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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Grand Rapids History Center
<b>Title:</b>	The Old Collection
<b>ID:</b>	Collection 371
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1778-1967
<b>Physical Description:</b>	30 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Old Collection is a collection holding various early Grand Rapids documents, ephemera, correspondence, journals, records, accounts, indentures deeds, etc. The items held in this collection are separated into several separate series by their Old Collection name (subject, organization, person, donor, etc.). This collection is a combination of materials collected before the Ryerson Library was built and in the 1920s. There are some materials collected after that. A large portion of the collection pertains to materials from the late nineteenth century through the early 20th century (late 1800s to early 1900s). There are multiple collections within "The Old Collection," and the subject names (old collection names) are listed within the series.

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## Scope and Contents

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The Old Collection consists of four different series, including individuals, organizations, businesses and locations. Each subject listed under the series are the collection names and previous collection numbers within "The Old Collection." The materials in this collection consist of various early Grand Rapids documents, ephemera, correspondence, journals, records, accounts, indentures, deeds, etc, pertaining to individuals, organizations, businesses and locations.

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Other various old and unknown accessions (many documents are stamped with dates in the 1920s).

### Processing Information

This finding aid was created using a previous inventory done in the year 2000, and an updated current inventory was created.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History -- 19th Century
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History -- 20th Century
- personal papers
- records (documents)

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I. Individuals

**Allard, John P.**

Title/Description	Instances	
1838 Field notes of township lines in district subdivided by Allard. (was a surveyor in Allegan County)	Box 17	Folder 3

**Allen, Stirling W.**

Title/Description	Instances	
Job Reference 1824 (was first city physician 1866)	Box 17	Folder 1

**Almy, John**

Title/Description	Instances	
Bridge Contract for Bridge Street with Kent Co. Supervisors	Box 17	Folder 2

**Anderson, M. Elizabeth**

Title/Description	Instances	
List of names of those ages 5 to 20 years, living on the West side of the River, 1862.	Box 17	Folder 4

**Baars, Lucretia**

Title/Description	Instances	
Insurance policy, 1874.	Box 63	Folder 11-15

**Backus, Ella May, attorney**

Title/Description	Instances	
Copy of admission to practice law. (original in 216 box 7)	Box 17	Folder 5

**Bailey, Norman**

Title/Description	Instances	
Deed, 1859.	Box 63	Folder 16

**Baldwin, Nellie O.**

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, Reminiscence, 1955.	Box 38	Folder 1

**Ball, Lucy**

Title/Description	Instances	
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Correspondence, 1875, 1892. Ms. Just a Lake of Long Ago. John Ball Early G.R. 1911. [MKG9 H62. V.1-7]; and other manuscript materials.	Box 38	Folder 3-10
<b>Barnaby, Norace T., Jr.</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Scrapbook, state and national news.	Box 38	Folder 11
<b>Blair, Roxey</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Genealogical document relating to Roxey Blair, 1778-1831	Box 39	Folder 3
<b>Blakeman, Mrs. Charles E.</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Biographical sketch of Charles E. Blakeman.	Box 38	Folder 2
<b>Boardman, Francis D.</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
1857 Correspondence, Phrenological chart, genealogy, Law certificates 1847-67, mortgages, deeds, indentures, 1850-78.	Box 63	Folder 10
<b>Borgers, Dirk</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Warranty Deed, 1869.	Box 38	Folder 12
<b>Bradner, E. W.</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
"A poetical dialogue," letter/drama signed E.W. Bradner, Plymouth, May 6, 1836 to Miss Cordelia Fraser, Livonia, W. Co., Mich.	Box 39	Folder 6
<b>Briggs, Cordelia</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Letters to Mrs. Gorch	Box 34	Folder 36
<b>Burr, Daniel</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Last will and testament, 1905	Box 29	Folder 14

**Butterworth, Richard E.**

Title/Description	Instances	
Petition to Circuit Court, Wayne Co., includes hand-drawn map of Canal St. and canal basins, 1861	Box 29	Folder 13

**Campbell, Caroline P. (Mrs. James)**

Title/Description	Instances	
James Finney books (notes/sermons)	Box 17	Folder 6

**Canfield, John**

Title/Description	Instances	
Hattie H. Canfield, Plaintiff vs. Francis V. Canfield, Executrix, and Charles J. Canfield, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of John Canfield, Deceased, Defendants; Briefs and reply	Box 48	Folder 19

**Cannon, LaGrand (Founder of Cannonsburg)**

Title/Description	Instances	
13 folders with documents, land agreements, deeds, contracts, indentures, articles of agreement, etc. 1843-1857	Box 28	
12 folders with correspondence with John Ball, leases, tax receipts, land agreements, accounts, letters, deeds, land lists, power of attorney, etc. (1843-1855)	Box 29	
Plat map of Village of Cannonsburg, 1848, encapsulated	Box 62	Folder 2

**Carr, Henry J.**

Title/Description	Instances	
2 journals and 1 scrapbook, ca. 1870s	Box 49	Folder 1-3

**Carroll, Charles H.**

Title/Description	Instances	
Legal documents re: land dispute Kent County, 1836-43.	Box 38	Folder 13-22
John Almy deposition, 1841.	Box 38	Folder 13-22

**Caswell, David (accession 1986-102)**

Title/Description	Instances	
White/Caswell agreement, 1844. 6 items, including contract between David Caswell of Ohio Nakum? White.	Box 63	Folder 9

2nd draft agreement. + 4 small scraps of paper with names costs.

## Chipman, Samuel S.

Title/Description	Instances
Journals 1885-1890, Law Register 1869	Box 43

## Christ, Gottlieb

Title/Description	Instances
Passport in German, 1835-1836 – GR emigrant	Box 49      Folder 4

## Clark, William M.

Title/Description	Instances
Accounting book 1888-1889	Box 49      Folder 5

## Coach, William Burtis, George L.

Title/Description	Instances
Contract, 1891	Box 48      Folder 7

## Coffee, William C.

Title/Description	Instances
Correspondence 1862-1877, Certificates 1865 1883	Box 48      Folder 11-14

## Compton, William

Title/Description	Instances
Court document relating to Maryland, 1786, Fragile.	Box 40      Folder 9

## Cotton, George II.

Title/Description	Instances
Correspondence 1915, Correspondence with Henry Ford's secretary 1929-1930.	Box 51      Folder 5-14
"List of Radio sets sold by Kent Radio Inc. without Permits being Applied for"... electrical permits issued 1903-1931, electrical newsletters, etc.	Box 51      Folder 5-14
Various Memorial and Biographical information	Box 51      Folder 5-14
Scrapbook, member of Jovian Order, City Electrical inspector.	Box 51      Folder 5-14

## Creswell, Harry L.

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### Culver, George W.

Title/Description	Instances	
pocket notebook; includes notes of money sent home while a soldier, letters written and received, and purchases., 1862-1863	Box 48	Folder 20

### Cuming, Annie W.

Title/Description	Instances	
Diary and writings	Box 48	Folder 17

### Cuming, Charlotte R.

Title/Description	Instances	
Invitation sent to Mr. & Mrs. McKee	Box 48	Folder 16

### Cuming, Francis H.

Title/Description	Instances	
Journals containing sermons. 1840-1860.	Box 48	Folder 8-10

### Cutcheon, Byron M.

Title/Description	Instances	
Speeches and lectures, 1886-95.	Box 40	Folder 6-8

### Degraw, Wesley

Title/Description	Instances	
Warranty deed / indenture to Jesse Stuart, Montcalm Co., 1857	Box 47	Folder 10

### Denton, Clara J.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, 1938	Box 47	Folder 1
Paper: "The Drummer Boy of Monmouth"	Box 47	Folder 2
Biography of Clara Denton, written by her daughter Marie Denton, nd	Box 47	Folder 3

Typed obituaries taken from Clara Denton's scrapbook	Box 47	Folder 4
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Includes obituary of John W. Denton obituary, 1885.		
Paper: "A San Francisco Woman with a long line of Royal Irish Ancestors," nd	Box 47	Folder 5
Clara J. Denton diary, 1890-1891	Box 47	Folder 6
<u>Immediate Source of Acquisition:</u>		
<b>Immediate Source of Acquisition</b>		
Presented to Grand Rapids Women's club in 1940.		
<b>Dexter, Samuel</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Deed 1879 and papers concerning Courthouse Square (now Fulton St. Park)	Box 51	Folder 1-3
<b>Dixon, Charles</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
74th Regiment of Foot Account Book for Sergeant Charles Dixon	Box 34	Folder 58
<b>Doran, Thomas</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Letters to Wm. Roberts and George Roberts regarding a resolution by the Common Council for the extension of Fulton Street, with news clipping attached., 1873	Box 34	Folder 42
<b>Everett, Franklin</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
"Hermit of the Adirondaks," and other plays and poems by Everett, "The Doctor" (a comedy by Everett), Addresses, Journal 1860.	Box 52	
<b>Finney, James T.</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Agreements with John Ball, Amos Roberts and Loren Page	Box 47	Folder 11
Letters from Amos Rathbone and others	Box 47	Folder 12
Accounting records, bills, and receipts , 1837-1851		



Box 47  
Folder  
13-14**Fitch, George E.**

Title/Description	Instances	
Quitclaim deed 1849, speech notes for D.A.R., 1930 "Sermons and Stories" book	Box 34	Folder 26-27

**Fitch, Milford L.**

Title/Description	Instances	
Manuscripts, ms. compilation, and 4 personal journals (1912-1920)	Box 34	Folder 1-25
"Recollections of the State, 1855-1925" poems, stories, science, theology, etc. (19 notebooks)	Box 34	Folder 1-25

**Foster, Wilder D.**

Title/Description	Instances	
U.S. Senate resolution of sympathy to family of Hon. Wilder D. Foster, Michigan, 1874.	Box 39	Folder 4

**Fralick, Henry**

Title/Description	Instances	
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**Fuller, Ben**

Title/Description	Instances	
Journal, Account book 1890-1912.	Box 36	Folder 1

**Fuller, Corydon**

Title/Description	Instances	
Civil War poem entitled Photograph of a Copperhead Editor, written by Fuller	Box 34	Folder 37

**Fuller, E.P. and S.L.**

Title/Description	Instances	
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Letter written by Millard Fillmore, 13th President of the United States, 1873	Box 34	Folder 44
<b>Garfield, Charles W.</b>		
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Letter to Garfield from William Ross Utley, 1918	Box 34	Folder 29
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Letter from Jessie Garfield to Mrs. Gleason, 1934	Box 34	Folder 34
<b>Gartner, William</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Mortgage, Wayne County, MI 1898	Box 58	Folder 10
<b>Gilbert, Thomas D.</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Correspondence 1821-1907.	Box 56	Folder 1-2
<b>Gillespie, George D. (Rev.)</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Correspondence 1901-1908	Box 57	Folder 10-11
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<b>Gleason, Clark H.</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Correspondence 1898, 1877-1898	Box 36	Folder 3
<b>Gouldsbury, Benjamin F.</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Warranty Deed Indenture, 1851.	Box 51	Folder 4
<b>Guild, Joel</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Letter to Jesse Vaughan 1833 and typed transcription.	Box 36	Folder 4-5
Receipts made out to Joel Guild, 1837-1846	Box 36	Folder 11

**Hall, William G.**

Title/Description	Instances	
1910 Patent for Fruit Jar Sealers and Caveat for Guide for Dovetailing machine 1888.	Box 57	Folder 26

**Hays, Willard**

Title/Description	Instances	
Willard Hays of Hastings, Michigan, indenture, 1842.	Box 60	Folder 5

**Heiss, Mrs. Etna C. Fox**

Title/Description	Instances	
Mr. William H. Fox certificate for Grand Rapids Commercial College, 1860	Box 57	Folder 20-21
Handwritten paper titled "Success in Life" by William H. Fox	Box 57	Folder 20-21

**Henry – Big Brother**

Title/Description	Instances	
Letter written on birch bark 1860 + typewritten transcript.	Box 57	Folder 22

**Hinman/Hinsman, Enoch**

Title/Description	Instances	
Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids Plankroad Co., certificate, 1852.	Box 57	Folder 27

**Hinsdill, Almira S.**

Title/Description	Instances	
Calkins-Bridge cash book 1883-1890	Box 57	Folder 18-19
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**Hinsdill, Mary A.**

Title/Description	Instances	
Letter from L. Grabinger, 1837	Box 35	Folder 17

**Hinsdill, Myron**

Title/Description	Instances	
Letter from L. Hinsdill, 1836		

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**Hodenpyl, A.G.**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Correspondence from George Kendall, 1874	Box 57	Folder 23-24
Circuit Court County of Kent Citizenship paper, 1855	Box 57	Folder 23-24

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3 Photographs of paintings	Box 57	Folder 14-17
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**Holden, Ichabod**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Public land patent 1882/1839, Bronson, Michigan	Box 60	Folder 4

**Holland, William**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
State land patent, Antrim County, 1866	Box 60	Folder 3

**Hollister, Paul**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
"Biography in Sound" about Robert Benchley 1956, as re-recorded by Paul Hollister – typed transcript.	Box 57	Folder 12-13
Memorial by Rev. D.F. Bradley at the funeral of Martha Clay, 1901.	Box 57	Folder 12-13

**Houseman, Julius**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Note from Hattie Amberg nee Houseman to Board of Education, Grand Rapids re: donation of land for Houseman Field, 1907	Box 60	Folder 2
Julius Houseman redemption certificate 1859, Barry County 1859 indenture, Kent County 1860 indenture.	Box 60	Folder 2

**Hulst, Cornelia S.**

Title/Description	Instances
Cornelia Steketee Hulst (Teacher and Prominent citizen, married to Dr. Henry Hulst)- Certificate, exercises, photograph, correspondence, publications, autographed book, and thesis by John Hulst (1880-1959)	Box 25

**Hulst, Dr. Henry**

Title/Description	Instances
Notebooks on diabetes, medical publications 1896-1908	Box 55
"Class Day Exercises" from University of Michigan, 1888.	Box 55

**Huntley, George M.**

Title/Description	Instances	
Article of Agreement, 1867, with the City of Grand Rapids.	Box 57	Folder 25

**Hutchinson, Elma Fuller**

Title/Description	Instances	
Letter to Desdemona Harrington Gorch, 1866	Box 34	Folder 35

**Jewell, Harry D.**

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, documents, etc. concerning new charter for Grand Rapids, 1910-1917, expense records from lawsuits.	Box 35	Folder 1-8
Advertisements pertaining to Jewell running for Commissioner at large, 1915.	Box 35	Folder 1-8
Documents for building and organizing a detention home for juveniles.	Box 35	Folder 1-8

**Kellogg, John R.**

Title/Description	Instances	
Quit claim deed of property to Michael Anthony, 1865	Box 35	Folder 15

**Kellogg, Orson**

Title/Description	Instances	
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<b>Ottawa House Hotel, Port Sheldon, Michigan</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Register, 1838-1844	Box 19	Folder 10
<b>Pearl Street Bridge Company</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
1858 proposals, bridge specifications, correspondence concerning bridge, 1858 drawings, record book 1858-1873.	Box 21	Folder 1-5
<b>Pearl Street Bridge</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Signed petition relating to Pearl Street Bridge be extended and opened, presented by Chas T. Hovey; Another petition signed by Rix Robinson among others relating to building free bridge to be located at western termination of Cole Brook St. (n.d.)	Box 39	Folder 2
<b>Reed Lake Ave. Company</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Account book 1887-1906, Record book 1873-1913, Stock certificate book 1878-1911, Quit claims, Articles of Association, Amendments 1878 and 1893, Proposal/ agreement for Company 1874.	Box 27	Folder 1-7

## Stucco Consumers

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Miscellaneous correspondence and receipts, 1848-1863.	Box 33	Folder 7-8
Business reports 1875, with news clippings, 1878-1879.	Box 33	Folder 7-8

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Records of Primary Schools 1848-1899, Highway Records 1871-1910, Township Records 1848, Assessment Rolls 1875-1871.	Box 45	
Treasurer Records 1851-1887, Primary Schools 1899, Assessment Rolls 1872-1880.	Box 46	

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