

Inventory of the

Franklin Grove Collection

Franklin Grove, Illinois

Collection

In the

Regional History Center

RC 115

INTRODUCTION

Roger Taylor of Franklin Grove, Illinois donated materials included in the Franklin Grove Collection to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center beginning in 1968. Addenda were added at later dates.

Property rights in the collection belong to the Regional History Center; literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

Linear feet of shelf space: 6.5
Number of containers: 14 + 14 volumes
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Franklin Grove Collection contains a variety of documents detailing several facets of the community's history. One series comprises minutes and treasurer's account books, (1932-1980) from the Cross Roads Community Club. This club organized in the early 1930's to provide social and recreational entertainment programs for Franklin Grove families. Another series partially documents the Franklin Grove Nursery from 1844 to 1884. A.R. Whitney, owner of the nursery, developed the famous Whitney Crabapple. A partial run of the newspaper, The Franklin Reporter (1880-1956), telephone books (1929-1958), documentation on the Herbst Elevator Company as well as other companies in the area, and materials from the local historical society are included in the collection. An additional series contains personnel records of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway's Dixon Division (1901-1932), and Farmers Telephone Directories.

There are also papers of the Walter L Moore family, including records from his dentistry studies and practice, as well as some of his daughter's school papers. There is also the Uriah C. Roe family papers, including records from his pharmacy practice in Franklin Grove, as well as a cookbook and scrapbook of party games. In addition Series IV contains information regarding the Helmershausen family and other associated material. For more information on the Helmershausen family, researchers should consult the Helmershausen Genealogy book, which is part of the Bradt collection, as well as the various Lee County history books located in the reading room.

For further information on the Franklin Grove community, researchers may wish to consult the Taylor Farm Records (RC 37) and Craig L. Pfankuche's thesis From Prairie to Produce: A History of Central Lee County, Illinois, 1840-1880 (M.A., 1968).

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Uriah C. Roe was born in Eddyville, Lyon County, KY, January 1, 1825. His father, Dr. John Roe, was the first medical doctor in Ogle County. His mother, Elizabeth Lyon, was the daughter of Col. Mathew Lyon who was a lieutenant in a company of the Green Mtn Boys during the American Revolution. John and Elizabeth had nine children, born in Kentucky, and Sagamon and Ogle County of Illinois. Uriah's brothers, both John H. Roe and Malcolm C. Roe were prominent practitioners and leading citizens of Ogle County. Uriah was educated at Mt. Morris and practiced medicine with his father in Ogle County until his father's departure to California during a gold rush. Uriah then devoted his time principally to the manufacture of various medical remedies, sold U.C. Roe & Sons Pharmacy in Franklin Grove. Uriah first married Almeda Brown in 1846, and later married Mary Edmonds in 1883. He was also a member of the Old Settler's Society of Lee County.

The Helmerhausen family was one of the first families to settle in Franklin Grove in 1840. Several generations remained in the Franklin Grove area.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Agriculture--United States-Societies, etc.--	Herbst Elevator Company
Farm Life, Societies Lee County, Illinois	Lee County (Ill.)
Chicago and Northwestern Railway	Methodist Episcopal Church
Company	Mo Schools ore, Walter L.1861-1865
Coal trade	Newspapers
Cross Roads Community Club	Nurseries
Dentistry	Pharmacy
Dixon (Ill.)	Riddlebarger Mattress Factory
Dixon Business College	Schools
Draft Horses	Tintype
Farmers Telephone Directory	U.C. Roe & Sons Pharmacy
Franklin Grove (Ill.)	United States--History--Civil War,
Franklin Grove Nursery	1861-1865
Grain	Uriah C. Roe
Helmershausen Family	Whitney, A.R.
	World War II

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	
1	1-8	Cross Roads Community Club: Minutes, 1942-1980	
	9-10	Treasurer's Account Books, 1932-1953	
	11	Whitney Photographs, n.d. (2)	
	12	<u>The Evergreen</u> , Newsletters, 1876, 2 issues	
	13	Map of Franklin Grove, 1980, 1982; Water Facilities, 1981; School Gym, 1983	
	14	Franklin Grove Summer Harvest Festival, (1980+	
	15	Songs by Nelson Blocher, 1942-1943	
	16	Franklin Grove High School; Reunion Book for 1947-1956 High School Classes, 1982; Schedule of common schools, 1886	
	17	Memories for the Aldersgate Bi-Centenary, 1938	
	18-19	Harriet Sheap; poetry, biographical and genealogical information, 1904-1945	
	20	Obituary notices, memorial cards, 1948-1969	
	21	Postcards; Dixon, Dixon Business College, Grand DeTour Plow Co., 1909-1917; Smith Letter, 1891	
	2		Franklin Grove Nursery:
		1	Account Book, 1844-1854
		2	Catalogs, 1881, 1883
		3	Price Lists, (1879-1884)
		4-5	Receipts, shipping labels, broadsides, (1873-?)
		6	Franklin Grove Historical Society, (1980-1995)
		7	Community calendars, 1981-1984
		8	<u>Draft Horse Journal</u> , Summer 1981
9		Harriet Sheep Poetry, nd	
10		Flatiron Park, 1926, 1985	
11		Franklin Grove Assembly, Methodist Church, 1932; Oakdale Camp Meeting, 1924	
12		A Letter from Lee County's First Citizen: A Friend Remembers, (Ronald Reagan Reprint), 1981	
13		All Class Reunion, 1985	
14		Deere and Company Pamphlets, 1964	
15		Franklin Grove Sesquicentennial, Quilt Block Patterns, 1985	
16		Franklin Grove Sesquicentennial Donors, 1985	
17		Riddlebarger Mattress Factory Photographs, ca. 1890-1938 (5)	

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2	18-19	Franklin Grove Directory: Farmers Telephone Company, (1929-1958)	
	20	Franklin Grove Directory and Business Association, 1977, 2009	
	21	Abraham Lincoln Statue Rededication, 60th Anniversary, Dixon, Illinois, July 7, 1990	
3-4		The Franklin Reporter, (1878-1908)	
4	1	<u>Rock River Farmer</u> , January, 1872	
	2	First Presbyterian Church; sketch by A. Sanders, 1980	
	3	Auction Notices, 1984; Franklin Grove School Drawing, 1950; Lee Co. Soil Map, August 1970	
	4	"Knights of the Globe," supplement of the Dixon Daily Sun	
Oversize	8 volumes	Herbst Elevator Co.: Coal sales, 1930-1964	
	2 volumes	Grain sales and shipments, 1931-1965; Retail sales, 1938	
	2 volumes	Lowell Trottnow, journal, 1921-1928	
	1 volume	E. L. Fish, journal, 1917-1940	
	1 volume	C. S. and Co., journal, 1906-1907	
<u>ADDENDUM</u>			
5	1	Farming Heritage Brochure, n.d.	
	2	The Whitney House, n.d.	
	3	Honor Roll of the Old Veterans, Civil War	
	4	WWII Letters, Brad Moll, 1940's (transcriptions)	
<u>ADDENDUM</u>			
	5-7	Methodist Episcopal Church: Franklin Grove Epworth League Institute, Registration, Attendance, Notes, 1925-1928	
	8	Dixon: Loveland Museum, "The Forgotten Box," and "The Rockriver Assembly," 2008-2009	
	9	Dixon: Heritage Crossing, 2009	
	10	History of Woodcote Cottage, Lowell Park, Dixon, Illinois, 1997	

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Series I. Walter L. Moore Family Papers		
	11-13	WL Moore, Dentistry Subject notes, 1900-1901
	14-15	WL Moore, Dentistry Daybooks, 1912-1919, nd
6	1-3	Annie Moore, School papers, Franklin Grove, 1925-1927

Series II. Uriah C. Roe Family Papers

	4	Minnetta Roe, Scrapbook of party games, 1902
	5-6	Minnetta Roe, Library ledger, (1935-1961), nd
	7	Mrs. Fred Moore, Cookbook and datebook, 1921
		U.C. Roe & Sons Pharmacy
	8	Daybook, 1871
	9	Daybook, 1881
7	1	Daybook, 1881
	2	Cash Received Ledger, 1885-1896
	3	Daybook, 1886-1886
	4	Pharmacy notebooks, nd

Series III. Chicago and Northwestern Railway

	5-6	Dixon Division, Time and Pay records, 1900-1914
8	1-4	Dixon Division, Time and Pay records, 1915-1932
	5	Dixon Division, Fuel and Coal Ledger, 1875-1881
	6	Galena Division, Time and Pay records, 1917
9	2 volumes	Balance Register, (1961-1962)
10	3 volumes	Balance Register, (1962-1969)
	1 volume	Mary L. Anderson, Property Holdings and Records, (1940-1949)

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Series IV. Helmershausen Family & Associated Material

11	1	Helmershausen Correspondence (some in German), 1923-1939
	2	Adella Helmershausen- German and English verb notes, 1913

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11	3	History Notes (some in German), no date	
	4	Material in German, no date	
	5	Helmershausen identified family photographs, 1895, 1903, 1913, no date (13)	
		Associated Material:	
	6	John C. Muggleton obituary, no date	
	7	Girton family images, tin types, circa 1880, no date (13)	
	8	S. Seewer photo, 1911 (1)	
	9	Minnie May photo, 1916 (1)	
	10	Postcards, including James Monroe class picture, circa 1917, (2 postcards)	
	11	[LaKome] and Burton photo, 1925 (1)	
	12	Mary Jane Surland photo, 1928 (1)	
	13	Group photos, 1939 (2)	
	14	Irene Mercer photo, no date (1)	
	15	George Satchell Cooper photo, no date (1)	
	16	Malinda and Malcolm Lane photo, no date (2)	
	17	Photos of unidentified individuals, 1924, 1936, 1939, no date (19)	
12	1	Helmershausen Family Genealogy	
	2	Henry Helmershausen class photo when he was teacher, possibly Erie High School, 1905	
		<u>ADDENDUM</u>	
13	1	Addresses by Ernest M. Halbleib from McNabb, (Ill.), 1962	
	2	Amboy, (Ill.) 150 th Year Celebration of Amboy Evaporated Milk label, 2004	
	3	Amboy, (Ill.) news articles about FFA, April 9, 2006	
	4	Ashton, (Ill.) photographs, n.d.	
	5	Babson Arabian Horse Farm, Grand Detour, (Ill.) (1971-1999)	
	6	Bridge of Art Event 2013	
	7	Chaplin Creek Village information and event flyers, n.d.	
	8	Dickson, Siberia news articles, (1988-1989)	
	9	Dixon, (Ill.) information, souvenir envelopes, and photographs, n.d.	
	10	“Entry of the 48 States into the Union,” unpublished copy by Dr. H. Jameson, n.d.	
	11	Farmer’s National Bank newspaper, Centennial edition, August 2002	

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13	12	Ford Motor Industry information and news, (1910-1925)	
	13	Franklin Grove and Franklin Center High School Reunion Books, (1985-2000)	
	14	Franklin Grove booklet "Historic Franklin Grove," 1995	
	15	Franklin Grove Historical Society letterhead and envelope, n.d.	
	16	Franklin Grove information, brochures, booklets, 1965- 2008	
	17	Franklin Grove Quilt Raffle, 2011-2012	
	18	Franklin Grove Summer Harvest Festival ribbons, n.d.	
	19	Franklin Grove United Methodist Church information and directory, 1985	
	20	Franklin Grove World War II ration books, n.d.	
	21	Funeral list of T.W. Farmer, 1898-1939	
	22	Galena Trail and Coach Road community newsletters, (2002-2013)	
	23	Galena Trail and Coach Road Society meeting minutes and information, (2002-2013)	
	24	Garfield Farm information, new articles, and newsletters, (1986-2010)	
	25	Grand Detour, (Ill.) information 1981	
	26	The Grange information, 2004	
	27	Heath Department signs warning about diseases, n.d.	
	28	Heartland Heritage Camp meetings, 2003	
	29	Hennepin Canal Booklet, 2007	
	30	Industrial Workers of the World Illinois Chapter, (1956-1962)	
	31	Illinois Postal Historian Magazines, (1994-2007)	
	32	Lee Center Community Highschool dedication, March 18, 1938	
	33	Lee County Historical Yearbook. 1972-1973	
	34	Lee County Orphan Trains information, 2010	
	35	Lee County wind farm debate, 2006-2011	
	36	Lifetime Aluminumware Catalog, n.d.	
	37	Lincoln Highway Association information, news, and event flyers, (2004-2009)	
	38	Loveland, (Ill.) information and "The Blood Gulch Murder" booklet, n.d.	
	39	Oregon, (Ill.) news articles and information, (1968-1986)	
	40	Oscar Grossheim glass plate negative collection information, n.d.	
	41	Photographs from German Valley Days, 1993	
	42	Poems by Harriet Sheap, 1904-1923	
	43	"The Postal Saga of Davies Jo County, IL," 1985	

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13	44	Princeton, (Ill.) Red Covered Bridge photos and information, n.d.	
	45	Savanna, (Ill.) Gallery of the Civil War Soldiers brochure, 2013	
	46	Sterling-Rock Falls, (Ill.) information and brochures, n.d.	
	47	Sterling-Rock Falls, (Ill.) special issue newspaper about Grandon Civic Center, July 27, 2008	
	48	Sublette, (Ill.) Information Brochure, n.d.	
	49	"The Forgotten Box: A Mystery at the Loveland Museum," n.d.	
	50	Theshing machine painting photocopy and letter, 2009	
	51	Yorty School, Chaplin Creek Historic Site information and certificate, n.d.	
14		Wood block mounted ink stamp of map of Lee County, (Ill.), n.d.	
		American Convertible Motor Truck Body patent plaques, Dixon, (Ill.), n.d.	
Oversize			
Drawer 28	1	Greater Morrison map of historic sites, nd	
	2	Poster for 33 rd Annual Harvest Festival, 2012	
	3	Barn Tour Poster, Barn Tour Maps, 2008-2013 (5)	
	4	Historic Downtown Dixon Theatre Screening poster for "Windfall", n.d.	
	5	Poster of Dickson, Siberia (English and Russian), n.d.	
	6	Insurance maps of Ashton, Illinois 1914, 1932 (2)	
	7	City property map photocopy, 1912	
	8	Posters from Dickson, Siberia, n.d. (2)	
Drawer			
LO-12	1	Franklin Grove property map, 1961	