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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title	Kent County, Michigan records at the Grand Rapids Public Library
Date	1860s-2000s
Extent	6.4 Linear feet 16 boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>This is a devised collection that contains primarily copies of publications issued by an office of Kent County government. It is not an official archive of Kent County records. Documents of Kent County organizations that work directly with government resources, such as social service agencies or historical preservation, may also be included here. It should be noted that there is no publically accessible Archives for Kent County as there is for the City, in the City Archives, or non-official Grand Rapids historical publications, as there is in the local history collections at the Grand Rapids Public Library. While the County maintains the vital records as required by law, many other documents are discarded. Some of those have been added to the City Archives or the Grand Rapids Public Library, or other Archives in the Greater Grand Rapids area, or Michigan, in order to continue to provide this historical information for future use. One such collection of materials in the GRPL Archives is Coll. 034, the Kent County Health Department Records. Coll. 309 contains those County documents which don't fit into the various other county holdings elsewhere in the GRPL Archives. It is an open collection, which will grow slowly, as new materials become available. Materials are not sought systematically, and the collection will be shaped by the actual materials which are passed on for the collection.</p>

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Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department January 2002

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Various and unknown donors, including the Calvin College Archives, accession number 2002.101C.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Collection 34, Kent County Health Department records

Collection 45, Kent County Family Life Council records

Collection 99, Kent County (Mich.) original survey collection

Collection 120, Lynn H. Clark County Commissioner of Schools/Kent County Superintendent papers

Collection 132, Kent County bridges collection

Collection 144, Kent County men in the Civil War collection

Collection 163, Kent County Council for Historic Preservation oral history collection

Collection 223, Kent County Library Tour

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- government records

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Kent County (Mich.) -- History

Series I: Kent County

Collection Inventory

Series I: Kent County	
Kent County Board of Commissioners	
	Box
Annual Report, 2003. 2003 00.[3688].	7
Kent Count Board of Superintendents of the Poor	
	Box
Annual Report, 1918. Formerly MK352.9.K41. 00.[5476].1	6
Kent Co. Board of Supervisors	
	Box
Manual, 1894. 00.[2462].1	1
Proceedings. See also additional years of the proceedings in the Department's book collection.	
	Box
1908. 00.[1484].1	1

Kent County Community Resources Workshop

1910. 00.[1485].1 1

2008. 00.[5510].1 1

Box

Survey of the Jail Needs of Kent County : a report to the Board of Supervisors of Kent County / Prepared by the citizens Research Council of Michigan, Oct. 1953. Report No. 177 Formerly MK365.3.C498. 00.[5472].1 4

Board of Supervisors. 1878 Resolution on Canada Thistles. 2011.043 1

Kent County Community Resources Workshop

Box

Historic Sites in Kent County / Production of Kent County Community Resources Workshop, in cooperation with Michigan State University. Formerly M977.455.K419h. 00.[2860].1 Includes the following: Rix Robinson grave marker and trading post, Fallasburg Bridge, Covered bridge at Ada, Alaska's 111 year old general store, Old Red Schoolhouse, Little Red Schoolhouse, Bradford Homestead, Brick Tavern, Childsdale Paper Mill. 11

CAP, Community Action Program ... See Coll. 303 for Committee of 100 for 100 Days of Progress 11

Kent County Clerk

Box

Manual of Kent County, 1911. 00.[1839].1 1

Kent County. Circuit Court.

1

Kent County Director of the county, city, village and township officials, Standing Committees of the Board of Supervisors and Boards and Commissions, 1969-1970 / compiled by Jack Bronkema, County Clerk, Grand Rapids, Michigan. P2006.052.1

Kent County. Circuit Court.

Calendar of the Circuit Court for the County of Kent in two parts. Formerly MK353.5.K41

1916

Box

March term, pt. 2. 00.[5481].1

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May term, pt. 1. 00.[5481].2

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Sept. term, pt. 1. 00.[5481].4

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Sept. term, pt. 2. 00.[5481].5

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Dec. term, pt. 1. 00.[5481].6

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Dec. term, pt. 2. 00.[5481].7

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1917

Box

Kent County. Juvenile Court.

May term, pt. 2. 00.[5481].3 10

Sept. term, pg. 2, . 00.[5481].8 10

Kent County. Juvenile Court.

Report of Juvenile Court, Kent County, Grand Rapids. Formerly MK364.K42

Box

Oct. 1907-Oct. 1911. 00.[5475].1 10.5

Oct. 1907-Oct. 1912. 00.[5475].2 10.5

Oct. 1907 to Oct. 1914 . 00.[5475].3 10.5

Juvenile Court Law with information and suggestions for Probations Officers / Probate Court, Juvenile Division, Kent County, Mi. Formerly MK364.K42. 00.[5474].1 10.5

Kent County Juvenile Court Reasonable Efforts Project. Reasonable Efforts : steps for preserving families. Community Resource Directory for the Child Welfare Profession. G.R. : Kent Co., Juvenile Court Reasonable Efforts Project Staff, Nov. 1988. Directory.. 00.[2701].1

Box

1/3: A-F Entries 10.5

2/3: G-L Entries 10.5

Kent County Family Independence Agency

3/3: M-Z Entries	10.5
Kent County Family Independence Agency	
	Box
Kent County Emergency Needs Task Force. Report. 1999-2000 Update Report. May 2000. 2000.050.B.1	3
Kent County Health Department	
	Box
Healthy Kent 2000, [Community Health Committee] : Building a Foundation, March 1996. 00.[5746].1	9
Kent County Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, 2002.. 00.[2631].1	9
Twenty-five Years of Public Health in Kent County, 1914-1939.Formerly MK614.K41. 00.[2877].1	9
Annual Report of the Kent County Health Department and Community Health Service, Grand Rapids Michigan. Formerly MK613.K41. 00.[2876].	
	Box
July 1941-July 1942	9.1
July 1943/July 1944. To July 1954/July 1955. 00.[3212].1-12	9.2

Annual Report of the Kent County Health Department and Community Health Se...

1955/1956 "Public Health is the Science and the Art of Preventing Disease"	9.1
1958. "Working Together for Better Health"	9.1
1959 "Into the Future Healthfully"	9.1
1960 "Into the Future Healthfully"	9.1
1961. 75 Years of Public Health Protection. From Yesterday to Today, 1887-1962.	9.1
1962	9.1
1963. "Community in Action"	9.1
1964. "Ever on Guard, Protecting Your Health"	9.1
1965. "Your Health - Our Goal - for yesterday, today and tomorrow"	9.1
1966. "Your Health Team in Action"	9.1
1967. "Working for your ... healthful tomorrows through preventive programs today."	9.1
1968. "Your Health, the Key to Your Future"	9.1
1970. "Public Health is People Helping People"	9.1
1971. "Better Tomorrows Start with Healthier Mothers and Babies Today"	9.1

Kent County Human Services

1972. "Public Health is the Prevention of Disease and Disability ..."	9.1
1973 "People Helping People to prevent disease ...".	9.1
1974. "A Community's Strength is in the Health of Its People"	9.1
1975. + Community Health Service Annual Report 1975 loose at the front, a 1 sheet folded flyer.	9.1
	Box
Report on Public Health Services in Kent County. 2002/2003. 00.[4084].57	9.1
Kent County Health Department Services and Location Map. Rev. Dec. 4, 1974. Formerly M614.09774.K419k . 00.[2896].1	9

Kent County Human Services

	Box
Sheldon Complex Advisory Council. (Ted Rasberry, Director) Minutes, Meeting Agenda's 1978	9
New Human Services Complex (Web documents). Variously called the Kent County Human Services Complex or the Consolidated Human Services Complex, to be constructed on the site of the old Sheldon Complex at 121 Franklin SE.	9

Kent County I.A.A. (K.C.I.A.A.)

Committee on Contests

Committee on Contests	
	Box
Kent County Contests for 1920 : Debating, story writing, declamation : report of the Committee on Contests of the K.C.I.A.A. Publ. By A.M. Freeland, Commissioners of Schools, G.R. Formerly MK808.5.K41. 00.[2906].1	11
Kent County Jailor	
	Box
Kent Co. Jailors Book, 1838-1894 [photocopy, 2 copies] 2002.101C	4
Kent County Law	
	Box
Kent County Primary Election Law 1903. GR : Henson Printing Formerly MK324.K41. 00.[5484].1	10
Kent County Medical Society	
Bulletin. Formerly MK610.6.K41	
	Box
v. 1-5 Dec. 1908-Dec. 1913	9.5
V. 6-7, Dec. 1914-Dec. 1915	9.5

Kent County Road Commissioners

V. 8-11, Jan.-Dec. 1916-1920	9.5
	Box
Report of the Public Relations Committee of the Kent County Medical Society, April 1932. 00.[5490].1	9.5
Kent County Nursing and School Inspection : report for xxxx to the Kent County Board of Supervisors. 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919 issues bound together. Formerly MK371.7.K41. 00.[5477].1	9
Kent County Road Commissioners	
Annual Report. Formerly MK625.K41	
	Box
1921. 00.[2470].1	5
1922	5
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Kent County Schools

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1931. 00.[2470].11	5
1947. 00.[2887].1	7
Kent County Schools	
	Box
Bulletin no. 2. To the School Officers of Kent County / by A.M. Freeland, Commissioner of Schools, n.d.. 00.[5101].1	2
Members of the Boards of Education of the Schools of Kent Co., Mich., / publ. By A.M. Freeland, Commissioner of Schools, G.R. Formerly MK379.14.F87	
	Box
1932-1933. 00.[5100].1	2
1934-1935. 00.[1840].1	2
1934/1935 Bound with item below (Teachers in the Schools of...)	2

School Directory for Kent County, Michigan. Lynn H. Clark, Co. Commissione...

	Box
Teachers in the Schools of Kent County, Mich./ A.M. Freeland, Commissioner ... G.R., 1934-35 . 00.[1840].1. Formerly MK379.14.F87	2
School Directory for Kent County, Michigan. Lynn H. Clark, Co. Commissioner/Superintendent, G.R. Formerly MK379.14.F87. 00.[1842].1-10	
	Box
1939/40	2
1942/43	2
1944/45	2
1952/53	2
1955/56	2
1960/61	2
1961/62	2
1962/63	2
1963/64	2
1964/65	2

Kent County Unemployment Relief Committee

1945/46. 00.[1841].1-6	2
1946/47	2
1947/48	2
1948/49	2
1949/50	2
1950/51	2
	Box
School Directory for Kent Co., Michigan. Roscoe C. Miner, Superintendent. = Kent Intermediate School Dist. Directory, 1968-1969. 00.[2010].1. Formerly MK379.14.F87	2
Summary of Kent County Vocational – Technical Education Survey : a study conducted by the boards of education of the nineteen high school districts, Grand Rapids Junior College and the Kent Intermediate School District. Apr. 1966. Former M373.246.K419r. 00.[2901].1	X
Kent County Unemployment Relief Committee	
	Box
Annual Report. 1931-1931. 00.[5479].1. WHERE 4/8/2008 Put in Box 6	X
Kent County Vote Tabulation.	

Kent County Welfare Relief Commission

Box

[Chart and two Maps] / by Earl L. Sprout. (FF or OVE ROLLED?. 4 oversized)

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Maps: Map showing wards and precincts, City of Grand Rapids, Mich. 1930; Kent County. Townships, Villages.

1. National Election. Nov. 3, 1936. 1st edition

2. National Election. Nov. 8, 1938. 2nd edition

3. National Election. Nov. 1940. 3rd edition

4. State Election. Nov. 1942. 4th edition.

Kent County Welfare Relief Commission

Box

Facts about relief / Kent County Welfare Relief Commission. Feb. 1935(?)Formerly MK361.K41. 00.[5478].1

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Kent County Relief / by Julius H. Amberg, Chairman, Kent County Welfare Relief Commission. Articles from the Grand Rapids Press. Nov. 19, 1935.Formerly MK361.Am1. 00.[5489].1

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Kent County Welfare Relief Commission. Report of Relief Load and Its Costs For Month of Oct. 1937Formerly MK361.K41r. 00.[5471].1

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Planned Parenthood Association of Kent County

Box

Annual Report, 1965-1966. 00.[2852].1

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Michigan. State Department of Corrections. Bureau of Probation. Kent County, Michigan

Box

Children with Problems. Formerly MK364.34.M582. 00.[5473].1

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Series II. Individual Townships, Cities or settlements within the County.

Box

Kent County and Kent Townships' Names by Mrs. Hilda MacGregor. 1945-1946. In connection with a course in Michigan History under Dr. Krauss, of Western Michigan College of Education. Formerly M977.455.M178k. 00.[2862].1

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Caledonia Township

Box

Zoning Ordinance and Building Code, Caledonia Township, Kent County, Michigan. 1952, 1954. Has folded map at the back. Formerly M352.9.C128. 00.[5675].1

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City of Grandville

Box

Kentwood Township

Grandville Jaycee. Directory of Information 1958. Formerly M917.7455.G765. 00. [2923].1	8
Kentwood Township	
	Box
From There to Here to a Look Ahead in Kentwood Public Schools / 1842-1969 by Goldie Snow ; 1958-1983 by Wendell P. Hill. 1969 1st Ed., 1983 25th Anniv. Ed. Kentwood School District ; Kentwood Board of Education. 2008.075	2
Lowell Township / City of Lowell	
	Box
Charter and Ordinances of the Village of Lowell. Revised 1864. / ... Common Council. G.R. : The Enquirer & Democrat Office, 1864. Formerly MKL352.L95c. 00.[3213].1	8
Paris Township	
	Box
Account Book, including School District #6, Town of Paris Assessment, etc. ca. 1873-1902. P2007.059.5	8.5
[Paris Township Schools, Kent County, Account Book] 1881-1914, accompanied by original ephemera. Includes information on Districts, 1-12. Poor condition; no photocopying. Formerly M352.13.P218. 00.[2644].1	8
Brief Sketches of Home Acres; History Growth, Development / by Marguerite Peterson. n.d. [ca. 1954?] Student paper. Geography of the Local Community 361, Dr. Stout.	8

Wyoming Township

“Home Acres was named and plotted by realtors N.C. Thomas and Cheeseman in 1923. They plotted 80 acres along Division Road in Paris Township about five miles south of the heart of the City of Grand Rapids. Formerly M977.455.P442b. 00.[2854].1

Wyoming Township

Box

History of Wyoming, City of Vision and Progress. N.d., ca. 1962. 9 typed sheets. Content information seems to end with 1962. Formerly M977.455.H629. 00.[2861].1

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