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# **Finding aid for the Brewer Family papers Collection 074**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
<b>Title:</b>	Brewer family papers
<b>ID:</b>	Collection 074
<b>ID [Archivists Toolkit Database::RESOURCE]:</b>	77
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1770-1968
<b>Physical Description:</b>	12.5 Linear Feet 28 boxes plus flat files
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection documents the lives of three members of the Brewer family: Joseph Henry Brewer (1875-1943), Mary Augusta Hillyer Brewer (1873-1967) and their son Joseph Hillyer Brewer (1898-?). The materia emphasizes the family life and especially the life, education and career of the younger Brewer. The papers document his education at Dartmouth, Oxford and his career as a publisher, college president and, to a limited degree, college librarian. This collection also provides insights into the life of a socially prominent Grand Rapids family, a successful businessman and the effects of various political and economic forces on the family members. Included in a family album are photos of William Alden Smith and Arthur Vanderberg. Also, Joseph Brewer's Olivet correspondence contains letters from Henry Russell Hitchcock and other national or international figures.

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## Biographical / Historical

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The Brewer family papers contain biographical information primarily on the three family members. Joseph Henry Brewer (1875-1943) was the son of Lucien Bonaparte and Anne (nee Escott) Brewer. Mary Augusta Hillyer (1873-1967) was the daughter of Henry L. Hillyer (1840-1886) and Francis nee Van Vechten (1846?-Oct. 27, 1924). Joseph and August (as she preferred to be called) had two children, Hillyer (1895-1898?) and Joseph Hillyer (1898-1990[death date unconfirmed]).

Joseph Brewer worked as a court stenographer, 1891-1905, but later expanded into other business ventures. He was an early investor in the Grand Rapids Sticky Flypaper Co., but made his fortune building and combining utility operations in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Indiana. He sold these interests in 1924 at a considerable profit and purchased controlling interests in several of the Grand Rapids banks, the Pantlind Hotel and Morton House Hotel, as well as establishing a 1,000 acre dairy and poultry farm north of the city. The economic ill effects of the Depression wiped out most of Brewer's financial fortune, but he began rebuilding that empire before his death. He was a founding member of the Michigan National Bank Corp. Brewer died of heart problems, as had his older brother.

Augusta Hillyer married Joseph Brewer on 11 October 1894. She was the daughter of Henry Livingston Hillyer a well-known nineteenth century artist of the "Washington (D.C.) Landscape School" and Frances Hillyer, an early woman physician with a degree from Howard University. The 1880 census lists Henry and Frances living in Washington, with Henry working as a clerk for the government. Frances and Henry moved to Grand Rapids around 1883, as documented by their listings in the city directory. Henry dies three years later in 1886. The move to Grand Rapids may have been prompted by the presence of Frances' sister living in Grand Rapids, Mrs. Caroline S. Torrey (Arthur C.) Frances died Oct. 27, 1924 in Grand Rapids.

Augusta Brewer attended Michigan State University (then known as the Michigan Agricultural College), but did not graduate. She bore two children, Hillyer, a boy who died as the result of burns while she was carrying her second son, Joseph Hillyer Brewer. During her life Augusta was active in various garden clubs and during 1942-1943 was elected national president of the Council of State Garden Clubs.

Joseph Hillyer Brewer attended high school in Grand Rapids, and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1920. Following Dartmouth he attended Magdalen College, Oxford University, England from 1921-1922. He completed the requirements for his M.A. degree from Magdalen in 1933. From 1922-1924 he worked on the staff of The Spectator, a London literary magazine. In 1925, having returned to the United States, he worked for Payson & Clarke publishers and in 1928 took over the assets of this firm and formed Brewer & Putnam publishers, of which he was president. This firm was sold to Harcourt, Brace & Co. during the Great Depression. From 1934 to 1943 (1944) Brewer was president of Olivet College, of which his father was a trustee. After resigning from Olivet, Brewer received a Library Science degree from Columbia University and worked as the associate director of the Queens College Library. Brewer married twice; first to Jacqueline Denise Campau of Grand Rapids in 1949 (she died in 1954); and later to Helen Wilson a professor at Queens College.

Other family of note, though with little collection content, are Augusta Brewer's parents. Her mother, Dr. Francis S. Hillyer, was a physician, one of the first woman documented in this profession in Grand Rapids, ca. 1883, with the first believed to be Frances Rutherford ca. 1868. Francis is first documented in the city directories in 1883/1884, which also lists her artist husband Henry. Henry Livingston Hillyer was a landscape painter, of the Washington (DC) Landscape school. He died shortly after moving to Grand Rapids, in 1886.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection provides a detailed look at the Brewer family, first the relationship between the husband and wife, later their relationship to their son. Of particular note is the extensive documentation of the son's life. His letters to his parents provide extensive details of his college and professional lives. Brewer wrote poetry as well as several abortive dramas which are included. Of note are the Olivet College papers, which extensively detail the opposition Brewer experienced there, and his ultimate resignation. The series descriptions that follow provide further details.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

See the reference to Dr. Hillyer in a sketch in Coll. 094, Rebecca Richmond series, Drawings.

See articles on the sale of the East Wisconsin Railway to Kelsey, Brewer & Co. of Grand Rapids, in the Daily Northwestern newspaper, Oshkosh, Wis. Feb. 1917. Poor quality old negative print unprocessed, accession 1986.092

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Brewer, Joseph Henry
- Brewer, Mary Augusta Hillyer
- Brewer, Joseph Hillyer

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I. Joseph H. Brewer, Sr.

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains primarily the personal correspondence of the elder Brewer. The letters written before 1918 are to his wife, written while he traveled, first as a court stenographer and later as part of his utility business. They relate his feelings, individuals encountered and briefly mention his business activities. The correspondence after 1918 also includes correspondence to his son Joseph Brewer, Jr. This material also discussed home life, business matters, and various business endeavors that the younger Brewer was considering. Biographical data can be found in the two folders of clippings and articles. The Miscellany folder contains licenses and passports.

#### Correspondence, 1875-1943

Title/Description	Instances	
1875-1892	Box 1	folder 1
1893-1900	Box 1	folder 2
1901-1910	Box 1	folder 3
1911-1918	Box 1	folder 4
1919	Box 1	folder 5
1920-1925	Box 1	folder 6
1926-1930	Box 2	folder 1
1932-1935	Box 2	folder 2
1936-1943	Box 2	folder 3
Obituaries, Funeral Registers, 1943	Box 2	folder 4
Estate Papers, 1943	Box 2	folder 5

Biographical News Clippings, 1918-1934	Box 2	folder 6
Biographical Articles, 1918-1935	Box 2	folder 7
Francis and Henry Hillyer, Joseph Brewer, Jr. Additional biographical information from staff research, May 2006, including U.S. Census sheets.	Box 2	folder 7.5
Miscellany.	Box 2	folder 8
Stenographer's Dictionary, n.d.	Box 20	volume 47
Blythfield Farm appraisal, 1923	Box 20	volume 48

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## Series II. Augusta Hillyer Brewer, 1865-1968, n.d.

### Scope and Contents

Like the series for her husband, this bulk of this series consists of personal correspondence, both to and from "Aunt Gussie" as she preferred to be called. The correspondence reflects the social life of one of Grand Rapids' more wealthy families and the happenings within the extended family. Also contained are material on Augusta Hillyer's service in the Garden Clubs of America. The diaries present a brief accounting of the days events, particularly social events. This series also contains the baby book for Hillyer Brewer, the first son of Joseph and Augusta, who died as a small child from burns.

Title/Description	Instances	
Hillyer Family Papers, 1890-1893, n.d.	Box 3	folder 1

### Correspondence, 1894-1968.

Title/Description	Instances	
1894-1905.	Box 3	folder 2
1906-1915.	Box 3	folder 3
1916	Box 3	folder 4
1917	Box 3	folder 5
1918	Box 3	folder 6
1919	Box 3	folder 7
1920-1925.	Box 3	folder 8
1926-1930.	Box 4	folder 1
1930-1935.	Box 4	folder 2
1938-1968.	Box 4	folder 3
n.d.	Box 4	folder 4

### Garden Club, 1940-48, n.d.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Papers, 1941-48, n.d.	Box 4	folder 5
Speeches, c.1945.	Box 4	folder 6
Misc. Clippings, 1941-48, n.d.	Box 4	folder 7
<b>Miscellaneous, 1874-1963.</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Blythfield Farms Sale, 1943.	Box 4	folder 8
Clippings, 1920s, n.d	Box 4	folder 9
Donations, 1961-1963	Box 4	folder 10
Frances Hillyer Papers, 1924-1925.	Box 4	folder 11
Miscellany, 1874-1957.	Box 4	folder 12
Greeting Cards, n.d.	Box 4	folder 13
Poems, n.d.	Box 4	folder 14
<b>Diaries, 1890s-1947</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
1890s. ca. 1893.	Box 5	volume 1
1911-1916	Box 5	volume 2
1917-1921.	Box 5	volume 3
1922-1924.	Box 5	volume 4
1930	Box 5	volume 5
1935	Box 5	volume 6
1936	Box 5	volume 7
1939	Box 7	volume 8
1947	Box 7	volume 9
Address Books, n.d. (9 various sizes and types, one in folder)	Box 6	volume 10 – 18
Autograph Books, n.d.	Box 7	volume 19 – 20
Household Inventory, n.d.	Box 7	volume 21
Household Guestbook, n.d.	Box 7	volume 22
Household Guestbook, n.d.	Box 7	volume 23
House Books to the Hostess, n.d.	Box 7	volume 24
Hillyer Brewer Babybook, ca. 1898.		



	Box 7	volume 25
Prayer Book, n.d.	Box 7	volume 26
Party Book, n.d. (in folder)	Box 7	volume 27

## Hillyer Family Documents, 1865-1901

### Scope and Contents

The following items are housed with oversized certificates in Collection 216, Box 5

Note: The following items, which may have also been housed with the oversized, were not found in the 1998 inventory: unidentified Group of People, n.d., previously listed; Hillyer Brewer photos, c. 1898; 3 unidentified photos of infant [11/27/98]

Title/Description	Instances	
1. Fred Hillyer, Rectore, Gustavo Adolfo Harnack, Universitatis Fridericae Guilelmae Berolinensis Apr. 23, 1901. Oversized	Collection 216	Box 5
2. Fred Hillyer, Apr. 23, 1901, legal sized. (2 items)	Collection 216	Box 5
3. Joseph Henry Brewer, Stenographer, 20th Judiciary Circuit. Dec. 29, 1898 / State of Michigan, Executive Department, Hazen S. Pingree, Governor. Folio sized.	Collection 216	Box 5
4. Henry L. Hillyer and Frances S. VanVechten marriage license, June 27, 1865, N.J. In folio folder.	Collection 216	Box 5
5. VanVechten Family Genealogy, n.d. [Did Not Find 11/98, 4/17/2008]	Collection 216	Box 5
6. Frances S. Hillyer, Howard University Diploma, 1877. Oversized	Collection 216	Box 5
7. Mrs. Frances L. VanVechten Hillyer, DAR Certificate, Aug. 2, 1898. Oversized	Collection 216	Box 5
8. Joseph Hillyer Brewer, Dartmouth certificate, 1920. Oversized	Collection 216	Box 5
9. Joseph Hillyer Brewer, GR Central HS Diploma. June 23, 1916. Oversized	Collection 216	Box 5
10. Joseph Hillyer Brewer. College Record. Statement of Credits. Dartmouth College. Sept. 1916 Legal sized (folio folder)	Collection 216	Box 5
11. Plate from book? Man in suit with cane, unidentified. Pencil notes on verso" pg. 13 Genealogical Reocrd of the Van Vechten Family ... Samuel Van Vechten ...	Collection 216	Box 5
12. Plate from book. "The Old Water Wheel", with pencil note.	Collection 216	Box 5

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**Series III. Joseph H. Brewer, Jr., 1770-1968, n.d.****Subseries A. Correspondence, 1898-1968, n.d.****Scope and Contents**

The correspondence consists of letters addressed to Brewer and letters written by Brewer, primarily to his parents. The letters present a vivid picture of college life at Dartmouth and the social and literary elements of the younger Brewer's life during his college years. The letters from Magdalen College, Oxford provides similar insight from that institution as well as insight into an American's life in Europe during the post-World War I years. The remainder discusses his social activities, travels and daily events in his life. Brewer was a diligent writer and often, during his college years, wrote home three and four times weekly.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
1898-1910.	Box 8	folder 1
1911-15.	Box 8	folder 2
1916	Box 8	folder 3
Jan-Mar 1917.	Box 8	folder 4
Apr-Jun 1917.	Box 8	folder 5
Sep-Dec 1917.	Box 8	folder 6
Jan-Apr 1918.	Box 9	folder 1
May-Aug 1918.	Box 9	folder 2
Oct-Dec 1918.	Box 9	folder 3
1919	Box 9	folder 4
Jan-Aug 1920.	Box 9	folder 5
Sep-Dec 1920.	Box 9	folder 6
Jan-Jun 1921.	Box 10	folder 1
Jul-Dec 1921.	Box 10	folder 2
Jan-Jun 1922.	Box 10	folder 3
Jul-Dec 1922.	Box 10	folder 4
Jan-Jun 1923.	Box 10	folder 5
Jul-Dec 1923.	Box 10	folder 6
Jan-Jun 1924.	Box 10	folder 7
Jul-Dec 1924.	Box 10	folder 8
1925	Box 11	folder 1
1926	Box 11	folder 2
1927	Box 11	folder 3

1928	Box 11	folder 4
1929-1930.	Box 11	folder 5
1931-1932.	Box 11	folder 6
1933-1935.	Box 11	folder 7
1936	Box 11	folder 8
1937-1945.	Box 11	folder 9
1946-1948.	Box 12	folder 1
1949-1950.	Box 12	folder 2
1951-1955.	Box 12	folder 3
1956-1960.	Box 12	folder 4
1961-1964.	Box 12	folder 5
Former Pipe Organ Pumpers, 1931-1933.	Box 12	folder 6

## Subseries B. Dartmouth College, 1916-1920, n.d.

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains papers and notes that Brewer wrote during his undergraduate years. They focus exclusively on English and Literature. Also included are his records from service in the Student Army Training Corps during 1918; Brewer achieved the rank of Second Lieutenant. The Miscellany folder contains poetry written during his Dartmouth years. Also included are issues of the Dartmouth Bema, which Brewer edited during his senior year. Description of his experiences at Dartmouth are in the Correspondence sub-series.

Title/Description	Instances	
Financial records, 1916-1919.	Box 12	folder 7
Report Cards, 1916-1920.	Box 12	folder 8
English class papers: Barrie, MacKenzie, c.1919.	Box 12	folder 9
Essays, c.1919.	Box 12	folder 12
Class notes, 1918-1919.	Box 12	folder 11
Student Army Training Corps, 1918.	Box 12	folder 12
Graduation, 1920.	Box 12	folder 13
Miscellany, n.d.	Box 12	folder 14
Grand Rapids High School, June 23, 1916 diploma	Box 216	folder 5
Joseph Hillyer Brewer, Dartmouth, Statement of Credit, Sept. 1916	Box 216	folder 5
Diploma, June 1920.	Box 216	folder 5

## Dartmouth Bema [serial]

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
v. 7, no. 2, Mar 1919	Box 19	folder 1
v. 7, no. 4, June 1919	Box 19	folder 1
v. 8, no. 1-3, Oct, Nov. and Dec 1919	Box 19	folder 2
v. 8, no. 4-7, Feb.-May 1920	Box 19	folder 2

### **Musicals-programs and sheet music, 1918-20, n.d.**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Oh, Doctor, 1919.	Box 19	folder 3
I Love to Dance, n.d.	Box 19	folder 3
Dancing Honey Moon. Boston, Mass. : Boston Music Co.	Box 19	folder 4
Heave To. [4 typed sheets, words only]	Box 19	folder 5

### **Musicals oversized.**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Heave To, 1918. (2 copies) One copy is inscribed to Joe Brewer's	Box 20	folder 1
Dancing Honeymoon, 1918. (2 copies)	Box 20	folder 2
Oh, Doctor	Box 20	folder 2
Egyptian Dance, c.1918.	Box 20	folder 2
Chasin' Around 1920.	Box 20	folder 3
Naughty Nero 1919.	Box 20	folder 3
O Wayward n.d.	Box 20	folder 3

## **Subseries C. Oxford University, 1921-1922.**

### **Scope and Contents**

Brewer's English Literature class notes, class papers and segments of his M.A. exam are included. The sub-series also contains various pamphlets from Oxford, Brewer's entry into the Carlton Club, and poetry written during his term at Oxford. Information on his social life are included in the correspondence series.

### **English Literature Papers, 1921-22.**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Milton, Pope, Shakespeare, Shelley, Sidney, Spenser, Swift, Wordsworth	Box 13	folder 1
Congreve, Dryden, Gower, Greene, Hyde, Ben Johnson, Samuel Johnson, Lyly, Marlowe.	Box 13	folder 2

Bacon, Browne, Browning, Byron, Carlyle, Chaucer, Coleridge.	Box 13	folder 3
The Revenge Play, 1921.	Box 13	folder 4
Notes, 1921-22.	Box 13	folder 5
Comparative Literature, 1921-1922.	Box 13	folder 6
M.A. Exam (not complete), 1922.	Box 13	folder 7
Notes, n.d.	Box 13	folder 8
Essay: "I Just Had ...," n.d.	Box 13	folder 9
Essay: "Somebody is Always...," n.d.	Box 13	folder 10
Poetry, n.d.	Box 13	folder 11
Carlton Club, 1921-1922.	Box 14	folder 1
Financial papers, 1921-1922.	Box 14	folder 2
Miscellany, 1921-1922.	Box 14	folder 3
Notes, n.d.	Box 18	volume 45

## Subseries D. The Spectator, 1923-1925.

### Scope and Contents

This small sub-series consists primarily of Brewer's writing while serving as business manager for The Spectator under the editorship of Joe St. Loe Strahcey. This sub-series also contains Brewer's attempt at an auto-biography. The Spectator was not on solid financial footing, so the financial papers document Brewer's unsuccessful effort to have his father invest in the journal; more on this is also found in the correspondence of both the senior and junior Brewers.

Title/Description	Instances	
Business Correspondence, 1923.	Box 14	folder 4
Editorials, 1923.	Box 14	folder 5
Articles by Brewer, 1923-1925.	Box 20	volume 49
Autobiography-Chp. 1, 1925.	Box 14	folder 6
Poetry, 1923-1925.	Box 14	folder 7
Financial papers, 1923-1925.	Box 14	folder 8
Miscellany, 1923-1925.	Box 14	folder 9

## Subseries E. Brewer, Warren and Co., 1926-1932.

### Scope and Contents

Following his return from England, Brewer joined the firm of Payson & Clarke; which later became Brewer, Warren & Co.; which in turn became Brewer, Warren & Putnam, all publishers in New York. The sub-series

provides a brief glimpse of these endeavors, presumably the bulk of these files went to Harcourt, Brace & Co. at the time of the sale.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Correspondence, 1926-1932.	Box 14	folder 10
Manuscripts, n.d.	Box 14	folder 11
Some Visionary Meditation on Publishing, 1931.	Box 14	folder 12
Typography and Editing Information, 1928, n.d.	Box 14	folder 13
News clippings, 1929-1932, n.d.	Box 14	folder 14
Organization changes, 1927-1932. [Contracts, Brewer, Warren, & Putnam, Inc.]	Box 15	folder 1
Sale to Harcourt, Brace & Co., Inc., 1932.	Box 15	folder 2

## **Subseries F. Olivet College, 1934-1944.**

### **Scope and Contents**

The Olivet College sub-series reflects Brewers effort to establish a tutorial teaching system at the college, following the example used at Oxford University. In 1941 controversy began to swirl through the college apparently the result of R.E. Blackwell's opposition to Brewer and the tutorial curriculum. The papers document this controversy in detail. The controversy lessened for several years, but resurfaced in 1944 whereupon Brewer resigned. The Collection also reflect the writers workshop through which Brewer brought the likes of Gertrude Stein, Robert Frost, et. al. to the Olivet Campus.

### **Correspondence, 1934-1944.**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Application, 1934.	Box 15	folder 3
Congratulatory, 1934.	Box 15	folder 4
Fraternity, 1934.	Box 15	folder 5
Opposition, 1934.	Box 15	folder 6
General, 1934-1944.	Box 15	folder 7
Resignation and Support, 1944.	Box 15	folder 8
Consulatory, 1944.	Box 15	folder 9
Curriculum reorganization, 1934-1935.	Box 15	folder 10

### **Controversy, 1941**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Blackwell file, 1941.	Box 15	folder 11
Board of Trustees, 1941.	Box 15	folder 12
Faculty Duties, 1941.	Box 15	folder 13

Faculty Support, 1941.	Box 16	folder 1
Speech to Students, 1941.	Box 16	folder 2
Public Correspondence, 1941.	Box 16	folder 3
Report of the President, 1938-39, n.d.	Box 16	folder 4
Speeches and articles, 1935-44.	Box 16	folder 5
Writers Workshop, n.d.	Box 16	folder 6
News articles, 1934-44.	Box 16	folder 7
College Publications, 1934-44.	Box 16	folder 8
Miscellany, 1940, n.d.	Box 16	folder 9
Scrapbook.	Box 27	volume 55

## Subseries G. Miscellaneous, 1770-1960.

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains a variety of items collected by Brewer, including several literary efforts. Also included are a few documents from or about Brewer's eighteenth and nineteenth century ancestors.

Title/Description	Instances	
Artwork, 1903-1908, n.d.	Box 16	folder 10
Brewer, Sr. Estate Settlement, 1945-1946.	Box 16	folder 11
Columbia University, SLS Degree, 1944-1945.	Box 16	folder 12
Esther a drama, 1914	Box 17	folder 1
For Love of Herbs, 1945.	Box 17	folder 2
Licenses and registrations, 1909-1923, n.d.	Box 17	folder 3
News clippings, 1923-1958.	Box 17	folder 4
Our Own Mermaid Tavern, by Paul (aka Paulo) Bowerman, [1918].	Box 17	folder 5
Plays, 1918, n.d.	Box 17	folder 6
Poetry, n.d.	Box 17	folder 7
Publications, 1916-1960.	Box 17	folder 8
The Search for Unity in Higher Education, 1946.	Box 17	folder 9
Historic family papers, 1770, 1815-1816, 1860.	Box 17	folder 10

## Subseries H. Stuart Crump, 1968.

## Scope and Contents

This small sub-series consists of items generated by Crump who worked on a master thesis on the elder Brewer and used the unprocessed collection extensively and corresponded with the younger Brewer. Crump did his work at Wayne State University, but it does not appear that he finished the thesis.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, 1968.	Box 17	folder 11
Family History, 1968.	Box 17	folder 12
Banking Committee Notes, 1968.	Box 17	folder 13

## Subseries I. Address Books, Pocket Calendars, Baby Book, etc., 1916-1944

Title/Description	Instances	
Small Black Pocket Calendars (Called vols. 30-40), 1934-1944	Box 18	
Baby book	Box 18	folder 28
1916 Central High School Annual	Box 18	folder 29
Address books (4, Called vols. 41-44)	Box 18	
Class notes (small black notebooks with lined paper, mostly empty)	Box 18	folder 45

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## Series IV Photographs, circa 1877-1968

### Scope and Contents

The collection of photographs documents members of the extended family, and recreational activities. Of note are the scrapbooks of various vacations including to Yellowstone Park and Europe. Joseph Brewer, Jr.'s life is particularly well documented, especially his youth, Dartmouth and Oxford years. This series also contains the photo albums, that repeat these same themes.

Title/Description	Instances	
Blythfield Farm. Belmont. Kent County. (87)	Box 21	folder 1
Court Rooms. (2)	Box 21	folder 2
Dartmouth College. (46, + 1 postcard)	Box 21	folder 3
Houses. (19 + 1 postcard)	Box 21	folder 4
National Council of State Garden Clubs. (14)	Box 21	folder 5
Olivet College.(29)	Box 21	folder 6
Oxford, England. (68 + 3 postcards)	Box 21	folder 7
People. Brewer, Augusta Hillyer. (82)	Box 21	folder 8
Brewer Family. (63)		



	Box 21	folder 9
Brewer, Helen Wilson.(4)	Box 21	folder 10
Brewer, Hillyer. (14)	Box 22	folder 1
Brewer, Jacqueline Denise Campau. (15)	Box 22	folder 2
Brewer, Joseph Henry. (39)	Box 22	folder 3
Brewer, Joseph Hillyer. (129)	Box 23	
People. Fuller Family. (20)	Box 22	folder 4
Hillyer Family. (47)	Box 22	folder 5
People. Unidentified. (159 + 1 postcard)	Box 24	
Plainfield Bridge. (1 postcard)	Box 22	folder 6
Wicopee. Dutchess County. New York. (30)	Box 22	folder 7
Wyoming. (3 booklets)	Box 22	folder 8
WWI Student Army Training Corps. (10)	Box 22	folder 9
Wooden Indians. (3)	Box 22	folder 10
Christmas Greetings. (12, 10 postcards)	Box 22	folder 11
Negatives from 1917-1921 Diary. Found and Added 9/3/2008	Box 22	folder 12
Miscellaneous Art Photos. (23)	Box 25	

## Albums

Title/Description	Instances	
Blythfield Farm and Brewer Family.	Box 26	volume 50
Blythfield Farm	Box 26	volume 51
Yellowstone Park and Blythfield Farm.	Box 26	volume 52
European Vacation.	Box 27	volume 53
Photo Album 1912-1917 [Scrapbook].	Box 26	volume 54?

### Scope and Contents

Includes casual photos of: Senator William Alden Smith (Neg. #3782 and 3875); Arthur Vandenberg (Neg. #3781, dup. print in Col. 54 7/99)

Small pocket type album. "Album. Boston. J.E. Tilton and Co." for Cornelia E. Van Vechten. Lexington, Mass. April 2, 1866.	Box 22	volume 56
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## Series V. Postcards, 1916-1961

### Scope and Contents

This series, primarily sent by Joseph Brewer, Jr. to his mother, documents the various travels of the younger Brewer. Of note are the postcards from the Caribbean and Europe during the 1950s.

Title/Description	Instances	
Cadillac (Mich.). (1)	Box 28	folder 1
Caracas, Venezuela. (1)	Box 28	folder 2
Cedarville (Mich.). (5)	Box 28	folder 3
Dixville Notch (New York). (4)	Box 28	folder 4
Firenza, Italy. (1)	Box 28	folder 5
Fort Ross (Calif.) (1)	Box 28	folder 6
Geneva, Switzerland (1)	Box 28	folder 7
Hanover, (N. Hamp.) (3)	Box 28	folder 8
Jamaica, British West Indies.(1)	Box 28	folder 9
Lexington (Kent.).(1)	Box 28	folder 10
London, Canada. (1)	Box 28	folder 11
Mackinaw City (Mich.).(1)	Box 28	folder 12
Magdalen College, Oxford, England.(2)	Box 28	folder 13
McCrea Magee College, Londonderry, England.(1)	Box 28	folder 14
Michigan.(1)	Box 28	folder 15
Mohawk Lake, (New York).(1)	Box 28	folder 16
Nassau, Bahamas.(1)	Box 28	folder 17
New York (New York).(1)	Box 28	folder 18
Oka, Quebec, Canada. (1)	Box 28	folder 19
Old Mission (Mich.). (1)	Box 28	folder 20
Ottawa, Canada. (1)	Box 28	folder 21
Oxford, England.(3)	Box 28	folder 22
Paris, France.(10)	Box 28	folder 23
Portland, (Maine).(1)	Box 28	folder 24
Rockford (Mich.).(1)	Box 28	folder 25
St. Thomas, Virgin Island.(1)	Box 28	folder 27
San Antonio (Texas).(1)	Box 28	folder 26

San Francisco (Calif.).(1)	Box 28	folder 28
Saratoga Springs (New York).(1)	Box 28	folder 29
Spain.(1)	Box 28	folder 30
Stockholm, Sweden.(1)	Box 28	folder 31
Tadousac, Canada.(13)	Box 28	folder 32
Voterra, Italy.(1)	Box 28	folder 33
Watkins Glen (New York).(1)	Box 28	folder 34
Yosemite National Park (Calif.). (1)	Box 28	folder 35

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Morocco (movie poster)

drawer  
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**Scope and Contents**

The poster was not previously listed in the Brewer finding aid, but has been assumed to be part of this collection, until proved otherwise. Brewer family materials were found in the folder with the poster.