

Inventory of the

Ella Hume Taylor
Geneseo, Illinois

Collection

In the
Regional History Center

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INTRODUCTION

The Ella Hume Taylor Collection was donated to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on behalf of Mrs. James H. White of Geneseo, Illinois. Mr. Gilbert Swanson of Cambridge, Illinois, transferred the collection to the Center on October 16, 1978. The Ella Hume Taylor Collection was transferred to Western Illinois University on December 18, 2018. The information contained in this collection pertains to Henry County which is in Western Illinois University's geographical region. The collection was transferred to better serve the researchers interested in Henry County history.

Property rights in the collection are held by 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: 1.75
 Number of containers: 5 boxes
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Ella Hume Taylor Collection is made up of materials collected by Mrs. Taylor from the Henry County area.

The major portion of the collection is made up of letters, reminiscences, town and township histories obtained by Ella Hume Taylor in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Among these are autobiographical and biographical sketches of the 'Old Settlers of Henry County' Theodore Davenport, George Brandenburg, and others. Also included are programs and by-laws of the Old Settlers Association of Henry County and the Henry County Historical Society dating from the same period.

Another large portion of this collection is the history and records of the First Congregational Church of Geneseo, Illinois. These include centennial books from 1884, programs from church services (1918-1933), and several treasurer's reports, as well as women's club membership books, (1927-1937).

In addition there are two record books for the Henry County Sunday School Association which date from 1912 to 1939. These books contain the executive meeting minutes, convention programs, attendance records, and treasurer's reports.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Ella Hume Taylor (1851-1928?) was born in Moline, Illinois, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen T. Hume. She was raised in Geneseo, Illinois, where her parents enjoyed considerable prominence. In 1873 Miss Hume married Peter H. Taylor, a Geneseo farmer and grain dealer. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were active in the First Congregational Church of Geneseo and Mrs. Taylor was an early secretary of the Henry County Historical Association in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Mrs. Taylor's daughter, Louise Martha Taylor, married a banker from Geneseo, Illinois, Mr. James H. White, in 1902. Mrs. White was active in the First Congregational Church of

Geneseo and it is through her generosity that her mother's materials came to the Regional History Center.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Alpha (Ill.)
Andover (Ill.)
Bishop Hill (Ill.)
Colona (Ill.)
Congregationalists
Cornwall (Ill.)
Diaries, 1840-1869
Diaries, 1870-1909
Diaries, 1910-1960
Farm Life
First Congregational Church (Geneseo, Ill.)
Geneseo (Ill.)
Henry County (Ill.)
Loraine (Ill.)
Morristown (Ill.)
Old Settlers Association of Henry County
Sunday Schools
Taylor, Ella Hume
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	Ella Hume Taylor letters, 1899-1928
	2-3	Henry G. Little letters, 1888-1890
	4	Assorted settler letters, 1881-1892
	5-17	Biographies and autobiographies: Allen, James M.; Baker, Dr. Thomas; Brodine, Carl Johan; Burns, John M.; Dumond Family; Furgeson, George; Johnson, Henry; Lloyd, Mahion B.; Mitchel, Rosa; Murphy, John; Purse, Robert John; Stewart, Issac N.; Widney, J.A.; Wirtz, Philip J.; Yaple Family
	18	Reminiscences of an Illinois settler
	19	Recollections of an old settler, by Dr. C.D. Knapp, 1897
	2	1
2		The women of the colony, by Mrs. H.T. Miller, September 13, 1886
		Village/town histories:
3		Alpha, Illinois
4		Andover, Illinois
5		Colona, Illinois
6		Cornwall, Illinois
7		Geneseo, Illinois-first settlement
8		Geneseo Seminary
9		Lorraine, Illinois
10		Morristown Colony
		Henry County:
11		Genealogies
12	Henry County Historical Association	
3	1	Henry County history by "Settler"
	2	Ministers
	3-4	Old Settlers Association
	5	Schools
	6	Souvenir Items
	7	Reunion Programs, 112th Regimental, 1885, 1887
	8	Columbian Club, 1939-1940
	4	1-3
4		Address by John P. Hand
5		Bishop Hill Reprints
6		"Historic Henry County" photostat
7		"Mid-West Advocate", November 1905
8-9		Historic newspaper clippings
10-12		Photostats of letters, articles, printed material (Some of the photostats are duplicates of the original in the collection)

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	4
5	2 volume	Henry County Sunday School Association, June 20, 1912-June 9, 1939	
	1 volume	Duane Rulison's <u>Catalogue of Books & Jewelry</u> , 1859	
	1 volume	Roy, Joseph Edwin. <u>Memorial of the One Hundredth Birthday of John Roy</u> , July 31, 1898	
	1 volume	<u>Counties of Illinois. Their Origin and Evolution</u> , January 1, 1906	
	1 volume	Greene, Evarts B. <u>Pioneers of Civilization of Illinois</u> , December 3, 1907	
	1 volume	Meese, William A. <u>Abraham Lincoln Incidents in his Life Relating to Waterways</u> , 1908	
	1 volume	Abraham Lincoln. <u>Proceedings commemorative of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln</u> , February 11, 1909	
	1 volume	Nelson, Ronald E. <u>The Bishop Hill Colony and Its Pioneer Economy</u> , 1967	
	1 volume	Risser, Hubert E. and Robert L. Major. <u>History of Illinois Mineral Industries</u> , 1968.	
	1 volume	<u>Kipp-Bassett Genealogy</u> , n.d.	