

Inventory of the

Denton Family
Maple Park, Illinois

Collection

In the

Regional History Center

RC 191

INTRODUCTION

Mary Jane Baird of Maple Park, Illinois donated the Denton Family Papers to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on April 10, 1989.

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: 1.25
Number of containers: 4
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Denton Family Papers document the Denton Family from 1895 to 1965. The majority of the collection consists of correspondence between family members, ledgers, school work, and family and military photographs. Also contained in the papers is Mrs. Elfie Denton's 1935-1936 daybook, a 1936 calendar she used as a daybook, and a notebook of poems and stories collected by Dorothea Denton entitled, "My Crazy Book." A short family tree, newspaper clippings, and legal documents help in explaining the relationship between the family members named in the correspondence.

The miscellaneous folder in box 1, folder 15 includes political pamphlets; social programs from the DeKalb Shrine, Tebala Temple and DeKalb Lodge; and piano recital and church programs. While the ephemera folder in box 1, folder 14 contains a Brooks and a Dewey button.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The first members of the Denton family came to Maple Park, Illinois in 1850 from Portland in upstate New York. Originally the family was seed dealers; buying a farm after arriving in the area. Following the death of Clifford Denton in the mid 1970's, Mary Jane Baird inherited the farm.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Denton Family
Family Life, history
Maple Park (Ill.)

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1-7	Correspondence, 1895-1965
	8	Daybook, Elfie Denton, 1935-1936
	9	"My Crazy Book," Dorothea Denton, n.d.
	10-12	Ledgers, (1905-1946)
	13	Ephemera
	14	Family genealogy
	15	Miscellaneous, 1930-1951
	16	Newspaper clippings
2	1	Calendar Daybook, 1936
	2	Legal Documents, 1906, 1945
	3	Ledger and Receipts, 1911-1951
	4-5	Ledgers, 1928, 1948-1949
3	1	American History Book, Dorothea Denton, n.d.
	2	Bookkeeping Books, Dorothea Denton, 1927
	3	History Ila, Dorothea Denton, 1926
	4	Penmanship Books, n.d.
	5	Class work, Clifford Warren Denton, 1923-1924
4		Photographs:
	1	Unidentified family members (1 negative)
	2	Unidentified family members (1 tintype)
	3-4	Unidentified family members (13)
	5	Juanta and Beverly Gamache (2)
	6	Schofield, unidentified military (5)
	7	99th Company Coast Artillery (3)
	8	Fort Morgan Alabama Birdseye and guns (3)
	9	Unidentified family members (5)
Oversize Drawer 18	4	Denton Family Portrait (1)