organizations, items dating to ca. 1949.

AMERICAN WAR MOTHERS, WABASH CHAPTER, NO. 47 41:79.73

Organized 10 March 1944 by eight members of the American War Mothers of Lafayette Chapter (see Archival Collection, 40:86.19) and a group of World War II mothers at the United Service Organizations (located at the YMCA, 107 N. Seventh St.).

The collection consists of six scrapbooks containing news clippings, photographs, some reports and minutes from 1944 to 1967, with a few items from 1973. The chapter disbanded September 1983.

NAVY MOTHERS CLUB OF AMERICA, LAFAYETTE, CLUB NO. 246 42:75.20

The Lafayette chapter of the Navy Mothers Club of America was organized 6 March 1942 in response to a naval booster program held at Purdue after the fall of Pearl Harbor.

The collection contains scrapbooks with news clippings and photographs from 1942 to 1959, and also some correspondence and lists of persons attending meetings, etc.

WOMEN’S CIVIC COUNCIL OF TIPPECANOY COUNTY 44: 76.110

As stated in its constitution written in 1947, the purpose of the Women’s Civic Council of Tippecanoe County was “to promote and advance matters of civic interest to citizens of Tippecanoe County.” The collection consists of minutes of meetings from 1963 to 1969 and also lists of members and organizations represented; a constitution is also included.

TIPPECANOY COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE 45:86.20

During World War I the Tippecanoe County Council of Defense acted as the coordinating body for the volunteer war efforts and activities in the county. The collection consists of a scrapbook containing newspaper clippings, mostly undated; those with dates are ca. 1917 and 1918. The articles refer to the defense council’s work and to local wartime activities in general. Included also are bulletins and correspondence from the Indiana State Council of Defense, 1917.

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In the summer of 1918, the national field agent for the American Red Cross came to Lafayette to establish the Red Cross Canteen Service. The collection contains a scrapbook with newsclippings, local postcard scenes, telegrams re troop transports, and also some correspondence, financial records, insignia worn on uniforms of workers, and miscellaneous booklets mostly from the national American Red Cross. Also included in the collection are several ribbons worn at Daughters of the American Revolution state and national conferences, 1919, 1920, probably by Mrs. Charles W. Bone, DAR Lafayette Chapter regent, ca. 1919. The local DAR chapter contributed work toward the Red Cross and other relief agencies during the war. See photo in Photo Archives, WAR folder: “DAR Team of the Canteen Service” serving troops on train.

Organized in November 1909 as a women’s study club, the first formal meeting of the American Literature Club was hold 6 January 1910.

The collection, to date, has been deposited in the Tippecanoe County Historical Association in four increments. Included in the collection are minutes from 6 January 1910 through 13 May 1982 and a nearly complete series of yearly program booklets from 1911-12 to 1986-87.

The Edgewood Club was organized 4 October 1910 by fifteen homemakers who met at the home of Mrs. Wallace Wolever on Columbia Street in Lafayette, Indiana, to form a sewing club. The name Edgewood derived from a popular silverware pattern. The club joined the Federation of Clubs in 1923.

The collection contains eight scrapbooks reflecting club programs and community service and activities of individual members from 1928 to 1980. [The scrapbook begun in 1980 was missing at the time of donation of this collection to TCHA.] Scrapbooks include news clippings, photographs, Federation of Clubs items, and yearly program booklets from 1925.

In addition, the collection includes an incomplete series of program booklets from 1928 to 1984 and minutes from meetings, September 1951 to May 1956.

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ADAMS EARL FAMILY COLLECTION 49:87.22

Adams Earl (1819-98) was a successful Lafayette businessman and cattle breeder; he owned the elegant Lafayette estate known as Earlhurst. He was married to Martha (Hawkins) Earl and they had two children, Alice Jane Earl Stuart (1850-1937) and Morrell J. Earl (1853-79).

The Adams Earl Family Collection contains primarily letters and diaries written by Alice Earl to her family during school years of 1867 to 1871; it also contains letters written by Morrell J. Earl during his school years and some letters written by Adams Earl.

The majority of the letters had been laminated prior to receipt of the collection by TCHA Archives.

RUTH JAMIESON (1897-1984) COLLECTION 50:85.131

Ruth Jamieson, long-time resident of West Lafayette, was a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Music; she studied with Isadore Phillip of Paris, Tobias Bathay of London, and Leopold Godowsky of Chicago. She taught at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. For many years Miss Jamieson gave music instruction from her home.

The collection consists primarily of letters with Miss Jamieson received from former music students: Noel Lee, Neil Burton Carson, and Eugene Buskirk. The letters are dated 1940 to 1945 and include writers’ observations about college, war, the army, and music, etc.

One of Miss Jamieson’s correspondents represented by the collection, became a professional musician and composer.

LAFAYETTE LITTLE THEATER/ CIVIC THEATER COLLECTION 51:88.23

This collection contains the organizational and performance records of the Lafayette Little Theater, which eventually became Civic Theater of Greater Lafayette. The founders met informally on June 2, 1931 at the Purdue Memorial Union and then formally on September 13, 1931 as the Lafayette Little Theater Association. In the late 1950s, membership began to decline with the rise of television. On May 15, 1965, the board voted to disband the Lafayette Little Theater due to “inadequate support from the community.” A new board was instructed to examine alternative possibilities, and they created a new non-profit organization with a new image and name. Civic Theater was used to emphasize the community aspect that was open to all citizens.

Series 1 contains organizational information and data on Lafayette Little Theater and Civic Theater, including the history, membership lists, and reports. Series 2 is a complete collection of the programs from Lafayette Little Theater. Series 3, which consists of some programs from the early years of Civic Theater but is incomplete.

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GREATER LAFAYETTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COLLECTION  52:87.250

The Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce was founded 15 March 1927 at a meeting of the sponsors and members of the Central Civic Association. The new organization replaced the Merchants and Manufacturers Association.

Included in the collection are an incomplete series of the minutes from the Board of Directors meetings from March 1927 to February 1970. The minutes of several committees and subcommittees are not continuous for all of the above dates, as these committees were formed and dissolved on the basis of need; e.g., Post War Employment Committee was active only for the years 1944 through 1947. The minutes of even long-standing committee meetings are not complete. There are no minutes for the years 1937 to 1943, 1950 to 1952, and 1960.

SYCAMORE GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL, INC. COLLECTION  53:88.138

Girl Scouting began in Lafayette in 1919 under the direction of Mrs. Andrew Kane.

This collection consists of scrapbooks, publications on Girl Scouts, news clippings, agency history, and a journal. The scrapbooks cover the period ca. 1920 to 1979. The publications include books published ca. 1922 to 1987. Also included in the collection is a journal of club officers and activities kept by a Lafayette scout ca. 1921 to 1924.

CHARLES SHambaUGH COLLECTION  54:88.108

Charles Shambaugh (1879?-1940) established Lafayette’s first automobile dealership in 1903. The collection includes records and business ledgers from the garage which date from ca. 1905; earlier records (1898-99) are probably from the Star City Machine and Foundry Co. Shambaugh built a race car which he attempted to qualify for early Indianapolis 500 races; there is correspondence relating to the race track, 1913-15. Also included in the collection are journals from ca. 1928-30 containing records for the Shambaugh Airport which Charles Shambaugh and Dr. A. C. Arnett co-founded in 1928; the airport was located southeast of Eighteenth and Teal Road.

LAFAYETTE SYMPHONY, INC. COLLECTION  55:88.25

The Lafayette Symphony was founded in 1950 under the guidance of Thomas E. Wilson. The new orchestra replaced the Lafayette Musical Society as the Community’s formal music organization. This collection includes scrapbooks containing information on the Lafayette Musical Society, the Lafayette Symphony, and the Symphony Guild. Also included in the collection are versions of the Symphony history, local theatre programs, and a poster by local artist Mildred Breen.

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GODLOVE S. ORTH COLLECTION 56:88.26

Godlove S. Orth, a prominent Indiana statesman and lawyer was born near Lebanon, Pennsylvania, on April 22, 1817. While touring Ohio and Indiana, Orth struck an acquaintance with John Pettit, a Lafayette lawyer. At Pettit’s invitation, the men engaged into a law partnership. Orth settled in Lafayette, Indiana, in 1839 and began a successful career practicing law.

Orth was elected to Congress, and was a member of several important committees. This collection includes scrapbooks, journals, photograph albums, and folders containing various historical documents. Also included are loose calling cards, and carte de visite.

JOHN LEVERING FAMILY COLLECTION 57:89.27

This family collection consists of selected items representing various generations of the Levering family. The collection is named for John Levering (1826-1901) who moved to Lafayette in the early 1850s.

Collection items generally reflect the military activities of the Leverings, with the exception of John Levering (1826-1901), who connection with Springvale Cemetery, position as County Surveyor, and ownership of local properties are reflected in the collection, in addition to items relating to his Civil War service.

DONALD W. BLUE COLLECTION 59:89.250

Donald W. Blue served two terms as Mayor of Lafayette, Indiana, (1964-71).

The general files from the Mayor's office are in alphabetical order by department, office, or subject and are contained in six boxes. The majority of these files are correspondence, but also included are minutes of meetings, speeches, newsletters, budgets, news releases, etc. There are also files relating to his mayoral and congressional election campaigns.

Four additional boxes contain departmental reports and are categorized by department.

Also included in the collection are eight scrapbooks (mostly news clippings), one for each year of Blue's terms as Lafayette Mayor.

GEORGE WINTER COLLECTION 60:86.334

The collection consists of extensive bodies of both images by George Winter and manuscript and printed materials by Winter and his acquaintances. Included in the manuscripts are letters to and from Winter from 1832-76; his notes and journals regarding Indiana history and culture and the pioneer period of Indiana; and sections he copied from various historical reference works. Also included are printed announcements for Winter's lottery distributions of paintings; newspaper

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articles regarding these and other of Winter's activities; ledger and account books for several
distributions; and invoices and bills for purchases by Winter from local merchants.

The images encompassed in the collection include a large body of pencil and ink drawings (mainly
preliminary sketches) dating from ca. 1835 to 1875; watercolors documenting Indian individuals
and their activities; and oil portraits and landscapes. A number of other oils by Winter that are not
part of the George Winter Collection are also in the possession of TCHA.

DELTA CHI SORORITY COLLECTION

Delta Chi, a Lafayette area social sorority, was founded in 1912 by sixteen young women
following a house party held at the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity house at Purdue University.

The collection contains minutes books (1913-75), treasurer's records (ca. 1918-45), yearly
programs (1958-59, 1962-63; 1966-67), miscellaneous listings of members, anniversary
celebration items (1922, 1937, 1962), photograph album (1912-13; 1917), club rituals and pins
(2), and club histories.

ROMNEY [INDIANA] LITERARY CLUB

The Romney Literary Club was founded by seven teenage girls in 1901. The purpose of the club
was the pursuit of studies pertaining to literature, music, and art. The club was originally called
"The Romney Country Club"; in 1965 the name of the club was changed to "Romney Literary
Club."

The collection consists of minutes of meetings (1913-82), treasurer's records (1902-12; 1917-59),
records from the Seventy-fifth Anniversary celebration (21 October 1976), yearly program
booklets (1912...1981), and various versions of the constitution and by-laws.

MARY C. KENNEDY COLLECTION

Mary C. Kennedy was born to Michael Hewitt Kennedy and Mary C. Daley Kennedy in
Lafayette, Indiana, in 1890. Her father was the postmaster of the city and her mother was a
pioneer suffragist in the state. Kennedy attended local public schools and attained a bachelors
degree of science from Purdue University in 1911. She established a career as a school teacher in
Lafayette where she taught English for over forty-five years.

The collection contains loosely organized records of Kennedy's club activities. There is extensive
documentation of both the Good Will Tours and the Indiana Society for the Equal Rights
Amendment. Kennedy's active role in the National Woman's Party is also well represented. The
collection also includes materials relating to Kennedy's private life, such as personal
correspondence, family history, financial records, and information about her teaching career.

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Collections at curator@tippecanoehistory.org or 765-476-8411 extension 5.
RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB 64:90.135

The Randolph Township Extension Homemakers Club Collection includes: minutes with membership records and treasurer's reports for monthly meetings from 1928 to 1970; yearly program booklets for 1924, 1928, 1930 to, and including, 1990; and club scrapbooks for 1950 and ca. 1968 to 1970.

Tippecanoe County Home Economics Club histories from 1923 to 1965 are included, along with programs for Tippecanoe County Home Economics Achievement Days, 1937 to 1940 and 1943 to 1945, and a publication by the Indiana Home Demonstration Association: "50 Years Learning and Service, 1913 to 1963."

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB 65:90.142

Organized in December 1907 at the Lafayette home of Charlotte Ross Kienly, the Twentieth Century Club Constitution [ca. 1914] stated the club's goal "to study and to stimulate an interest in current and standard literature."

The collection consists of minutes of Executive Committee meetings and general membership program/meetings, from 1914 to 1978 (incomplete series; records are lacking for 1929 to 1935). Also included are treasurer's record books from 1934 to 1970. In addition, there are yearly program booklets from 1914-15 to 1989-90 (programs lacking at the time of 1990 donation, 1922-23, 1924-25, 1929-30). Also there are several versions and updates of club histories and lists of officers from 1907 to 1990.

COLLOQUIUM CLUB RECORDS 66:90.106

The first meeting of the Colloquium Club was held 14 November 1939, the last 8 May 1990. The club was an informal group of congenial West Lafayette couples who gathered in members' homes for monthly meetings.

The collection includes yearly program booklets (1942...1986), year-end summaries and/or minutes of monthly meetings (1939-90), photographs of members and activities, news clippings, and some typed transcripts of papers. Also included with the records is the club's wooden gavel.

GEORGE W. HARDWICK COLLECTION 67:91.02

Civil War Private George W. Hardwick (1840-1906) served in the Twenty-second Battery, Indiana Volunteers, Twenty-third Corps, First Division of the Union Army. His home was in "Wyandotte," Sheffield Township, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

The 33 Civil War letters are arranged chronologically. One letter, dated 1880, was written by John Hardwick, West Virginia, to his cousin, George W. Hardwick, Jr.

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WEST LAFAYETTE MUSICALE COLLECTION 68:91.82

The West Lafayette Musical was founded at the home of Mrs. George Jamieson, West Lafayette, Indiana, 9 August 1915, with the object "to promote the study of music among its members and to stimulate the love of music in the community."

The collection consists of minutes from meetings, 1915 to 1976; annual program booklets, 1920 to 1987; and some financial records. Items in four scrapbooks reflect the organization's activities and member participation in area musical events, 1944 to 1987. Also items from the Musicale's 45th, 50th, 60th, and 75th anniversary celebrations are included in the collection.

THE FORCES OF MONTCALM & WOLFE COLLECTION 69:91.101

The constitution for the Forces was adopted 22 April 1984 at a meeting held in Battle Ground, Indiana. The purpose of the organization is to educate the public about the mid-18th century through research, re-enactment, and demonstrations of original and reproduced arms, equipment, and clothing. The collection contains reports, correspondence, membership questionnaire results, newsletters, et cetera. Of particular interest is a series of correspondence that debated the acceptance of a Spanish unit in the Forces in 1992, which was researched and discovered as historically accurate.

NATIONAL HOMES CORPORATION COLLECTION 70:90.214

The National Homes Corporation was founded in Lafayette in 1940 by James Price and Frank Tedford and financed by a group of Lafayette investors. By the 1960s, the manufacturer of prefabricated homes had become the largest home manufacturer in the United States.

The National Homes Corporation Collection consists of three scrapbooks containing news clippings from Lafayette and other Indiana communities' newspapers. Also the scrapbooks contain numerous news clippings, apparently supplied through a press clipping service, reflecting the nation-wide involvement and influence of the company in the prefabricated home industry. The scrapbooks also contain advertisements and articles from popular and trade periodicals; photographs in the magazine ads and articles may include images of Lafayette area homes.

The years 1957 and 1960 are covered in the three scrapbooks.

WEA TOWNSHIP EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB 71:91.04

The collection includes: club histories; minutes and membership records, 1937, 1938, 1943 to June 1990, (also news clippings of meetings, 1933, 1934); yearly program booklets, 1950...1989-90 (incomplete series); and materials from the Tippecanoe County Home Demonstration

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Association (also called the Tippecanoe County Home Economics Club and Tippecanoe County Extension Homemakers Clubs).

**CHAUNCEY HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB 72:92.26**

The Chauncey club was organized in West Lafayette, 20 October 1938; this was the second home economics club organized to serve the women of West Lafayette.

The collection contains yearly program booklets, 1944 to 1967 (incomplete series); minutes of monthly meetings, 1938-42, 1951 to 1967 (incomplete series); and some photographs.

Also included is "History of Tippecanoe County Home Economics Association, 1936-1943" and constitution and bylaws of the Association.

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION CHORUS COLLECTION 73:92.26**

In April 1934 two representatives from each home economics club in Tippecanoe County were asked to sing together on a WBAA (Purdue radio station) broadcast. This successful program led to the formation of a county-wide chorus open to any home economics club member, under the direction of Albert P. Stewart, Purdue Glee Club Director. Includes documents and a scrapbook.

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS COLLECTION 74:92.26.3**

Originally called the Tippecanoe County Home Demonstration Association, later the Tippecanoe County Home Economics Club, then the Tippecanoe County Extension Homemakers, the organization is the county-wide organization for all the township homemakers clubs in the county. The collection includes histories of the county organization and histories of various local clubs within the county; executive council minutes (1939-59); treasurer's reports and records, ca.1957-1990; publicity scrapbooks (1934-36; 1941); and some yearly program booklets. Three oral history interview transcripts and cassette tapes have been removed from the collection to the TCHA oral history collection storage.

**JOHN JEROME ELLIS COLLECTION 75:92.51**

This collection contains the diaries and correspondence of John Jerome Ellis. Born in Ohio in 1819, Ellis was the eldest son of Thomas and Elizabeth Ellis. The family moved to Indiana in 1828. Ellis served as clerk of the Stockwell post office. He married Harriett Lambkin in 1862, and they had six children, including third child Reuben Ellis. Ellis died in 1894. The collection includes four tintypes of Thomas, Elizabeth, John J., and Harriett Ellis, personal correspondence, advertisements for popular products of the day, and extensive diaries by John J. Ellis.

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DEVAULT, LEMUEL PAPERS  77:92.28

Lemuel Devault (ca. 1793-1857) moved from Ross County, Ohio, to Tippecanoe County, Indiana, in 1835; he married Mary McClure in the same year. Devault was a partner in a general merchandise store business until 1842. In the 1840s, he settled on a Randolph Township farm. He served in the council of the first Tippecanoe County Agriculture Society, organized 1851.

The collection includes an article of agreement, with specifications, for building a house in Tippecanoe County, 1844, and also a certificate of L. Devault's election as Township Trustee, 1847. A farm account book lists cows purchased in 1847. Two letters written by Edward Devault (son of Lemuel) while a student at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, ca. 1856, are included in the papers. Other items relate to Jasper and Nicholas Devault, Ross County, Ohio. In addition, there are several letters received by Mary Devault from 1880 to 1890.

KENSINGTON CLUB RECORDS  78:92.146

This West Lafayette women's club was founded in 1914 to provide a social network for newcomers to the community. It was named the "Lotus Club." In 1915 the group was reorganized as the "Sewing Club," and finally was named the "Kensington Club." The inspiration for this name was a type of sewing bag used to carry handwork, called a "Kensington" bag.

The collection contains yearly program booklets (1931-32 to 1991), minute books (1925-70), and a club history written in 1964.

WAYNE TOWNSHIP EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB RECORDS  79:92.128

The Wayne Township Home Economics Club (later named the Wayne Township Home Demonstration Club, and finally the Wayne Extension Homemakers Club) was organized at a 6 December 1918 meeting of the Red Cross.

The collection includes yearly program booklets, 1931-65, 1969, 1974-77; minutes from monthly meetings, 1918-19, 1926-45, 1949-50; treasurer's records, 1939-59; and club histories for the years 1924-79. Included with the club records is a 1909 program booklet for the Wayne Township Women's Benevolent Association.

LAFAYETTE HOBBY CLUB RECORDS  80:72.16

Organized at Columbian Park in 1947, the Hobby Club continued to meet regularly until 1972. At the club meetings, hobbies of all types were discussed and presented.

The collection contains two register books listing names of persons attending meetings and other club functions, 1955-72; a notebook with minutes from meetings, March 1966 to January 1972; three issues of the club newsletter, 1966; and a scrapbook with newsclippings and photos, 1950-56(?).

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SAINT FRANCIS ART CLUB RECORDS 81:93.29

The Saint Francis Art Club (name was changed to the Sister Rufinia Art Club in ca. 1961) was started in 1940 for women to study and gain an appreciation for all aspects of art. The collection includes yearly program booklets, 1946-49, 1950-51, 1953-60, and 1968-70, and minutes, 1951-60.

MONTMORENCI HORSE THIEF DETECTION ASSOCIATION, NO. 14 82:93.30

The purpose of the "Montmorenci Detective Company, No. 14" was to "detect and apprehend horse thieves and other felons, and for the mutual indemnity against the acts of such horse thieves and other felons"; the company was to exist for ten years. The records in this collection indicate that this group was active from 1874 to 1931 and include the constitution and by-laws, minute books and other miscellaneous documentation.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY VOLUNTEER SPECIAL SERVICES, AMERICAN RED CROSS 83:85.109

This collection came from the estate of Mabel (Mrs. Otto C.) Baker (1896?-1985), West Lafayette. She was appointed Chairman of the Staff Assistance Corps of the Tippecanoe County Chapter of the American Red Cross in 1942. The corps was trained to provide volunteer office and clerical staff for the local Red Cross office located at the county courthouse. The papers in the collection include correspondence, training materials, volunteer lists, and handbooks for the Staff Assistance Corps, 1942-44.

LAFAYETTE LODGE, BPO ORDER OF ELKS, NO. 143 84:85.109

These materials relating to the BPO Elks Lodge, No. 143 were from the estate of Mabel (Mrs. Otto C.) Baker of West Lafayette. The items include membership booklets containing bylaws, rules of order, and membership directories; newsletters from the local lodge; and letters and memos relating to the Ladies Organization of the Lodge 143. Mabel Baker was general chairman of the Ladies Organization during the 1940s and the correspondence reflects her work.

NAVY CLUB SHIP NO. 12 COLLECTION 85:79.104

This collection consists of one scrapbook containing news clippings of local Navy personnel and area support activities, 1945-46. Also inserted in the album are 1945-46 issues of "The Quarterdeck," a newsletter published by the Navy Club of the USA.

MONON RAILROAD RECORDS 86:93.31

This collection contains materials relating to the New Albany and Salem Railroad, the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railway, the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railway and the Monon Railroad. Items were donated by various persons during, or as a result of, the

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Monon Shops Oral History Project, 1986-87. Records in the collection include the Claims Department materials, the International Association of Machinists local lodge materials, and other miscellaneous items salvaged from the railroad offices. Included also are newsletters (photocopies) from 1939-42.

ADA LEHMAN WOODS PAPERS 87:90.103

Ada Lehman Woods (1903-19 ? ) graduated from Buck Creek High School in Tippecanoe County in 1921. The collection reflects Ada Lehman Woods' teaching career and includes personal documents, mementos, photographs, etc. from her early life and years as a teacher. Also included are items relating to the United Brethren in Christ Bible School and forms used by enumerators for the 1930 Federal Census.

LAFAYETTE HOME HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION 88:80.15

The Lafayette Home Hospital Alumnae Association was incorporated under the name, "Alumnae Association of the Lafayette Home Hospital Training School for Nurses" with the purpose of promoting interest in the Lafayette Home Hospital Training School for Nurses, cultivating social intercourse among its alumnae, assisting members with professional employment, and aiding in the protection of rights and interests of nurses. The collection includes minutes (1916-46, 1949-71), correspondence, membership lists, and financial records and reports. Also included are articles of incorporation and minutes (1905-20) for the Lafayette Graduate Nurses' Association. In addition, the collection contains promotional booklets for the Lafayette Home Hospital School of Nursing (1953) and for the Lafayette Home Hospital (1919). Also there is a 1943 list of active and inactive ("though available") nurses for the Tippecanoe County Local Nursing Council for War Service (1943).

WAYNE TOWNSHIP FARM BUREAU RECORDS 90:92.128

Local county and township branches of the state-wide Indiana Farm Bureau Federation, founded in 1919, served to provide organized local cooperation with the county agent in order to make his services more widely useful. The collection consists of minutes from 1935-39, 1940-62, 1969; also included are treasurer's records, invoices, and receipts.

HELEN ELIZABETH DUFFY COLLECTION 91:94.20.1

Helen Elizabeth Duffy was born 6 October 1903 in Lafayette, Indiana. In 1931 she married William E. Mullen. Helen E. Duffy attended Jefferson High School in Lafayette, Indiana, and she graduated from Jefferson in 1922.

The Helen E. Duffy collection consists of The Girl Graduate's Memory Book and miscellaneous Jefferson High School athletic and extra-curricular programs. The Memory Book contains autographs of classmates, high school cheers and songs, and reminiscences of school activities. Thirty-seven photos of family and friends are found in the Memory Book.

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THE TIPPECANOE COUNTY CHILDREN'S HOME COLLECTION 92:90.213

The Tippecanoe County Children's Home Association began in December 1886 when a few interested ladies called a meeting of those willing to plan for the care of indigent children in the county. The handwritten minutes in ledgers of the association were kept by Mrs. J. Boggs. They represent an unbroken account of the county's welfare practices for thirty years. The Cary Children's Home was built in 1930 to replace the Children's Home. Miscellaneous records from Cary Home are also in this collection.

GAGEN, HENRY W. FAMILY COLLECTION 94:96.102

The collection is arranged in four major series. The first series is the Henry W. Gagen Papers. His papers consist of miscellaneous Star city Bottling Works financial records and personal financial records. The Mary Grace Gagen Papers consist of personal biographical information, educational records, loose photos and photo albums. Of particular interest is the scrapbook of photos from the Ross Sanatorium. Mary Grace was a patient there in 1933. The Gertrude U. Gagen Papers consists of photos and miscellaneous personal cards and financial records. The Robert James Gagen papers contain photos, education certificates, a scrapbook compiled for him during his confinement as a prisoner of war and correspondence regarding his death in 1945.

GENERAL DE LAFAYETTE CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION COLLECTION 95:97.01

The General de Lafayette Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized on April 21, 1894 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stockwell Hatcher. The national society issued #78 to the Lafayette organization, making it the first chapter in Indiana.

Program activities have stressed the three primary objectives of the national organization-historical appreciation, patriotic service and educational training. Some of the Lafayette activities have included: sponsorship of historical essay contests in the local schools, 1902-1990; placement of a limestone monument at Fort Ouiatenon in 1907; and support of WWI and WWII relief efforts.

This collection consists of the Historian’s Records and scrapbooks, 1894-1995.

HEARTLAND CO-OP COLLECTION 96:97.41

This collection contains financial records, ledgers, account books, correspondence and other administrative documents of the organization, 1897-1934.

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CHARLES H. WOLF COLLECTION 97:91.188

Charles H. Wolf (1875-1966) was born in Frankfort, Indiana. In 1913 he married Oma Ferguson (1884-1887) of Wolcott, Indiana. They had no children. Charles H. Wolf’s career as a musician included playing the cornet in the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and the French Opera Company in Montreal, Canada. He also taught music at Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois. He lived the last 25 years of his life in Lafayette.

The collection contains newspapers, journals, music and handbills relating to Wolf’s career.

H. C. TINNEY COLLECTION 101:99.01

Tinney and Moore (Later just Tinney) was located at 24 S. 4th St. in Lafayette. The collection consists of 7 invoice ledger volumes and 9 letter ledgers.

JAMES A. MILLER COLLECTION 102:99.100

The collection consists of two items. One is a notebook of Miller and Peregrine family history. Handwritten information, photographs, original documents are enclosed in a 3-ring binder. The second item is the funeral registry from Soller-Baker Funeral Home of James A. Miller’s visitation in October 1994.

LILLIAN NEISZ COLLECTION 103:99.110

This collection contains Lillian Neisz’s documented household expenses from 1936-1995.

ISAAC BLADEN COLLECTION 104:99.112

This is a collection of medical diplomas and certificates earned by Isaac Nibbs Bladen from 1824-1827. Schools were in Dublin, Edinburg, and London. Bladen arrived in Tippecanoe County during the 1830’s and died in the 1840’s. Included in the collection are a few poems written by his daughter, Anna, one of which is dated 1863.

CARY HOME FOR CHILDREN COLLECTION 105:99.94.2

This collection contains a ledger, newscloppings, and related correspondence founding the Board of Children Guardians of Tippecanoe County, which administered the Cary Home for Children in its first 7 years, from 1929-1936. In 1929, Frank Cary donated funds for the Jessie Levering Cary Home for Children, named in memory of his wife, which was an orphanage for boys and girls with bad home lives. Cary Home was dedicated on November 31, 1930. The collection details the founding of the home, administering the home, and finances related to caring for the children there.

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TIPPECANOE COUNTY ASYLUM COLLECTION 106:99.94

This collection contains a ledger of expenses for the Tippecanoe County Asylum from 1876-1892. The Tippecanoe County Asylum was founded in 1875 to care for the poor and disabled of Tippecanoe County. Previously, the poor, indigent, disabled, and others who were unable to take care of themselves were housed at various homes and sites known as “poor farms.” Still located in the western part of the county, this government entity was renamed Tippecanoe Villa in the 1970s and currently functions as an assisted care facility for developmentally disabled adults. The ledger contains records of the items bought (food, supplies and other non-perishables), where they were bought, and their cost in dollars.

ANDREW FAMILY / PINES FARM COLLECTION 107:99.3

This collection contains photographs and land documents belonging to the Andrew family, who owned and operated Pines Farm in West Point, Indiana, founded in 1844. The name of the farm was suggested by the pine trees planted there. Thomas Moore Andrew, Jesse Charles Andrew, Jesse Charles Andrew, Jr., and Jesse Charles Andrew III have all farmed the property. Jesse Charles Andrew was given the Pines Farm by his mother, Lida Maria Atkins Andrew, and he farmed it during his lifetime. Lida Andrew planted the original pine trees on the property for which the farm is named.

BECK & FRASCH COLLECTION 109:99.6

Opened in 1884 by Charles Beck and later with partner Henry Frasch, Beck & Frasch grocery was located at 124 Main Street. This collection contains receipts related to the business, as well as the personal expenses of the proprietors, between 1883-6 often signed by Charles’s brother William.

MODERN MOTHERS STUDY GROUP 111:99.107

Modern Mothers Study Group was organized by women at St. James Lutheran Church in 1941. It began as an educational group and evolved into a social group never numbering more than 20 members at one time. The collection includes meeting minutes and scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings, cards, photographs, and memorabilia from meetings, weddings, and births.

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FRIENDS OF DOWNTOWN COLLECTION 112:2000.10

This collection contains the organizational records for the Friends of Downtown, a not-for-profit group organized to support the downtown areas of Lafayette and West Lafayette, Indiana. Formed in 1976 by Sue Reser, Bill Baugh, and Ken Schuette as a response to a plan to tear down the county courthouse, the organization preserves and promotes downtown points of interest, which include historic and heritage sites, as well as locally owned businesses. As this is a volunteer group rather than a formal institution, there aren’t official records. Instead, the records that comprise this collection come from various key members’ records of the projects in which they participated, and sometimes a particular project’s records will be repeated from each donating member’s perspective.

WEA WILLING WORKERS COLLECTION 113:2001.03

History and membership booklets of WWW. History is chronological listing by year from 1887, year of its founding through 1987, its 100th anniversary. Various membership booklets from 1963 - 1992 include names and addresses of membership, hostesses and board members. The history was written in 1974 and updated through 1987.

ELSTON HOME ECONOMICS CLUB 114:2001.6

Elston Homes Economics Club was organized in 1931 as a local part of Tippecanoe County Extension Homemakers. It was disbanded in 1996 due to dwindling membership. Scrapbooks contain photos and clippings and other materials relating to the organizations. Total of 12 scrapbooks, 1 folder of loose materials, several membership booklets, and a copy of a letter sent to Tippecanoe county Extension Homemakers notifying them of their disbanding.

ARACHNE CLUB COLLECTION 115:2002.16

Club was founded in 1917 by Belle B. Robbins, a former art teacher who moved to West Lafayette. She missing working with art and people, and organized the Arachne Club, named after the Greek maiden in mythology, a wonderful weaver who challenged Athena, goddess of weaving, to a contest. The club originally began making quilts for display and later branched into other media (clay, knitting, enamelling, etc.). Later, members began working on individual projects and would hold "carry in" parties with food and drink.


The Fireproof Garage Company was begun in 1918 with a capital stock of $12000. Objects of the association are the "Buying, selling, storing and repairing of motor vehicles, the buying and selling of accessories thereto, and the conducting of a general garage business"; - Myron B. Morgan, Richard Torrenga, and William J. Snoddy were founders of company. The company operated until 1982

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HELEN GOUGAR COLLECTION

The Helen Gougar Collection contains photographs, books, correspondence, legal documents, printed materials, and artifacts documenting the political activity, public speaking, writing, and personal life of Helen Mar Jackson Gougar. Materials in this collection were donated by Lura Beebee Sherry (Mrs. Montgomery Evan Sherry), daughter-in-law to Adelaide Eugenia Jackson Sherry and niece (by marriage) to Helen Jackson Gougar.

RICHARD B. WETHERILL COLLECTION

This collection consists of material gathered by Richard B. Wetherill (1859-1940) representing his professional and private life, as well as materials related to his family. Wetherill was one of the founders of the TCHA and a prominent citizen of Lafayette during the early twentieth century. Although he was the chief compiler of the materials, contributions to the collection come from a variety of sources. Richard Wetherill incorporated many belongings of his parents, Charles M. Wetherill (1825-1871) and Mary Coleman Benbridge (Wetherill) (1833-1914) into the collection after they died. In addition, various materials related to Richard Wetherill’s life have been added to the collection after he died by TCHA workers.

EBERHART COLLECTION

The Eberhart Collection was donated by Gordon Mertz of Frankfort, Indiana, in 1986. This collection includes materials related to the family of Lewis (1837-1889) and Oregon (1852-1916) Eberhart of Sheffield Township, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, who were married on December 26, 1876. Throughout the collection materials, the surname also appears as Everhart.

NEWTON, E. LUCILLE COLLECTION

E. Lucille Summers was born on May 16, 1903. She married Howard E. Newton in September 21, 1929. They farmed in the Romney, Indiana area, working as many as 654 acres by 1944. She died August 16, 1997.

Newton was a charter member of the Tippecanoe County Home Economics Chorus (also called the Tippecanoe Home Demonstration Chorus, Farm Women's Chorus, Homemakers Chorus, or Home Economics Chorus) and served as Chorus President in 1943 and 1944.

DR. FREDERICK A. LOOP COLLECTION

Floyd Addison Loop was born in McKean County, Pennsylvania on April 26, 1876. Floyd Sr. began practicing medicine in Lafayette in 1910. He was the first doctor in Lafayette to operate his own office x-ray equipment. He was a member of the medical and surgical staff of Lafayette Home and St. Elizabeth Hospitals until his death on March 8, 1958.

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WILLIAM SKINNER COLLECTION 122:4247 A

William Skinner was born in 1798. He was the fourth Sheriff of Tippecanoe County from 1836-1839. He was first appointed sheriff by Indiana governor David Wallace in 1836 and was elected in 1838. Skinner also served as captain of riflemen in the Indiana militia in 1832. He died on November 14, 1840.

The collection includes 60 documents consisting of marriage licenses, letters, accounts, poor book, bonds etc. This collection of documents are from both the William Major and William Skinner families.

JOSEPH STOCKTON COLLECTION 123:2010.14

Joseph S. Stockton was born in Bedford, Virginia on March 26, 1818. He was District 2 Commissioner of Tippecanoe County from 1871 to 1873. This collection contains documents related to his personal business affairs and to his work as Tippecanoe County Commissioner. He was married to Mary A. Stockton and owned land in Tippecanoe and Jasper counties. He died in Lafayette on April 4, 1880.

WEA PLAINS HORSE COMPANY COLLECTION 124:88.66

This collection contains records from the Wea Plains Horse Company, part of the National Horse Thief Detective Association; an earlier iteration of this organization was called the Council Grove Minutemen. The company was organized on April 1, 1869. It was an organization for the detection of horse thieves and other felons and for the reclamation of stolen property. Members collected information about horse thefts, offered rewards for information and recovery, and attempted to apprehend suspects and bring them to justice. In later years they shifted their focus toward automobile theft. As a consequence, the national organization changed its name to the National Detective Association.

EDWIN P. HAMMOND COLLECTION 125:6875

This collection includes documents related to Edwin P. Hammond, prominent Indiana lawmaker, judge, attorney, and Civil War veteran. Edwin Pollok Hammond was born on November 26, 1835 in Brookville, Indiana. In 1855, he took up the study of law in his brother Abram’s law office and earned his law degree from Asbury College (now DePauw University) in 1858. He established a law practice in Rensselaer upon graduation, and he was elected state representative for Jasper, Newton, and Pulaski counties in 1861. From 1861 to 1865, he served in the Union Army in the 87th Indiana Volunteers, attaining the rank of Colonel and serving in various engagements during the Civil War in Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, and ending in Washington, D.C.
**SAMUEL R. JOHNSON COLLECTION** 126:92.207

This collection was donated by Saint Mark's Library in New York City and contains photocopies of photographs and letters relating to the Reverend Samuel Roosevelt Johnson, Rector of the Old St. John's Episcopal Church, which was organized in 1837 in Lafayette, Indiana. Johnson also served as one of the teacher's examiners for Tippecanoe County schools.

The collection includes photographs of Rev. Johnson, his family, and prominent figures in the church, including the Rev. George Upfold, the first bishop of Indiana. The collection also includes two letters written to his sister, Miss Mary Johnston, his wife's sister, and 24 letters written to Reverend William Shelton, as well as a teacher's examination certificate for Morgan Morehouse, written by Johnson in 1846.

**LENA ROADRUCK ERB COLLECTION** 127:2001.14

This collection documents the professional and personal life of Mrs. Lena Roadruck Erb. The collection includes materials related to Lena Erb's education and career as a teacher in Tippecanoe County from 1922-1946, including her elementary, high school, and college class notes, lesson plans as a teacher, and class photos from hers and other classes. Her teaching career spanned the following elementary schools: Americus 1922-23 and 1926-30; Colburn 1923-26 and 1930-35; and Buck Creek 1935-46. The collection also includes documents related to her husband, Robert Joseph Erb, who was a graduate of Delphi High School, district supervisor for Colonial Oil Company, and an active member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, and Knight's Templar at the local and state levels. Numerous photo albums document their family and travels.

**WILMA A. FLETEMEYER COLLECTION** 128:80.22.30

This collection includes documents related to the life of Wilma A. Fletemeyer (1891-1979), a lifelong Tippecanoe County resident, a graduate of Purdue University (B.S. in Science, 1913 and M.S. in 1915), and a longtime teacher at Lafayette High School. Some documents are related to high school and college, to teaching licensure, and a few documents relate to her family (including some citizenship papers, a guest list from her parents’ 50th wedding anniversary, and some tax stamps from World War II era). The majority of the collection, however, gives us a record of her writing through essays, public issues writing, poems, and screenplays she penned and submitted for publication. There also are portions of college papers, some financial records, and research notebooks.

**BOY SCOUT COLLECTION** 129:2001.29

This collection contains Boy Scout memorabilia, mainly from Frank Bryant, local Boy Scout enthusiast and leader in the local and national Boy Scout movement. Bryant was the first Eagle Scout in Indiana, was awarded the Silver Beaver award for adult volunteer work, a 50 year award from the Harrison Trails Council, and served on national council committees. Additional items

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come from the records of Cable Ball and H. H. Heimlich. Most of the items here are related to the Boy Scout movement in the Greater Lafayette area.

**ANN SHAFER COLLECTION**

This collection is comprised of materials related to Ann Shafer and her involvement in Lafayette Republican politics in the 1960s. Shafer served as publicity director of the Republican Party for the 1963 municipal elections. She also was appointed Deputy Voter Registration Officer in 1968. Included in the collection are various election materials, publicity items, voter guides, articles on candidates, as well as items related more generally to conservative political groups such as the Americans for Conservative Action and the Lafayette Anti-Communism Study group. There are also materials related to Shafer's involvement in the Vinton Elementary School PTA.

**JOHN B. ELLIS COLLECTION**

This collection contains the personal correspondence of John B. Ellis (1832-1914), a native of Tippecanoe County and a resident of Carroll County and Kokomo, Indiana. The majority of this collection is personal correspondence to John B Ellis from various family members. The letters cover such topics as the Civil War, agriculture, and family affairs. Also included in the collection are a sheet of handwritten home remedies and two printed invitations to holiday balls.

**DIETRICH / MORRIS COLLECTION**

This is a large collection of photographs collected by Maelinda S. Feeney, the donor. Many are of a genealogical nature documenting her family. Her mother was Pauline Anna Dietrich and her father was George Earl Morris, Junior. The latter was from Kentucky. The family lived in the Otterbein area and the children attended Bryant's Corner School. Most of the photographs are unidentified; many illustrate rural life ca. 1875 through 1950.

**GREATER LAFAYETTE BOAT CLUB COLLECTION**

The Greater Lafayette Boat Club was formed 4/26/1961 and existed until the state administratively dissolved it 11/02/1994. The collection contains the group's bylaws, minutes, membership rosters, certificate of incorporation, correspondence, and photographs of their activities. Two artifacts, a plaque and a rubber stamp are housed with the group's papers.

**CHASE AND STELLA OSBORN COLLECTION**

This assembled collection contains materials related to Chase and Stella Osborn, who maintained a close relationship and correspondence with the Tippecanoe County Historical Association during the mid-twentieth century. Volunteers at the Tippecanoe County Historical Association maintained a biography file in the form of a scrapbook on Chase Osborn, and some of the press clippings, correspondence, and other materials have been culled from this book.

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The collection includes an autobiography of Chase Osborn's early years in Lafayette, a scrapbook containing newspapers and photos relating to his career, professional correspondence with Tippecanoe County Historical Association president Herbert Heimlich, letters he wrote to various people from his retirement home in Georgia. Also included are materials related to the Atlantic Union movement, in which the Osborns were involved. Much of the material in this collection appears to have been sent by Stellanova Osborn to TCHA or other Lafayette contacts, such as Heimlich. Clearly, Chase Osborn felt a strong connection to his boyhood home, as well as a commitment to TCHA, and Stellanova continued contact with those in Lafayette long after his death.

**TIPPECANO TOASTMISTRESS CLUB COLLECTION 135:80.113**

The Tippecanoe Toastmistress Club Collection contains items documenting the history of the organization mostly during the 1950s and 1960s. Toastmistress Clubs were formed in the early 1930s as public speaking organizations for women (as a corollary to Toastmaster Clubs for men). The Tippecanoe Toastmistress Club was founded in February 1954 and received its charter on April 7, 1954. They regularly conducted local speech contests (sometimes in conjunction with Toastmasters), and meetings included guest speakers from Indianapolis and other Toastmistress Clubs on proper speaking techniques.

**NATIONAL GRANGE OF THE ORDER OF PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY COLLECTION 136:2009.19**

The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry ("The Grange") is a fraternal organization for farmers, which aimed to bring farmers together and advocate for their interests.

This collection relates to the Spring Grove Grange, Number 2333 in Wea Township. Spring Grove Presbyterian Church was used as the Grange Hall from 1931-36 and was demolished in 1948. This collection is attributed to Eva Pauline Thompson, a farm owner in rural Tippecanoe County.

**SYLVESTER LOVELESS COLLECTION 137:2007.13.1**

This collection includes the Civil War service documents of Sylvester Conroy Loveless (1842-1928). A Lafayette native, Loveless enlisted as a Corporal in July, 1862 and was discharged in December, 1862 due to illness. Also included in this collection are documents related to his pension and correspondence with Congressional Representatives G.S. Orth and Thomas B. Ward to increase his pension in the early 20th century.

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GRACE H. H. MARSTELLER COLLECTION

This collection includes the visiting lists and social records of Grace Heath Hull Marsteller, a member of the Heath family of Lafayette. The Heath family had notable business dealings and partnerships with John Purdue. Social registers became popular in the late nineteenth century as a way to document social prominence in the community. They typically included dates of visits, activities during the visits, and addresses of the visitors.

COUNCIL GROVE MINUTE MEN COLLECTION

This collection contains three pamphlets of the Charter, Constitution and By-Laws of the Council Grove Minute Men. The Council Grove Minute Men of Tippecanoe, Montgomery, and Fountain Counties was founded in Indiana in 1845 and was incorporated in 1848. The group sought to help suppress horse stealing and other thievery and to regain stolen property. A few years later, the Council Grove Minute Men spawned the National Horse Thief Detective Organization, which claimed at one point over 50,000 members. By the late 1800s, Council Grove Minute Men limited their membership to residents of three townships: Coal Creek Township in Montgomery County, Jackson Township in Tippecanoe County, and Richland Township in Jasper County. The Council Grove Minute Men dissolved in 1957.

ELIZABETH SMITH COLLECTION

This collection consists of Elizabeth Smith's retirement photograph album created at the time of her retirement from Public Service Indiana, an energy company servicing Indiana that was later acquired by Duke Energy, which is based in North Carolina. Originally the company was named Public Service Indiana, then PSI Energy, then Cinergy, and finally Duke Energy. Elizabeth Smith (1912-2011) was the first woman officer of the company, and she supervised offices in Delphi, Lafayette, and Attica.

KENDALL SMITH COLLECTION

This collection contains the files and records of Kendall Smith who served as Vice-President of Duncan Electric and was a prominent member of the Lafayette community. The majority of the collection concerns the merger and acquisition of Duncan Electric by Landis+Gyr in the mid-1970s. Various documents regarding the desire of Duncan Electric to be acquired by an outside firm, reasons for the acquisition, and prospective suitors are included in this collection. Smith's personal notes on possible mergers are particularly of import. Also included are personal items, such as photographs of Smith and his wife and notes of congratulations by community members on his promotion to Budget Chair of United Community Services, which would later become the United Way of Greater Lafayette.

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Two series comprise this collection. The first are documents concerning the acquisition of Duncan Electric by Landis+Gyr and merger negotiations with other companies. The second short series contains Smith's personal and family items.

**JOURNAL AND COURIER NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS COLLECTION**

Included in this collection are documents relating to the association, correspondence from the editor, newsletters and manuals, annual meeting programs, and lists of correspondents. Many of the materials were instructional in nature, from the newspaper editor H. H. Heimlich to the correspondents, on how to properly gather, compose, and standardize news articles according to common newspaper practices.

**WABASH TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

This collection covers documents related to the Wabash Township Fire Department, which was established as an independent volunteer fire department in 1971. From 1957 to 1971, Wabash Township was served by a joint West Lafayette and Wabash Township fire department. This collection includes documents on the Wabash Township’s collaboration with the West Lafayette Fire Department in order to provide fire protection for the township, a later proposal for a separate Township Fire Department, purchase orders, and bid documents and brochures for fire service radio equipment.

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS TIPPECANOE LODGE #273**

This collection contains petitions for membership in the Knights of Pythias, Tippecanoe Lodge #273, located in Battle Ground, Indiana. The Knights of Pythias is a fraternal organization founded in Washington, DC in 1864 and based on the values of Fraternity, Charity, and Benevolence. The first Lafayette Lodge was organized in 1874. The majority of its members were farmers, and some were carpenters, blacksmiths, and business owners.

**CAMP TECUMSEH COLLECTION**

This collection contains documents related to the early years of Camp Tecumseh. Founded in 1923 by the YMCA, Camp Tecumseh is located near Delphi, Indiana on the banks of the Tippecanoe River. Both boys and girls 9 years and older camped there, and it is still in use as of 2012.

**ELLIS HOPKINS COLLECTION**

This collection contains numerous papers and documents relating to the military service of Ellis Arthur Hopkins (b: December 15, 1912 d: June 1987). Additional papers relating to Mrs. Vera Hopkins’ travel to the European Theater after World War II are also included. Mr. Hopkins served as a Captain in the 73rd Bomb Wing in the Army Air Force during WWII, and achieved

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the rank of Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserves in 1965. Most of this collection contains military assignments, completed forms, and other official military correspondence.

CHARLES WILLIAMS COLLECTION

This collection contains autobiographical materials for Charles Williams, former publisher of the Lafayette Leader newspaper. Williams was born in Lafayette in 1869. He served as city clerk of Lafayette in 1902 and 1903, served a term as county assessor, and was a member of the board of works. After selling the Lafayette Leader in 1929, he entered real estate. He died in 1956.

MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club was an organization of women started in 1887. The constitution states its goal as being "to form an organized center for the mental and social culture of its members, and for the improvement of home life." This collection includes a 50-year history of the club, written by Mrs. W.H. Perrin, as well as sixteen yearly program booklets from 1894-1917.

EARLE HITCH COLLECTION

The Earle Hitch collection contains materials related to the writings of Earle V. Hitch, author and journalist. Included in this collection are Hitch’s research on Native Americans, government publications from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Hitch’s manuscripts, notes, newspaper and magazine articles, and literary correspondence.

AFTERNOON CLUB

The Afternoon Club was organized on October 8, 1880. The collection contains yearly program booklets from 1885-1928, the constitution and by-laws, newspaper clippings and the club song.

FANNY BANGS WEAVER COLLECTION

This collection includes the notebooks and memories of Fanny Bangs Weaver (1827-1901), wife of Erasmus M. Weaver (1821-1900), Lafayette attorney and business associate of John Purdue. The Weavers were members of the Second Presbyterian Church in Lafayette, and Mrs. Weaver was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Weavers were married in Springfield, Massachusetts on August 3, 1847. They had six children and adopted a seventh child. One daughter, Mary, would go on to marry W.H. Perrin, son of James J. Perrin.

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ADE-KELLER COLLECTION

This collection contains materials on members of the Ade and Keller families, with the bulk of the material pertaining to Herbert A. Keller, Dr. Charles Hamilton Ade, and Arthur M. Keller.

Herbert A. Keller (1880-1972) was the co-owner and founder of a business called Rapps Clothing Store, which was named after Keller’s business partner T.C. Rapp. This collection does contain a 50th anniversary article on Rapps Clothing Store; however, the bulk of the material pertains to the members of the Keller and Ade families, and not the business itself.

NEWTON-HOUSE-BEACH COLLECTION

This collection contains the personal and business correspondence, legal documents, receipts, and accounting information for George W. House, Jr., Josiah Beach, Mary Beach Newton, and D.I. “Doc” Newton families. George W. House was a pioneer of Tippecanoe County and a successful farmer. With George Fox, he engaged in the purchase and sale of cattle. He also gave a significant amount of money to the Methodist Congregation of Romney, Indiana to build a new church, which would come to be called “House’s Chapel.” His daughter Ellen married Josiah Beach, and they had one daughter, Mary E. Beach, in 1870. House took on the financial obligation of educating his granddaughter at DePauw University. Mary Beach would go on to marry D.I. “Doc” Newton in 1893 and bear four children.

MABEL MCDILL ANDREWS COLLECTION

This collection contains materials detailing the life and activities of Mabel McDill Andrews, and to a lesser extent, members of her family. The operation of the Romney Stock Farm is also well-documented. Materials primarily consist of correspondence, photographs, and business documents.

GREATER LAFAYETTE PUBLIC WORKS COLLECTION

This collection consists of various records regarding public works in Tippecanoe County, the City of Lafayette, and the City of West Lafayette. Includes annual reports, studies, brochures and correspondence dating from 1945-1996.

BURNETT’S RESERVE COLLECTION

This collection consists of documents donated by Mrs. Arthur Brunson concerning Burnett’s Reserve on Flint Creek and the Burnett family history regarding that property. There are several additions to this collection including an undated history of Burnett’s Reserve, and 1837 mortgage of land for John Sherry, a 1849 State of Indiana lawsuit, and a hand drawn map on lined paper dated August 4, 1879.

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WALTER AND JOANNA BURKHARDT COLLECTION 157:2013.031

This collection contains World War I era correspondence and documents dating from January 11, 1914 to February 12, 1919. The bulk of the correspondence is between Joanna Nelson (also referred to as Caffy and Joan) and her fiancé Walter E. Burkhardt (also referred to as Burk and WEB), a lieutenant in the Army. Joanna and Walter would later marry on January 17, 1919.

Walter and Joan wrote to each other almost daily. Walter often references his experiences in the Army while stationed in Ohio, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota, and Massachusetts. His writing is often romantic and poetic, while Joanna’s is much more pragmatic and direct.

The correspondence includes letters to Joanna R. Nelson from her cousin Laurence, a corporal stationed in Kentucky. Also included are various postcards, newspaper clippings, commencement programs, and a wedding invitation dating from 1908-1915.

WEA PLAINS WEDNESDAY CLUB 158: 85.94.1

This collection contains programs, minutes, and paper materials of the Wea Plains Wednesday Club, formerly owned by Lura Beebee Sherry. This was a literary club for farm-minded women organized in 1896. Mrs. Sherry became a member in 1909 immediately after her marriage to Montgomery Evan Sherry, Jr. and remained an active member until her resignation in October 1956. She remained an honorary member until her death in 1966.

LURA BEEBEE SHERRY COLLECTION 159:85.234

Lura Beebee Sherry (Mrs. Montgomery Evan Sherry) was daughter-in-law to Adelaide Eugenia Jackson Sherry and niece (by marriage) to Helen Jackson Gougar. Her daughter, Lura Sherry Hughel, donated multiple family items in the 1970s and 1980s under at least 3 different accessions.

This collection contains documents related mostly to the Sherry family. It includes family business records, receipts, and desk calendars. Of note is a US History notebook kept by Montgomery Evan Sherry during his time at Purdue University. See the Helen Gougar collection for family photographs and other related items.

ROBERT KRIEBEL COLLECTION 160:82.195

This collection contains the research materials, manuscripts, and correspondence of Robert Kriebel, former editor of The Journal and Courier newspaper and local historian. Born in 1932 in Bedford, Indiana, Kriebel came to Tippecanoe County at age 11.

Included in this collection are materials related to his major publications, including Where the Saints Have Trod, a biography of Helen Gougar; Tippecanoe and Lincoln Too; Old Lafayette columns for The Journal and Courier; and speeches and talks he gave. Of note are the many talks on local history, along with relevant slides and photographs. Kriebel’s talks covered a For a full copy of the Collection Guide for any of these archival collections, contact the Curator of Collections at curator@tippecanoehistory.org or 765-476-8411 extension 5.
diverse array of topics from local church history to women’s rights. He died on September 28, 2014.

**WILDCAT CREEK FEDERATION COLLECTION 161:2013.8.01**

The Wildcat Creek Federation Collection is an assortment of documents and publications compiled by the donor during her years as an active leader and member of the Federation.

In 1963 the state of Indiana proposed the damming of Wildcat Creek for the purpose of creating an artificial lake that would be named Lafayette Lake. The Wildcat Creek Federation was comprised of citizens opposed to this public project. The Federation was ultimately successful in stopping the project.

**FRED WILLIS COLLECTION 162:88.218**

This collection contains the travel details from Fred Willis’s trip to France in 1957 for the 200th celebration of the birth of the General de Lafayette. Fred Willis is former Mayor of West Lafayette. Born October 18, 1907, he died on May 27, 1994. Willis served as mayor from 1956-63. This collection contains materials from three different accessions, all donated by Fred Willis. They are accessions 76.74, 88.218, and 94.75.

The collection includes travel information, memorabilia from the trip, photographs, and news clippings. The manuscript, “Lafayette, We Were There,” contains a day-by-day account of the trip. Lafayette mayor Kenneth Snyder was also on the trip and is featured in some of the materials. Two obituaries for Willis provide more details about his life outside of the trip to France.

**LAFAYETTE RAILROAD RELOCATION PROJECT COLLECTION 163:2003.23**

The Lafayette Railroad Relocation Project involved the relocation of the Norfolk Southern and CSX railroads and the removal of 42 highway and street crossings. The project began in 1969 with a series of engineering studies to assess the viability of relocating the railroad tracks that divided the city of Lafayette. The project ended when relocation concluded in 2002, and the Lafayette Railroad Relocation Office closed in 2003.

There are eight series in this collection. Most of the files maintained by the Railroad Relocation Office are in reverse chronological order (most recent documents first in each folder). This is the original order in which the documents were received.

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HANORA HINTON COLLECTION 164:85.240.4

This collection contains a scrapbook kept by Hanora Carr Hinton of Lafayette, Indiana, with photos and newspaper clippings ranging from about 1910-1930. The scrapbook contains large and small snapshots, larger prints, photographic postcards, printed postcards, newspaper clippings, cutouts from magazines, and other paper mementos. The photographs show the Hinton, Carr, Dorner, and McKinley families, plus the Hinton and Carr cabins at Horseshoe Bend, Lafayette scenes.

SALLY JO BIBLE COLLECTION 165:2012.76

This collection contains the family archives of Sally Jo Bible (1936-2011), who was born in Lafayette, attended West Lafayette High School and Purdue University, and extensively researched her family genealogy. Bible worked for Delta Airlines in California and later lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she was a conservationist.

FRANK YOUNKER COLLECTION 166:82.152.10

This collection contains items from Frank Younker and his family, including books, a newspaper on the Spanish-American War, a First Christian Church postcard, and a photograph. The collection contains seven books, one photograph, one postcard, and one newspaper, all dating ca. 1865-1926.

HAYWOOD PUBLISHING COMPANY COLLECTION 167:80.021

This collection contains papers from one of the oldest existing publishing establishments in Indiana. Among the early enterprises of its kind in the entire country, the Haywood Publishing Company is the direct successor of a business that was established in 1826. Printing and bookbinding are the primary business for Haywood, although in the past, it also ran a few publications, including “The Lafayette Morning Journal”. Includes expense journals, newsletters, Board of Director meeting minutes, accounting records and legal records of the Lafayette Engraving Company.

JOHN W. MARTIN COLLECTION 168:2014.18

This collection contains personal records and materials of John W. Martin, Treasurer of Tippecanoe County from 1853 to 1856. Born in Baltimore in 1816, Martin died in Lafayette in 1879. He had four children with his wife Sina: Mary Martin Rosebery (1840 - 1914); Charles Edgar Martin (1857 - 1932); Clara Jeanette Martin (1859 - 1935); and Walter J Martin (1860 - 1883). The collection also includes documents from Jeanette and Charles concerning property records.

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS (IAAP)

The International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) is a 501 (c)(6) registered not-for-profit professional association for office professionals. This collection is comprised of records of the local Lafayette Chapter of IAAP which disbanded effective June 30, 2014.

The organization originally started as the National Secretaries Association (NSA) in 1942 and operated under that name until 1982 when the name was changed to the Professional Secretaries International (PSI). In 1988, the organization again changed its name, this time to the International Association of Administrative Professionals.

This collection does not include all of the group's records and others may be added by other members at a later date. Minutes for the early years up to 1989 are perfect bound with either hard or paper covers. The issue of COMMUNIQUE has yellow paper covers with a stapled spine.

EARL MASON SMITH COLLECTION

Earl Mason Smith was a radio operator and gunner in the US 8th Air Force during World War II. Born on November 22, 1914, he was a graduate of Jefferson High School, served in the Army Air Corps in England during World War II, worked at Deckers Office Supply for 47 years, and died June 29, 1989 in Lafayette, Indiana.

During the war, Smith developed friendships with local residents in England and would maintain those friendships into the 1960s. Photographs in the collection depict Winifred and Basil Fincham and Geoffrey Harrison, who were both farmers with fields near an air base. Smith often traded food with them and also sent food to them during food shortages in England. Along with personal correspondence from the Finchams and Harrisons is correspondence to Donald Stallard of Decatur, Illinois, who donated the collection to TCHA.

BATTLE GROUND, IN TOWN RECORDS

The collection contains photocopies of original ordinances and Board of Trustee minutes for the town of Battle Ground, Indiana. These documents cover 1867, when the town was incorporated, to 1947. There is a gap in coverage from 1914-1928 with a single document pertaining to 1917. The location of the original documents is unknown as is the person who photocopied the original documents.

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TIPPECANOE COUNTY FEDERATION OF CHURCHES

This collection contains the constitution, financial records, correspondence, receipts, newsletters, and other organizational records of the Tippecanoe Federation of Churches. Started in 1945 as the Tippecanoe County Council of Churches and subtitled “an agency of Protestant Cooperation in Tippecanoe County,” the organization was created to encourage the cooperation of local churches and to address Christian needs in the community. The organization changed names in 1983 to the Tippecanoe County Federation of Churches and restated their mission as an organization committed to encouraging ecumenical cooperation and outreach. The Federation financially supported several community organizations such as Church Women United, the Indiana Council of Churches, the Lafayette Urban Ministry, and Jubilee Resource Center. Church Women United continues to run the Tippecanoe County United Food Pantry in what is now Bauer Family Services. The organization also helped to sponsor community events, including the Religious Arts Festival and the Greater Lafayette Holocaust Remembrance Conference. The organization is not currently active.

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON SORORITY COLLECTION

Epsilon Sigma Omicron Sorority was affiliated with the Lafayette Federation of Clubs and a national umbrella group, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs (G.F.W.C.). The Lafayette Federation of Clubs supposedly dropped the word “Women’s” when it formed because some of the local clubs already had male members. ESO was founded in the 1920s and the local chapter was founded at Purdue University on March 19, 1953. Somewhere along the way, the group changed its name from the Epsilon Group of ESO Alpha Chapter to Beta Chapter of ESO. In 2001, the chapter severed its affiliation with the G.F.W.C. and its members merged with the Edgewood Club. Collection contains minutes, programs, bylaws and member handbook.

W. C. LATTA COLLECTION

The W. C. Latta Collection consists of papers from William Carroll Latta (1850-1935), a well-known Professor of Agriculture at Purdue University in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Collection includes documents relating to the Wesley Foundation at Purdue, agricultural manuscripts, documents for the Purdue Religious Council, the Federated Community Church, Tippecanoe County Laymen’s Council, YMCA and writings on Purdue staff.

HOME CRAFT CLUB COLLECTION

The Homecraft Club was founded between 1910 and 1912 (the exact date of founding is unknown). Most of the members were young wives with small children, and the purpose of the club was “social, charitable, and to further varied interests.” Included in this collection are two record books with meeting minutes, meeting calendars and programs, as well as news clippings on club events, correspondence, and one picture of club members. There is also a history of the club written in 1974 at the request of the Tippecanoe County Historical Association.

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HOME HOSPITAL LADIES AID SOCIETY MINUTES COLLECTION 176:87.167

One ribbon-bound stack of loose papers containing the handwritten minutes of the Home Hospital Aid Society for 1900, 1901, and 1902; pages are photocopies of the originals; location of the originals is unknown. Contains: Second Annual Report of the Secretary of the Ladies Aid Society of the Home Hospital; Treasurer’s Report for the Year Ending Dec. 18, 1899; Meeting Minutes 1900-1905; Third Annual Report; Fourth Annual Report of the Secretary of the Home Hospital Aid Society; Fifth Annual Report of the Home Hospital Aid Society; Sixth Annual Report of the Home Hospital Aid Society.

NAVY WIVES CLUB COLLECTION 177:92.67

The Navy Wives Club of Indiana, also known as “U.S.S. Lafayette”, held their first meeting on March 21, 1944 in the home of Mrs. Jeanne Goodwin. Club membership was open to wives of enlisted men (not Officers) in the Marines, Coast Guard, and Seabee. The purpose of the club was to promote and encourage a friendly and sympathetic social relationship between wives of navy men and such welfare as is needed. Contains 2 scrapbooks.

MARY JEFFERSON COLLECTION 178:2015.25

Mary Jefferson was a lifelong educator. Before coming to Lafayette, she was a teacher in Mitchell, Gosport, and Bloomington, Indiana. She graduated from Indiana University. She began teaching in Lafayette in 1874. Collections contains postcards, newspaper articles, correspondence and membership booklets.

BLIZZARD OF 1978 COLLECTION 179:98.2

This collection includes forty-nine original letters submitted to the Journal and Courier newspaper describing the 1978 blizzard. These letters were part of a 20th anniversary remembrance published in January 1998. Also included are newspaper clippings of the 1998 blizzard anniversary articles written by John Norberg and published in the Journal and Courier.

DELTA THETA TAU COLLECTION 180:2010.27.1

This is a collection of photographs, articles, programs, etc. relating to the Delta Theta Tau sorority. The sorority’s purpose is “the advancement of philanthropy, the promotion of the welfare of the members and the fostering of a spirit of good fellowship”.

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KLEPINGER FAMILY COLLECTION 181:85.201

This collection contains documents related to the Klepinger family of Battle Ground, Indiana. John Campbell Klepinger (1835-1918) was a teacher, bachelor, and First Sergeant in Company F 99th Indiana Infantry Volunteers during the Civil War. James William Klepinger (1853-1925) was brother to John. Their parents were Jacob Klepinger (1804-1866) and Mary Campbell (1811-1865).

DUNCAN ELECTRIC PATENT PAPERS 182:2002.9

The Duncan Electric Manufacturing Company was organized in 1901 for the purpose of manufacturing electric meters, transformers and many other electrical instruments and appliances. Thomas Duncan, an electrical engineer, who was originally from Chicago, was the driving force behind the company and owned all the patents under which the company's products were made. When originally accessioned, this collection held 41 patent papers assigned to Thomas Duncan by US Patent Office, 5 patent papers assigned to Thomas Duncan by Canadian Invention Patent Office, and 3 brochures for meters manufactured by Duncan Electric.

ARLENE KRUSE COLLECTION 183:2004.14

Collection contains correspondence dated 1899-1908; obituaries dated 1899-1975; estate papers for Ferris P. Peters, John W. Peters, and Tarvin P. Parker; photographs; and genealogy.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION COLLECTION 184:2008.29

Collection includes the 1919 Honor Roll book of Tippecanoe County World War I veterans with scrapbook items attached, the typed speaking notes of Mary Jane Marshall Haywood when presenting the book, a program booklet and postcard.

MATHIAS PETERSON COLLECTION 185:4344

Mathias Peterson (1803-1879) was a native of Tennessee who moved to Lafayette in 1828. He was the toll collector for the Wabash and Erie Canal in Lafayette, IN. Peterson opened a tan yard shortly after his arrival which was considerably profitable. He published a Democratic newspaper, the Lafayette Advertiser in December 1841. Collection contains several ledger books, correspondence, receipts and personal documents.

PURDUE, BROWN AND COMPANY COLLECTION 186:2452

This collection is comprised of miscellaneous business records of Mrs. O. H. P. McCormick, the Lafayette Journal newspaper, and Mr. Lazarus M. Brown.

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Catherine Grimes Peterson was a long-time resident of Clarks Hill, Laframie Township, Tippecanoe County, Indiana. George Ryan was a half-brother of Catherine. She was married to Forest Peterson and later to John Grimes. The collection contains family photographs, personal documents and land records.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS (I.O.O.F.) COLLECTION

Materials in this collection are from I.O.O.F. lodges located in Mulberry (Clinton County), and Lafayette (Tippecanoe County), Indiana. Included are four ledger books: an Initiation Register, an Officer's Roll book, a Financial Secretary's Cash Book, a Minutes Book, and a folder containing two communications (mimeographed letters) from the Grand Lodge of Indiana and the Grand Encampment of Indiana.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS LAFAYETTE LODGE #162 COLLECTION

This collection contains organizational information for the American Federation of Musicians, Local no. 162. The American Federation of Musicians was a national union for musicians, established and chartered by the American Federation of Labor in 1896. The Lafayette chapter was organized on September 6, 1901 and was called the Musicians Protective Association. This collection includes official documents of the organization, including membership lists, constitution, and price lists. There is also a folder of photographs of local musical events, musicians, and officers.

JACK WADDELL COLLECTION

Jack O’Brien Waddell (1934-2009) was Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. He was the author of books and several journal articles discussing the use of alcohol within the Native American tribes in the Great Lakes region. These collections ranging from 1980 to 1992 carry the bulk of his research on the contact between the fur traders, trappers and the Native Americans in the Midwest and French Canada. Records for Ouiatenon Families and research notes and records for Voyageurs and French Canada are included.

LARRY CHOWNING COLLECTION

Larry Chowning was among the amateur archaeologists who were instrumental in bringing the site of Fort Ouiatenon to the public’s attention. This collection contains maps, field notes, correspondence, reports, etc., all relating to Fort Ouiatenon archaeological activities during the period from 1968 thru 1997, with emphasis on the years between the end of the Keller excavations and the start of the Michigan State University excavations in 1974. The collection also includes a box of artifacts from Ouiatenon, approximately 180 35mm color transparency slides, and a small paper sack with artifacts that were surface collected on the Tippecanoe For a full copy of the Collection Guide for any of these archival collections, contact the Curator of Collections at curator@tippecanoehistory.org or 765-476-8411 extension 5.
Battlefield. The slides are arranged by square coordinates and document the features found during the Chowning excavations.

**STORY ART CLUB COLLECTION**

The Story Art Club Collection was donated by the Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library. Variously called the Story Group or the Story Art League in its early years, the Story Art Club’s purpose was “to honor the ancient art of storytelling; to help ourselves grow proficient in this art; and to share with others our own pleasure in stories.” Members would tell stories at each meeting, and there were about 20 people in the club when it started in 1941. The collection is comprised of 32 programs (this includes some duplicates) from the years 1940-1961 and news clippings on club events.

**ADALINE COLEMAN IRWIM COLLECTION**

This collection is comprised of two parts: correspondence between Luther M. Irwin and Adaline (Addie) Coleman. Irwin was a local physician who practiced medicine in Lafayette and rented office space from Dr. Richard B. Wetherill. The second part of the collection includes family photographs, valentines, and two land grants issued to Benjamin Eastburn.

**JONAS PARKER COLLECTION**

This collection contains the personal correspondence and will of Jonas F. Parker. Also included are genealogical records, deeds, tax certificates, receipts and insurance documents.

**THURSDAY CLUB COLLECTION**

Founded in 1893 by a group of 10 women, the Thursday Club was one of the oldest and most respected clubs in Lafayette. The original constitution of the Thursday Club states its purpose as “to promote the general culture of its members and to study the best literature and to keep in touch with modern thought.” The collection includes eleven secretary books consisting of meeting minutes; one treasurer’s account book, 1902-1930; seven programs from the years 1895-1901; and one scrapbook originally compiled for the 50th founding anniversary.

**MARTHA HOME COLLECTION**

The 1909 *Past and Present of Tippecanoe County* provides the following account of Martha Home: “The purpose of this home is to protect, in a Christian like manner, women and girls who need a woman's care. They provide homes and places for them to work, free of charge, if unable to pay. They also conduct an employment agency for women. Collection includes Annual reports and an account book.

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COMMUNITY HOUSE COLLECTION 197:7145

Founded on July 10, 1922, the Community House Association of Lafayette, Inc. sought to sustain a community house or houses to serve as “a center for the social, patriotic, educational, and charitable activities of the women and girls of Lafayette and vicinity.” Collections contains Mrs. C. B. Stuart’s scrapbook and a typed history of the Community House.

SOROSIS CLUB COLLECTION 198:2016.14.1

The Sorosis Club was the first professional women’s club in the United States, founded in 1869. The Lafayette Sorosis Club was founded in July 1925 by Mrs. Ellen Cochran and Mrs. Ida Reagan as a ladies literary club and was federated in 1926, making it the first universal federated club in the county. The meaning of the word sorosis is a fleshy fruit resulting from many flowers. Club meetings consisted of papers given by club members on literary topics, discussions, and reviews of recent books. The club also made regular donations to non-profit and social service organizations. This collection includes programs, a scrapbook and annual reports.

C.R. LANDIS COLLECTION 199:85.4

Charles Russell Landis was a long time principal of Dayton High School. Landis was born in 1892 in Carroll County, graduated from Cutler High School, attended Central Normal College, and received his Master’s degree from Purdue University. He was principal at Monitor school in Tippecanoe County from 1917-1921, then became principal at Dayton High School from 1921-1930. He served as principal of Danville (IL) High School from 1930-1939, and then he returned to Dayton High School as principal until his retirement in 1957. The collection contains programs, photographs and miscellaneous material from throughout his life.

LUITA CURTIS COLLECTION 200:2015.46

This collection contains items from Luita Louise Curtis and her high school diary, with some additional documents related to her father, Samuel C. Curtis, who was a prominent Lafayette businessman. Luita Louise Curtis was born on August 4, 1902 in Lafayette. She attended Purdue University for 2 years then transferred to Goucher College, graduating in 1924. She took graduate courses at Purdue and taught French part time.

COMINGORE FAMILY COLLECTION 201:93.105

This collection contains WWI materials from Fred B. Comingore, along with some materials from his father, Dan Comingore. Both were long time West Lafayette residents.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW)  202:94.185


MAHIN FAMILY COLLECTION  203:2004.2

This collection contains letters written by all members of the Mahin family except John and William. The collection starts with correspondence and ephemera from 1890 and ends with correspondence and ephemera from 1940. The collection primarily represents the years 1902-1912, with the chief correspondents being Florence and Helen.

ROGER AND RUTH ECKERT COLLECTION  204:2016.54

The Roger and Ruth Eckert collection contains documents and photos relating to Dr. Roger Earl Eckert, and Ms. Ruth Eckert. Dr. Eckert was a professor of chemical engineering at Purdue University.

PATRICIA SMITH COLLECTION  205:2006.8

The collection contains photographs, newspaper clippings and handbooks belonging to a Mr. Melvin Bresnahan and Patricia Bresnahan (nee Smith). The documents contain three underlying themes interspersed throughout the collection: Class Reunion documents, School Handbooks and Materials and Photographs. In certain sections of these folders which carry variations of this theme, the materials convey a screenshot into the cultural and socio-political climate on Midwest America in the 1920’s through the lens of the high school and junior high-school experience in Tippecanoe County.

HEATH FAMILY (ROBERT AND WILLIAM) COLLECTION  206:95.38.8

Robert and William created a dry goods store in Lafayette and stayed in business for 25 years. Many times they would branch out to other states to do business with buying goods from Baltimore, New York, Illinois, etc. William later backed out of continuing the store and Robert ran the business for the later part of the years.

JOHN H. STORK COLLECTION  207:2015.48

This collection contains the personal and business records of John Henry Stork. John Henry Stork was born to John and Anna Elizabeth, on July 20th, 1827 in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. He immigrated to New York in 1851, before moving to Chillicothe, Ohio. In 1851 he married Annie Mary Voght. A majority of the collection documents Stork’s land purchases in Round Grove Township.

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