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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title:	Rix Robinson collection
ID:	Collection 295
Date [inclusive]:	1890-1980, no date
Physical Description:	3.6 Linear Feet Five boxes
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Rix Robinson (1792-1875) was a pioneer and fur trader and is said to be the first White settler to permanently live in the greater Grand Rapids, Michigan area. This is a devised collection of accessions related to Robinson. Included are original documents, such as a family bible, property deeds and letters. Also included is research material from an archaeological dig of Robinson's trading post on the Grand River in what is today Ada, Michigan.

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Biographical / Historical

Note: As one of the first White settlers in Western Michigan, and an early settler in the Greater Grand Rapids area, published information on Rix Robinson can be found in several sources, although the information given may conflict from one source to the next. See the "Related Materials" section of this finding aid, for additional information sources on Robinson.

Rix Robinson was born in Richmond, Massachusetts, on Aug. 28, 1789 (or 1792), the son of blacksmith/farmer, Edward Robinson, and his second wife Eunice Rix Robinson. He was the third (fifth, or sixth counting daughter from first marriage?) of thirteen children, eight of whom were brothers, including a few that would join him as settlers in Michigan. Around 1800 the family moved to Cayuga Co., N.Y. There Rix had the advantages of the common school and Academy and at age 19 began his study of law in Auburn, N.Y. He was admitted to the bar.

His father was opposed to the War of 1812, and encouraged his eligible sons not to be available when it was their turn to be escorted into service. Instead, Rix went into business with a neighbor, Samuel Phelps, providing supplies to troops on the Canadian border. When he and his partner had not been paid, because the troops had not been paid, they followed the troops to Mackinac in 1815, to Green Bay in 1816 and 1817, and separately to Dubuque and Mackinac when the troops were dispersed. They never

did get paid, as neither did the troops, but developed knowledge of the Indian trading business and Indian languages. Since for Rix, returning to the East would mean a trial and payment of large fines for not serving in the military, he decided to stay on the frontier.

John Jacob Astor, representing the American Fur Co., was impressed with Rix, and hired him to try to set up trade in an area that was then covered by the Hudson Bay Co. During 1818 and 1819 Robinson developed a relationship with an Indian Chief and tribe in the area that supplied furs, making this a successful venture. By 1821, Robinson was a limited partner in the Company and was sent by Astor to make his headquarters on the Grand River.

Robinson took over the Company's trading post run by retiring Madame LaFramboise, and moved it to near present day Ada, at the junction of the Thornapple River and the Grand River. Robinson ran this central post and several other area posts on the Grand River until 1834.

It should be noted that this post had been established by the independent French trader Joseph LaFramboise in the 1790s. LaFramboise and Madgelene Marcot La Framboise were married in 1796. He was killed 1806 due to an argument with an Indian over liquor, but she continued to run the post until 1821.

Also in 1821 (or 1824) Rix Robinson married the first of 2 Ottawa Indian women, Pee-Miss-a-quot-o-quay(or Miss-a-quot-o-quay), in Mackinac. It is variously said that she divorced him after 100 moons or that they were parted by her death, in 1848. At any rate, she was the mother of his only child, John R., later Rev. Robinson, Methodist missionary to the Ottawa and Chippewa. Rix Robinson's second wife was Sippi-quay-daw-da (River woman), the missionary educated granddaughter of the head chief of the Grand River Indians at the mouth, who he married in 1850. They lived together on their farm until his death in January 1875. (See newspaper clipping with an image of second wife in 295-1-3 and 295-2).

Rix Robinson was known as a Friend of the Indian, and official interpreter. He is said to have been the first white settler in Western Michigan, and Kent County's earliest White man in residence. He is said to have built one of the first framed houses in the County, on his farm near Ada.

From 1834 until the 1860s, Rix Robinson became active in public service, holding positions including:

First supervisor of Kent Township, 1834, and/or was elected assessor in the first elections on Apr. 4, 1834. Supervisor of Ada Township, 1840. Assoc. Judge of Circuit Court for Kent Co., 1844. State Commissioner of Internal Improvements, 1846 With Daniel Ball and Frederick Hall, he was a commissioner to supervise construction of the Grand River canal, ca. 1849. Member of the State Constitutional Convention, 1850 State Senator, 1854.

He was an advocate for woman's suffrage.

According to artist Fred S. Church's boyhood recollections, recorded in his letter to Rebecca Richmond, Rix Robinson was very tall, 6'6" he believes, compared to his own fathers, Thomas Church, 6'3".

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Scope and Contents

This devised collection has been created from unprocessed materials associated with Rix Robinson to document this Greater Grand Rapids area and Michigan pioneer, and to document his home and trading post in Ada, Michigan.

The 2001 give of the Rix Robinson site dig research was a lucky receipt of this material left abandoned in a house, and brought to the library by a later tenant. The actual collector of this historical research is unknown, but may have been one of the student researchers depicted in some photographs included with this material. Reference images of Rix Robinson's home in Ada, as well as the building said to be his trading post there, opposite the Ada Cemetery, are included in this series, as well as other general reference articles in the collection.

At the time of processing other material associated with Rix Robinson exists in other processed and unprocessed collections.

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Administrative Information

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Accession number 1987.011 (Lyman letter), donor unknown.

Accession number 1999.082 (Legends), Mark von Destinon

Accession number 2001.045 (Robinson Dig), Nancy Nietupski

Accession number 00.[2759].1 (Bible), Mrs. Joseph Hooker?

Accession number 00.[2669].1 (Biography), Mary F. Robinson

Accession number 00.[329].1 (Bible), donor unknown, possibly Ida Phillips Accession number 1986.298B (Amway controversy), Benjamin F. Smith? (later assigned number, perhaps not true date of donation).

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Books: The Ancestry of Rix Robinson (Cascading Pedigree chart of 49 generations) / Mark Alan von Destinon Cataloged for the Local History collection: 929.2 R56 V8

Images of Rix Robinson's House in Ada. Photo postcard in Wm. Bennett Coll. 298. Rebecca Richmond's sketch Coll. 94, copy negative #3043 House Sketch. See copy in 295-5.

Letter in John Ball Coll. 44.

Coll. 185 image, Copy negatives #2760 Robinson Trading Post

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Controlled Access Headings

- Frontier and pioneer life -- Michigan -- Kent County
- Fur traders -- Michigan
- Pioneers -- Michigan -- Kent County
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Indian traders -- Michigan
- Robinson, Rix

Collection Inventory

Series I. Personal & Biographical, 1895-1972

Title/Description	Instances
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<p>Biography of Rix Robinson : read at Ada Pioneer Picnic, Aug. 16, 1921 by Mary F. Robinson of Ann Arbor. 4 pgs. c. 1 4 page typed original. / c. 2 Usage copy of 4 pg. original. Formerly M92.R56R500.[2669].1</p> <p><u>Existence and Location of Copies:</u> Existence and Location of Copies</p> <p>Photocopy of the typed "transcription" in also in the Rix Robinson Vertical File folder in the department public service area.</p>	Box 1	Folder 1
<p>Biographical citations.</p>	Box 1	Folder 2
<p>Legends and Tales of Rix Robinson : early Michigan Fur Trapper, State Senator, lawyer, Banker, Draft Dodger and Friend to the Indians / compiled & edited [citations] by Mark von Destinon, Aug. 1997. 1999.082.</p> <p><u>Existence and Location of Copies:</u> Existence and Location of Copies</p> <p>Also a cataloged copy at M977.402 L523. Many of the items in this packet, of written articles on Rix Robinson, are included in the Local History Portrait & Biographical File on Rix Robinson. No pictures have been included in the version of the references provided in the packet. Another copy in Coll. 263.</p>	Box 1	Folder 2
<p>Obit. Jan. 13, 1895. GR Eagle.</p>	Box 1	Folder 3
<p>Clipping with two images: Rix Robinson left, second wife, right.</p>	Box 1	Folder 3
<p>Typed transcription of a letter, Aug. 24, 1921, from artist Frederick Stuart Church to Rebecca Richmond, RE Rix Robinson, plus a photocopy of same. See Coll. 094 (C6:A1.66) for the original, which was legal sized, but is now in two pieces in letter-sized sleeve.</p>	Box 1	Folder 3
<p>First in County, in a dense forest ... Rix Robinson was Kent's earliest White man. Grand Rapids Press. Nov. 22, 1909. Clipping attached to white paper, plus photocopy of same.</p> <p><u>Existence and Location of Copies:</u> Existence and Location of Copies</p> <p>Another copy of this can be found in Coll. 295, Box 5</p>	Box 1	Folder 3
<p>Did Michigan Have a John Smith-Pocahontas Tale? Rix Robinson, what is truth about his Indian wife? Dan Hager. GR Press, July 14, 1968. Original clipping & photocopy</p>	Box 2	Folder 1
<p>A Short dissertation on a tough old man / by Fred N. Kerwin. GR Press. Dec. 17, 1972. Original clipping and photocopy.</p> <p><u>Existence and Location of Copies:</u></p>	Box 2	Folder 1

Existence and Location of Copies

Another copy can be found in Box 5

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Series II. General Historical References

Title/Description	Instances	
<p>"In the Shadow of the Scaffold : the story of how E.M. Miller ... charged wit the murder of NEGA, and Indian Princess, was saved from hanging in the public square of Grand Rapids by the abolition of capital punishment in Michigan" / by Frank M. Sparks. Grand Rapids Herald. Sept. 10, 1916, pt. III, p. 4.</p> <p>General</p> <p>Canvas backed original clipping. Includes references to both Rix Robinson & Louis Campau as friends of the Indians. But may not ultimately be appropriate for Robinson Coll.</p>	Box 2	Folder 2
<p>Grand River Valley Reverts to Rix Robinson on August 18. Grand Rapids Herald. July 31, 1921.</p>	Box Unknwon	
<p>Log-Cabin Inventor, Hiram Moore, beat the world and had combined harvester and thresher working in Grand Rapids territory in 1838. Has graphic illustration of Rix Robinson by Ray Barnes drawn from old etching. (copy) Aug. 14, 1921.</p>	Box 1	Folder 3
<p>Pioneer's family to gather in Ada : it will be the Robinson family's 87th reunion / by Ben Cunningham. Grand Rapids Press. Aug. 12, 1905, pg. B-4.</p> <p>General</p> <p>Has the photo of Rix and Sippy Quay from the glass plate negative, labeled as an Ada Historical Society photo.</p>	Box Unknwon	
<p>Headstones find home in Ada : burial markers are of parents of GR pioneer, which were moved from N.Y. / Morgan Jarema. Grand Rapids Press. Aug. 10, 1907, pg. B-4.</p> <p><u>Related Materials:</u></p> <p>Related Materials</p> <p>Fair Shake in the Wilderness : the Life and Times of Rix Robinson / by Steve Harrington. 977.402.H239f</p>	Box Unknwon	

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Series III. Rix Family Bibles, 1843-1875

Title/Description	Instances
<p>Bible. Cooperstown, N.Y. : H. & E. Phinney, 1843. Front cover detached. Has Green flag with "Sawyer & Robinson (Rix) "Through in a Year" clipping pinned to title page. 00.[329].1</p> <p>Has a section after page 576 with family information</p> <p>Has a section after page 576 with family information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Marriages. January 20th 1820. David Shearman to Ruby Robinson. 2 Births. David Shearman, September 11th, 1797, died April ?, 1898. Abraham Sherman born August 2nd, 1776. Almy Sherman, born August 27th, 1773. David Sherman, September 11th, 1797. Nancy Sherman, August 19th, 1799. Gideon Sherman, April 12th, 1801. Merit Sherman, April 4th, 1803. Jonathan Sherman, March 15th, 1805. Humphry H. Sherman, January 25th, 1808. Amanda Sherman, July 9th, 1810, Adaline Sherman, March 9th, 1813. Abraham Sherman, Jr. September 5th, 1817. 3 Births. Eunice Rix. Edward Robinson, June 16th, 1763-1836. Eunice Robinson, July 1765-1834. Wealthy Robinson, August 12th, 1786 – 1875. Edward Robinson, June 8th 1788. Rix Robinson, August 28th, 1789, Jan. 19, 1873. Eunice Robinson, March 31, 1791. Dennis Robinson, February 6th, 1793-1850. Wathan Robinson, December 22nd, 1794-1872. Lewis Robinson, September 22nd, 1796-1873. John Robinson, April 12th, 1798-1857. Rodney 	Box 3
<p>Native American Bible. Iu Otoshki-Kikindiuin au Kitogimaminan gaie bejamiinung Jesus Krist... The New Testament of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ ... Ojibwa Indians. N.Y. : American Bible Soc, 1844. Gift of Mrs. Joseph Hooker. Formerly M497.N42. 00. [2759].1</p> <p>Description</p> <p>Description</p> <p>Front flyleaf has: John Rix Robinson presented to John Samuel Hooker. Owners: Cobmoosa. Indian., Rix Robinson, trader, John Hooker, Lowell.</p>	Box 3
<p>Bible. Philadelphia : A.J. Holman & Co., 1875. 00.[329].1</p>	Box 4

Has a section before the New Testament giving family information.

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- 1 Certificate of Holy Matrimony. Albert Robinson of Paw Paw , Mich and J. May Baker of Paw Paw, Mich. On the 27th of December 1876 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church by Rev. Darius Barker at Paw Paw, Mich.
- 2 Births. Albert Robinson born at Salem Massachusetts, March 12th, 1848. Jennie May Baker born at Wilbraham Massachusetts, July 4, 1856. Addison Baker Robinson, son of Albert and Jennie May Robinson born at Paw Paw, Michigan October 27th 1877. Olga Amelia Robinson, daughter of Albert & Jennie, May Robinson, born at Paw Paw, Mich. June 7th, 1879. Doris Harriott Robinson, daughter of Albert & Jennie May Robinson, born at Grand Rapids, Michigan, Jan. 2nd, 1893. Emily Sybil Robinson, daughter of Addison & Emma Robinson, born at Grand Rapids, Mich. May 24th, 1911.
- 3 Marriages. Albert Robinson married J. May Baker at Paw Paw, Michigan, Dec. 27th, 1876. Addison Baker Robinson, married Emma Eulalie Adams, at Milwaukee, Wis. Jan. 20th, 1910. [Emma born, Monroe, Michigan April 14th, 1886.]
- 4 Deaths. Albert Robinson, died Grand Rapids, Michigan May 14th, 1898. Emily Sybil Robinson, died, Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 26, 1911. Addison Baker Robinson, died Nov. 30, 1913. Jennie May Robinson died January 20, 1944.

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Series IV. Correspondence, 1834-1846

Title/Description	Instances	
Letter to John Ball, Mar. 10, 1846, from Robinson in Detroit. R1:A1.5	Box 1	Folder 4
Letter to [John] Ball, Mar. 29, 1846, from Robinson in Detroit. R1:A1.6	Box 2	Folder 3
Letter to Wm. Chubb. May 18, 1834, from Robinson, at the Mouth of the Grand River. R1:A1.7	Box 2	Folder 3
Letter to James Lyman, Grand Rapids, Dec. 11, 1839 from Robinson in Detroit. Forwarded Mar. 25, 1840. Accompanied by a typed transcript, with historical notes on the same sheet. 1987.011.	Box 1	Folder 5
Letter to Dennis Robinson (Brother), Sept. 23, 1844, in Scipio, Cayuga Co., N.Y. Has irreparable damage to an original	Box 2	Folder 4

document: Lamination. Found with Old collection documents,
folded. R1:A1.8

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Series V. Historical Documents, 1840-1847

Title/Description	Instances	
Grocery account for W.A. Roberts. Oct. 1, 1840. R1:A4.1	Box 1	Folder 6
Warranty Deed, June 23, 1847, between Chief Noonday (Naw-o-quay-ghi-shick) and Ope-Go, witnessed by Rix Robinson & Thomas Harmon. Old Collection N3	Box 2	Folder 5

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Series VI. Trading Post Project, 1829-1984

Scope and Contents

Robinson's Trading Post Archaeological Dig Data & Research. Dig done by GVSU, Summer 1967 in Ada. 2001.045

General

Most of the data here is believed to document the 1967 dig of the Ada, Michigan Rix Robinson Trading Post, across from the Ada Cemetery. However, there are other documents which refer to other digs or buildings or monuments at other sites and other dates.

Biographical / Historical

There were two separate trading posts sometimes called the Rix Robinson Trading Post: Post 1. Earlier trading post in Lowell, Mi. Located near an historical marker on the South side of Fulton St. at Bowes Rd. Established by the independent French trader Joseph LaFramboise in the 1790's. LaFramboise and Madgelene Marcot La Framboise were married in 1796. He was killed in 1806, but she continued to run the post until 1821, when Robinson took it over. This post is sometime also referred to as the Rix Robinson Trading Post. Post 2. Ada, Mi. Rix Robinson Trading Post, located across from the Ada Cemetery between Grand River Drive and the Grand River itself. Robinson took over the trading post run by retiring Madame LaFramboise in Lowell, and is said to have moved it to the present day town of Ada, Michigan at the junction of the Thornapple River & the Grand River. Robinson ran this post until 1834. He may have operated both posts in Lowell and Ada at the same time. Another point of confusion, of the various Robinson sites, is Robinson's House in Ada, which is documented at a separate site on Fulton St./M-21 in Ada. Fur trading business probably also went on in his home, and images which may exist of the two Ada buildings may also sometimes confuse these two structures. Robinson House may be where the later historical marker was placed, and then subsequently moved by Amway Corporation, since the marker is described in Series VII below as being on M-21, not on Grand River Road.

Robinson also established several other trading posts in the West Michigan area while working for the American Fur Trading Co.

A newspaper article here also documents what is evidently another dig at Lowell, for the separate and later Daniel De Marsac trading post, built 1831 on the Grand River at Lowell, and also researched by Dr. Flanders, in 1976.

Robinson's Trading Post Archaeological Dig Data & Research.

Site orientation References

Title/Description	Instances	
Map of Survey for Old Kent Bank and Trust Company. #54089 / Williams and Works. Sept. 9, 1960.	Box 5	Folder 1
Gives the legal location information in Section ... Range. "Ada Oil Company" and address on Fulton Rd., and gives a map referencing M-21 and Headley St., with a gas station on M21. Photocopy, legal sized paper, folded. Source unknown.	Box 5	Folder 1
Map. Rix Robinson Trading Post Site, Sec. 28, T7N, R10W, Ada Township, Kent Co. Survey by Edmond P. Gibson, G.R. Shows the Niles Farm plat on Grand River Drive (Robinson Rd.) and with the Grand River on the opposite border. The Ada Cemetery is across the road. Also shown is Fulton St./ M-21, and the Grand Trunk RR. Tracks south of this highway. A portion of Pettis Road is seen in the upper right corner. Photocopy. Source unknown. Undated.	Box 5	Folder 1
Letter. Wright L. Coffinberry Chapter, Michigan Archaeological Society letterhead. Aug. 24, 1954. To Otto Hess, Chief Engineer, Kent Co. Road Commission. From Edmond P. Gibson, Chairman, Prehistoric Research Committee. Letter gives suggestions for a road sign or marker for the Rix Robinson Trading Post.	Box 5	Folder 1
Lowell Trading Post. Reference Map of Rix Robinson (La Framboise) Trading Post at Lowell.	Box 5	Folder 2
A note signed by Laura DeVries, references at railway ticket not found in this collection.	Box 5	Folder 2

Fur Trading References

Title/Description	Instances	
Chapter VIII. Michigan Fur Trade at Its Height. From: Michigan Fur Trade / Ida A. Johnson.	Box 5	Folder 3
<p><u>Existence and Location of Copies:</u></p> <p>Existence and Location of Copies</p>		
<p>A copy of this book is in Coll. 304 & in the Local History book collection. M977.4.J632 1971</p>		
Fur Trading Reference pages 189-197. Michigan Pioneer & Historical Society. V, XI. Incomplete or unclear citation to source.	Box 5	Folder 4

"Rix Robinson Preservation" folder. RE Continuing threat to Trading Post historic site from Amway Corporation in 1980, plus historical information.

Title/Description	Instances	
Letter. June 2, 1980. To Piet Bennett, Editorial Coordinator from Martha M. Bibelow, State Historic Preservation Officer, on Michigan Dept. of State, Michigan History Division letterhead. Copy to Dr. Richard E. Flanders of Grand Valley State College, who is named in association with the area trading post digs.	Box 5	Folder 5
Edmund Gibson Aug. 24, 1954 memo & map, also in 295-5-1 above.	Box 5	Folder 5
Application for Registration of Historic Site. Michigan Historical Commission, Lansing. Nov. 16, 1955. Application for a marker for the Rix Robinson Trading Post.	Box 5	Folder 5
Clipping. "Innkeeper was no Match for Schrewd Rix Robinson." / Gordon G. Beld. GR Press, Nov. 22, 1959. Includes image of the marker.	Box 5	Folder 5
Copy of Nov. 1, 1972 letter from Benjamin F. Smith to James Miller, Prosecuting Attorney RE Amway's moving of the memorial marker for the Robinson Trading Post which had been on highway M-21, originally placed there in 1927.	Box 5	Folder 5
Robinson Family contact information, 1972.	Box 5	Folder 6
Letter. To Mr. Smith [probably Benjamin F. Smith RE the Amway controversy] Nov. 7, 1972. From Raymond & Linda Robinson, Grand Rapids, Michigan. (2 sheets + 1 List of Robinson family members with addresses) Photocopy.	Box 5	Folder 6

Graphics, Illustrations, & Images

Ada Trading Post.

Title/Description	Instances	
Photo of Sketch from memory by Mr. Clements of Ada, Aug. 1921. GRPL AV Dept. photo + Later black marker sketch of same, with notes, on yellow lined notebook paper.	Box 5	Folder 7

Rix Robinson House. Sketch by Rebecca Richmond.

Title/Description	Instances	
June 16, 1984 memo from Gordon Olson to Dick Flanders RE enclosed photos of Rebecca Richmond's July 1888 sketch of "Rix Robinson's House, oldest building in Ada, 1836.	Box 5	Folder 8

Slides (8) Rix Robinson Ada Trading Post site. "20 KT 35" In paper mounts marked: 5 Kodachrome, 3 Ektachrome.

Title/Description	Instances	
"302" Horse Pit.	Box 5	Folder 9
"308" Horse Pit.	Box 5	Folder 9
"313" General View.	Box 5	Folder 9
"318" Trading Post Layout.	Box 5	Folder 9
"321" Dig View.	Box 5	Folder 9
"326" Ax, nails, pick, buckle.	Box 5	Folder 9
"330" Potter: J. Clementson. Red Ware.	Box 5	Folder 9
"338. Bottons, marble.	Box 5	Folder 9

Photographs (6 8x10 b/w) Rix Robinson Ada Trading Post site & researchers.

General

Items 2-6 are attached to each others at one corner, perhaps due to water damage, also otherwise in evidence.

Title/Description	Instances	
1. Six unidentified men with shovels digging at the site. (Includes African American researchers) Attached to red board, with dye running on the front upper left, probably from moisture.	Box 5	Folder 10
2. Man and woman digging	Box 5	Folder 10
3. Two young men digging in the pit and instructor(?) (Flanders?) in a hat with pipe looking on.	Box 5	Folder 10
4. General view of site with 14 or 15 people working at several holes.	Box 5	Folder 10
5. Horse skeleton	Box 5	Folder 10
6. Researcher marking bone with ink marking pen at dig site.	Box 5	Folder 10

Biographical Notes & References on Robinson

Title/Description	Instances	
Rix Robinson, pioneer and trader or Draft dodger makes good / presentation by William Harris. Michigan City Historical Society Meeting. Nov. 19, 1970. 6 typed pages + title page.	Box 5	Folder 11
2 sheets of handwritten references notes or book sources.	Box 5	Folder 11
Photocopy of Rix Robinson typed citation cards from the GRPL Biography card file.	Box 5	Folder 11
Photocopy of Feb. 10, 1847 letter to John Ball by Robinson. Coll. 044-13-369 is possible source of the original letter.	Box 5	Folder 11

Robinson Biography clippings. First in County ... GR Press, Nov. 11, 1909 clipping which includes the images of the Rix Robinson house.	Box 5	Folder 12
Robinson Biography clippings. A Short Dissertation ...	Box 5	Folder 12
Robinson Biography clippings. Bad Photocopy of photographs, perhaps from other GRPL archival collection. Includes Mrs. Rix Robinson by a Grand Haven photographer, and two image believed to be the Rix Robinson. These items not found in Coll. 054.	Box 5	Folder 12
Kent Lore is Enriched : Rix Robinson students believe they have pinpointed site of his early trading post. GR Press, July 14, 1951. Includes hand drawn map. Original clipping & oversized photocopy	Box 2	Folder 1
Getting history from an old trash pile. GR Press. Flair. Sept. 9, 1976. Original clipping.	Box 2	Folder 1
Photocopy, with attached research notes and hand drawn site map.	Box 5	Folder 13

Trading Legal Documents (Bad photocopies, location of originals unknown)

Title/Description	Instances	
License. Indian Agency Office, Michilimachinac. Aug. 18, 1830. Authorizing Rix Robinson trade with Grand River Indians.	Box 5	Folder 14
Superintendency of Detroit. License/Certificate. Aug. 4, 1834. Grand River trading.	Box 5	Folder 14
Article of Agreement, Aug. 1829. Between Joshua I.? Boyd & Rix Robinson.	Box 5	Folder 14
Invoice of Goods forwarded R. Robinson from ? Detroit, for & on account of Grand River Outfit, 1829	Box 2	Folder 4
Rix Robinson in account(?) with American Fur Company, 1833	Box 2	Folder 4
Grand River Outfit in account with American Fur Company, 1833. (2 sheets).	Box 2	Folder 4

Dig Project Documentation

Title/Description	Instances	
The GVSC Summer Project, 1967 / by R.E. Flanders and Richard Stockton. In. The Coffinberry News Bulletin. (Michigan Archaeological Society) v. 15, no. 4, Apr. 1968.	Box 5	Folder 15

General

This article is a preliminary report on the finds from the Grand Valley State College dig at the site of the Rix Robinson Trading Post northwest of Ada, Mi. It includes

information on china and other evidence, including the skeleton of a horse.

Various Charts & informations Sheets, 1967

Title/Description	Instances	
Rix Trading Post. Site chart on graph paper.	Box 5	Folder 16
Rix Robinson Topo. 4 sheets graph paper.	Box 5	Folder 16
Data on pieces found. 2 sheets ledger paper.	Box 5	Folder 16
8 sheets graph paper with "Museum of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Square Sheet" at the top. Several record the "Observer" as "Nyland", one as "Flanders, Vonk".	Box 5	Folder 16
6 sheet graph paper with "Grand Valley State College, Allendale, Michigan" at top. Some with "Nyland" listed as observer.	Box 5	Folder 16
5 sheets of notes on lined or unlined paper.	Box 5	Folder 16
Historical information.	Box 5	Folder 17
5 sheets		
5 sheets		
1 Sheet 1. Descriptive List of Aliens Employed by Rix Robinson.[Aug. 14, 1830]. Sample of merchandise sold and Delivered Rix Robinson", July 14, 1832. Metal, Ceramics, Glass.		
2 Sheets 2-4 Metal / Ceramics / Glass		
3 Sheet 5-6 Handwritten		
Illustrates the Layout at 20 KT 1, 90 E 190, Burial? Pit, Section II-V. Color illustration, front & back, on one large sheet of graph paper, quarter folded.	Box 5	Folder 18
Robinson Site. Nails: Types and Dates. April 27, 1972. 3 handwritten sheets, and 1 blank sheet in clear notebook cover.	Box 5	Folder 19
Robinson. 20 KT 35. Metal Anal (analysis) / M. Murphy. 3 legal sized sheets line notebook paper, folded.	Box 5	Folder 20
Site Data Lists. Three sheets of different paper & inks & data, one with "Richard Stockton for Dr. Flanders".	Box 5	Folder 21

Dig Project Documentation

Title/Description	Instances	
Invoice of Merchandiser of Merchandise Sold & Delivered Rix Robinson, of Michilimachinac, the 14 July 1821. (4 oversized sheets made of poor old photocopies, with two sheets each stapled together into one larger sheet).	Box 2	Folder 1

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Title/Description	Instances	
Rix Robinson Matter. Amway Vs. The People.	Box 1	Folder 7
Nov. 1, 1972. Letter. To James Miller, Prosecuting Attorney, from Benjamin F. Smith, engineer, consultant. Benjamin Smith Papers. 1986.298B	Box 1	Folder 7
Nov. 2, 1972. Letter to the Editor, Grand Rapids Press, From Smith. Benjamin Smith Papers. 1986.298B	Box 1	Folder 7
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