

Inventory of the

Bertha Glidden Bradt
DeKalb, Illinois

Collection

In the

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INTRODUCTION

Mr. Charles W. Bradt donated the Bertha Glidden Bradt Collection to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on October 19, 1978.

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. Copies of original poetry (Box 2, Folders 14-16) will be made from photocopies filed with the collection.

Linear feet of shelf space: 5
Number of containers: 6 + 1 volume
Number of genealogical volumes: 1135
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Bertha Glidden Bradt Collection contains textual and pictorial records relating to Bradt family genealogy and history dating 1830-1954, the Glidden family manuscripts, and materials from S.E. Bradt's role in the development of Illinois highways. More than 1,000 volumes are included with the collection and are located in the reading room. A complete listing of the volumes can be found in the Shelflist.

The Bradt family records contain personal items belonging to Mrs. S.E. Bradt and the correspondence and notes documenting her genealogical research project. Included among these materials are research correspondences, research notes and materials tracing specific family names such as the Dunmore, Frazier, Ling, and Luckhurst lines as well as the Dutch lines and a small group of related families from Cumberland County, New Jersey. Also included in the collection are book catalogs and printed genealogical materials, two guest books from Mrs. S.E. Bradt's birthday celebrations, and European heraldry prints and oversized prints and black and white photographs.

Contained in the Glidden family manuscripts is correspondence from various members of the Glidden family, approximately two hundred poems written by J.W. Glidden, and Carlos Glidden's 1892 typewriter patent. In addition, the collection contains five journals of poetry and daily entries by J.W. Glidden, a scrapbook of his published poems, and the original plate of his well known portrait. The collection also holds 183 photographs, 3 tintypes, 1 glass plate negatives, and a negative plate of the Bradt and Glidden families.

The collection also holds 3 scrapbooks, 3 folders, and 1 photo album of records documenting S.E. Bradt's affiliation with various business associations and his participation in the Good Roads Movement in Illinois. A copy of the original legal agreement forming the Bradt-Shipman business partnership is also contained in this series.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Bertha Glidden Bradt, the daughter of Josiah Willard and Mary Glidden, was born in DeKalb, Illinois, on December 17, 1866. After finishing in local secondary schools she graduated from the Teachers College at Normal, Illinois, and married Samuel Ellsworth Bradt on December 23, 1890. They had four children: Marian, Andrew, Elizabeth, and Charles.

Mrs. S.E. Bradt was an active member in the Methodist Women's Association of the Rock River Conference. She also held office in the Home Economics department of the Women's Club of DeKalb and Illinois. In 1922 Mrs. Bradt began her genealogical research endeavors and compiled family histories on lines of Bradt, Sweet, Simmons, Glidden, Hurd, and McConnell. Bertha Glidden Bradt died in 1953.

Samuel Ellsworth Bradt was born on October 22, 1861 to Andrew and Amy Ann Bradt. He began a business career in 1879 at the DeKalb firm of Bradt and Shipman, manufacturers of gloves and mittens. He soon became a leading figure in the community, pioneering the work of many civic and business enterprises. Mr. Bradt was secretary and manager of the DeKalb Building and Loan Association from 1885 to 1935 and president of the First Trust and Savings Bank of DeKalb from 1905 to 1933. He also contributed a considerable amount of time to the local Board of Education and the local and state Chambers of Commerce.

His chief area of interest was Illinois Highway finance and construction. He is credited by many as the leading force behind the development of the Illinois state highway system. From 1913 to 1917 he served as a member of the State Highway Commission under Governor Dunne. From 1917 to 1921 he served as a State Superintendent of Highways under Governor Lowden. In 1922 Samuel E. Bradt retired from his position as State Superintendent devoting most of his time to banking, but still participating in all road meetings in the middle west. Years after his death on March 15, 1938, S.E. Bradt continued to be honored for his participation in local and state activities.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Bradt Family
 DeKalb (Ill.)
 Diaries, 1840-1869
 Diaries, 1870-1909
 Glidden Family
 Good Roads Movement
 Heraldry
 Poetry
 Roads
 Tintypes

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	Bertha Bradt's personal items and letters, 1902-1953
	2-8	Bertha Bradt's correspondences, 1923-1953
	9-16	Bradt family genealogy research (non-specific), 1923-1954
	17-23	Bradt family genealogy research (specific), Dunmore, Frazier, Ling, Luckhurst, New Jersey families, Dutch line, 1923-1954
Oversize	1 volume	Genealogy Album
2	1	Bertha Glidden Bradt correspondence with DAR and other Genealogical groups, 1923-1949
	2-3	Printed genealogical materials, 1898, 1940-1952
	4-5	Printed histories, 1912-1953
	6	Book catalogs, 1951-1953
	7	Royalty pictures, n.d.
	8-10	Heraldry, n.d.
	11-12	Bertha Bradt's birthday guest books, 1936-1946
Oversize Drawer 2	10	Photographs (14): Charles Bradt, n.d., Andrew Bradt Family, n.d., Samuel Bradt, n.d. (2), J.F. Glidden, n.d. (2), J.F. Glidden's 90th Birthday Party, 1903 (2), Elva Bush, n.d. (2), Herbert Fay, n.d., T. Hopkins, n.d., William Ellwood House, n.d., Unidentified Group Shot, n.d.
Oversize Drawer 3	1-6	Heraldry prints (147)
2	13-14	J.W. Glidden's correspondence, 1849-1904
	15a,b-17a,b *	J.W. Glidden's poetry, 1859-1880
	18	Willard & J.W. Glidden, 1841-1900
	19	Carlos Glidden, typewriter patent, 1892
	20	Samuel Sweetland deeds, Oneida City, NY, 1830-1859
3	1 volume	J.W. Glidden's published poetry scrapbook, 1837-1875
4	1	Eunice Glidden's memory book created before she died on September 25, 1834, filled with messages and poems written by friends and family, 1844-1845

* a's are original documents

b's are photocopies, **only these may be photocopied**

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4	2-4	J.W. Glidden's personal journals, poetry and daily entries, 1845-1865	
	5	Nora A. Smith, Friendship Book, 1877-1883	
	6	Valentines- includes 2 photos, n.d.	
	7	Bertha Glidden Bradt, n.d. (1 Glass Plate Negative)	
	8	Bradt/Glidden Family and Friends: Annie McEvery, Frank Howard Leana Peake, Bertha and John Glidden, Thos. Metcalf, Jesse Pritchard, Lizzie and Willie Glidden, Lizzie and Cora Glidden, Edna Glidden, Robinson, Tracy Robinson, Warren Robbins, Mrs. John Warne, Abigail Glidden, Samuel Bradt, Mary Glidden, Williard Glidden, n.d. (27 photos)	
	9	Bradt/Glidden Family and Friends: Elva Glidden, L.M. Prince, Carrie Goode, Alexander Canion, Jas McConnell, Miss Fell, John McConnell, n.d. (8 photos)	
	10	Bradt/Glidden Family and Friends: Ellwood Sanborn, Orville Shipman, Louise Shipman, Andrea Shipman, Amy Bradt and Jennie and Louise and Grandma Sweet, Jennie Bradt Shipman, Jessie Wright, Josie Roberts, Juliet Wallace, Dr. Willis Glidden, Mrs. Richard Robbins, n.d. (11 photos)	
	11	Bradt/Glidden Family and Friends: Glidden Hinman, group photo of women, Marian Bradt and Newell Dunlop and John Ayer, Cora Switzer, 1898 (6 photos)	
	12	Bradt/Glidden Family and Friends: Annie Glidden, S.F. Parson, Carrie and Helen Swift, J. L. Curls, Mrs. J. L. Curls, Jacob Buhrer Ryburn and John Scott and Walter Green and Prof. Cunningham, Mrs. S.W. Rankin, Emily Coon, J. A. Switzer, Bertha Glidden, group photo, Cora Glidden, 1886, 1892, n.d. (11 photos)	
5	1	Bradt/Glidden Family and Friends: Bertha Glidden, John Warne, Sara Rankin, Jas McConnell, Rhonda Pritchard, Miss A. Glidden, S. P. Glidden, Mrs. Sanborn, Allie Adams, Libbie Pritchard, Ellwood Sanborn, Minnie Glidden, Mrs. Jacob Haish Elva Glidden, Mrs. J. L. Ellwood, Annie Glidden, 1885, 1923, n.d. (20 photos)	
	2	Bradt/Glidden Family and Friends: John Glidden, Robert Effinger, Florence Clark, Theda Gildemeister, group of men including Mrs. J. W. Glidden and Dr. Griswold and Ruby, George Gurler Amy Morris, Mary Glidden, Mrs. Thos. Metcalf, Rouse Sweet, Bertha Glidden, Joseph Glidden, 1886, n.d. (16 photos)	

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5	3	Bradt/Glidden Family and Friends: Annie Glidden, Charles Bradt, S.E. Bradt, Elva Glidden Bush, Samuel Ellsworth Bradth, Lulu Bradt Parson, Mrs. B. Gurler, Bradt house, Madison Shipman, Mrs. Bardt and Maude McCulson?, John McConnell, Bertha Glidden, Hannah Glenn-Bright-Robbins and John Robbins, Margaret Duffey, 1892, 1925, 1938-1939, n.d. (22 photos)	
	4	Bradt/Glidden Family and Friends: Mrs. Lucinda Glidden, P. Vaughan, Minnie Glidden, Cora Glidden, Walter H. Green, Libbie Pritchard, Carrie Hester, Mrs. Jacob Haish, Ellwood Sanborn, Dr. Hinman, Bee and Chas. Gurler, 1887, n.d. (11 photos)	
	5	Bradt/Glidden Family and Friends: Marian Bradt, Glidden Hinman Andrew Shipman, Gail Hinman, Louise Shipman, Mrs. Lucida Glidden, n.d. (7 photos)	
	6	Bradt/Glidden Family and Friends: Annie Glidden, J. A. Switzer, Hinman family and Cora and Annie Glidden, Walker Hinman, Glidden Hinman, Francis and John and Zenana? Sweet, Mrs. Sara Sweet, 1895, n.d.	
	7	Bradt/Glidden Family and Friends: Mrs. W. H. Bush, Mrs. Harriet Glidden, Rachel Robinson, Mrs. Lizzie Hinman, Smith, Dr. Thomas, Mrs. P. Vaughan, Maria Anderson, L.M. Prince, Mrs. Jas. Glidden, Jas. Glidden, Glidden and Gail Hinman, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Sweet, Harmon and Elouise Peake, n.d. (16 photos)	
	8	Bradt/Glidden Family and Friends: Mrs. Elva G. Bush, Glidden School- Kindergarden class, Bertha G. Bradt wedding dress (3), Lulu Parson, group photo of kids, Marian Bradt, Donald Switzer, Leonard Parson, n.d. (10 photos)	
	9	J.W. Glidden, n.d. (1 Negative plate)	
	10	Glidden/ Bradt family and friends, n.d. (3 tintypes)	
	11	J. F. Glidden, n.d. (2 photos)	
	12	S.E. Bradt's personal items, 1916-1935	
	13	S.E. Bradt, "Good Roads Movement," 1930-1938	
	14	Bradt and Shipman partnership agreement, 1892	
6	2 volumes	S.E. Bradt, Illinois Highway Improvement materials, 1904-1952	
	1 volume	Black and white photographic prints of Illinois road construction, 1913-1921	
	1 volume	S.E. Bradt's affiliations, 1899-1953	

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	6
7	1 roll	White Genealogy, n.d.	
	1 roll	“A Study of Brick Pavement Construction of County Highways” by Engineers and Members, 11 th Annual Meeting, National Paving Brick Manufacturers Association, September 9-11, 1914 (1 panoramic photo)	
	1 roll	Lake Shore Brick Road?, September 12, 1915 (1 panoramic photo)	

A partial listing of photographic prints (b/w)/tintypes found in the Bertha G. Bradt Collection.

Adams, Allie	Green, Walter
Barton, Professor ____	Gurler, George
Bradt, Bertha Glidden	Haish, Mrs. Jacob
Bradt, Marion	Hinman, Glidden
Bradt, Samuel	Hinman, Walker
Bohrer, Jacob	Howard, Frank
Bush, Elva Glidden	McConnell, James
Coon, Emily	McEvery, Annie
Cunningham, ____	Metcalf, Mrs. Thomas
Curls, J.L.	Morris, Amy
Curls, Mrs. J.L.	Parson, Leonard
Duffy, Margaret	Parson, LuLu
Effingen, Robert	Parson, Swen F.
Ellwood, Mrs. Isaac L.	Plake, Lena
Fay, Mrs. ____	Pritchard, Jessie
Gildemeister, Theda	Pritchard, Libbie
Glidden, Abigail	Pritchard, Rhoda
Glidden, Annie	Rankin, Mrs. S.W.
Glidden, Cora	Rankin, Sam
Glidden, Edna	Robbins, Warren
Glidden, J.W.	Robinson, Tracy
Glidden, Mrs. J.W.	Robinson, W.
Glidden, John	Ryburn, ____
Glidden, Joseph F.	Sanborn, Mrs. ____
Glidden, Lizzie	Sanborn, Ellwood
Glidden, Lucinda	Scott, John
Glidden, Mabel	Sweet, Carrie H.
Glidden, Ms. Mary	Sweet, Rouse
Glidden, Minnie	Switzer, Cora
Glidden, S.P.	Switzer, Donald
Glidden School	Switzer, Joseph A.
Glidden, Willie	Warne, John
Goode, Carrie	Warne, Mrs. John