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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Grand Rapids History Center
<b>Creator:</b>	Dockeray, Mary Jane, Dr.
<b>Title:</b>	Mary Jane Dockeray papers
<b>ID:</b>	Collection 527
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1890-2020
<b>Physical Description:</b>	24 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	Dr. Mary Jane Dockeray was a public educator in Grand Rapids, Michigan, best known for her role in the inception of the Blandford Nature Center (BNC), which was owned and operated by the Grand Rapids Public Museum until 2003, when the BNC became an independent enterprise. This collection contains materials relating to her work at the BNC, her personal life, and the various organizations she was involved in such as the National Audubon Society. Researchers interested in the natural history interpretation in West Michigan, environmental education, and Dr. Dockeray as a public figure will find interest in this collection.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Dr. Mary Jane Dockeray (1927-2020) was a naturalist, lecturer, writer, and educator who lived and worked in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Growing up in the Grand Rapids area, she attended Oakleigh School for eleven years, then Grand Rapids Union High School for eleventh and twelfth grade. She was hired by the Grand Rapids Public Museum (GRPM) as a nature lecturer for local schools in 1949 after graduating from Michigan State University with a Bachelor's degree in Geology. Dockeray hosted a daily radio program on WGRD from 1955 to 1960 called "Radio Spy," wherein she spoke about nature subjects in a 15-minute segment. In 1961, she put together a film called "These Things Are Ours," which featured speakers who lectured for the National Audubon Society (NAS). Mary Jane Dockeray became a speaker for the NAS to present her film to audiences. Dockeray was the pivotal figure in the establishment of the

Blandford Nature Center (BNC) of the Grand Rapids Public Museum, where she was Curator-Naturalist from 1968 until 1990. Dockeray was highly involved in education throughout her life. The BNC became well-known for its educational programs. The Blandford Environmental Enrichment Program (BEEP), first hosted in 1973, was developed specifically for gifted students who wanted to remain active in programs throughout the school year. Dockeray remained engaged at the center even after her retirement in 1990, the year she retired. She participated in the committee that selected applicants for the Mary Jane Dockeray scholarship at Grand Valley State University, beginning in the early 1990s. In 2012, Dockeray was admitted to the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. Her written works include a book called "Let's Go Exploring," and her 2014 autobiography, entitled "Rock On, Lady."

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains documents, scrapbooks, photographs, film negatives, color slides, audio tapes, video tapes, graphic materials, and various ephemera related to Dr. Mary Jane Dockeray. Three major series comprise the collection: Personal Life, Public Life, and Grand Rapids Public Museum (GRPM) and Blandford Nature Center (BNC). Included in the Personal Life series are family photographs and documents, scrapbooks, documents from her education (ranging from elementary through graduate school), and records related to Dockeray's travels around Michigan and elsewhere. Included in the Public Life series are documents relating to organizations with which Dr. Dockeray was involved, information related to honors and awards she was given, and resumes and summaries of her career. Included in the GRPM and BNC series are administrative reports, ephemera, publications from the center, and many photographs, slides, and negatives. Researchers interested in the development of the BNC, environmental education and programming, and West Michigan natural history interpretation will find value in using this collection.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

2020.022 / 2021.103 - Materials donated by Blandford Nature Center.

## Conditions Governing Use

This collection is open and available for researcher use.

## Processing Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Education -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History
- Grand Rapids Public Museum

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## Collection Inventory

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### Personal Life

#### Photographs & Media

Title/Description	Instances	
Family photos - Dockeray, Nye, Crall, Quinn, Bechtel, Napierala, Slade, Bryant	Box 1	Folder 1-2
Corl, Knott, and Co. photos of staff, exterior and interior of millinery company building	Box 1	Folder 3
Class Portraits, (1936-2011)	Box 1	Folder 4
Large portraits of Mary Jane Dockeray, (1930-2012)	Box 1	Folder 5
Retirement party and tribute, 1990	Box 1	Folder 6

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House photos	Box 1	Folder 7
Photos, Big Bend, 1991-04	Box 1	Folder 8
Conservation Magazine Picture Series Taken by Bob Harrington, 1964-02-26	Box 1	Folder 9
Oakleigh School photos, faculty and girls basketball team, 1943	Box 1	Folder 10
Dockeray family photo album, (1910-1950)	Box 11	Object 1
Photo album of MJD's 80th birthday party at Blandford Nature Center, 2007	Box 11	Object 2
Childhood and early career photos	Box 34	Folder 9
Portraits of MJD	Box 34	Folder 10
Photos of unidentified people at gathering, undated, from Marilyn Martin	Box 34	Folder 11
Women's History Month, 1999-03	Box 34	Folder 12
MJD's house, yard, and cat Bridie, (2009-2010)	Box 34	Folder 13
MJD with friends, 1991-2015	Box 34	Folder 14
Grand Haven Ice, 2003	Box 34	Folder 15
Grand River Flood, 2013-04-21-2013-04-22	Box 34	Folder 16
Upper Peninsula trip (mainly historic copper mining sites and facility tours), 1990-06-1990-07	Box 34	Folder 17-22
Scenes around Grand Rapids and travels in northern Michigan, 2006-2008	Box 34	Folder 23
Upper Peninsula trip, 2009-07-2009-08	Box 34	Folder 24
Minnesota and Ontario trip, 2010	Box 34	Folder 25
Upper Peninsula trip, 2013	Box 34	Folder 26-27
DVD – Pacific Missile Range Facility	Box 43	Folder 1
Record - "Da Yoopers"	Box 43	Folder 2
Reel to Reel Audio – "Victor Julian's Dog Act," addressed to Andrew Kirby, Grotto Circus in Cleveland and Detroit with 1955 postmark	Box 43	Folder 3
CD - Powerpoint of Agate Uber Alles by Doug Moore and Don Kelman, narration by Susan Moore; Heart of Wisconsin Gem and Mineral Society, 2003	Box 43	Folder 4
Record of MJD "Speech 208 MWF 8-9", 1949	Box 43	Folder 5

## Negatives and Slides

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Upper Peninsula trip, 2009-07-2009-08	Box 35	Folder 12
Scenes around Grand Rapids and travels in northern Michigan, (2006-2008)	Box 35	Folder 13
Grand River Flood, 2013-04-21-2013-04-22	Box 35	Folder 14
MJD's house, yard, and cat Bridie, (2009-2010)	Box 35	Folder 15
Cat and mantis, yard, travel, MJD portrait, 1992	Box 35	Folder 18
Maine trips, including Hog Island Audubon Camp dedication (Aug 1960), wildlife, botany, local seafood industry, and landscapes, (1959-1982)	Box 36	Folder 4-18
David -- New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine	Box 36	Folder 19
Shrine Circus Animals	Box 39	Folder 1-3
Maine trips, including Hog Island Audubon Camp, botany, and wildlife	Box 40	Folder 1-8
Family and friends; MJD graduation in 1973	Box 41	Folder 1
MJD graduation, 1973	Box 41	Folder 2
Travel	Box 41	Folder 3
European travel	Box 41	Folder 4
Cats, around home, friends, fireworks, Dockeray schoolhouse	Box 41	Folder 5
1952 Michigan State University Homecoming; 1954 Carbarns Fire; 1956 Tornado Damage	Box 41	Folder 6
Hot air balloon ride over Kent County	Box 41	Folder 7-8

## **Family History Materials**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Grace S. Dockeray – Education	Box 2	Folder 1
Family Vital Records	Box 2	Folder 2
Signature Book, 1890	Box 2	Folder 3
Leigh Dockeray – WWI Discharge	Box 2	Folder 4
Mary E. Nye Diary, Sept-Dec 1911	Box 2	Folder 5
Loose Material from Mary E. Nye Diary, 1911	Box 2	Folder 6
Marriage Book – Mary Nye and Winfield Dockeray, 1920	Box 2	Folder 7
Grace & Leigh Dockeray	Box 3	Folder 1
Dockeray Family Information	Box 3	Folder 2-3
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	Box 3	Folder 4
Letter; notes on Furnishings	Box 3	Folder 5
MJD Family History – front cover and left pocket	Box 3	Folder 6
MJD Family History Binder Interior	Box 3	Folder 7
MJD Family History Binder Loose Items	Box 3	Folder 8
MJD Ancestry Binder	Box 3	Folder 9
Garden Club and 4H Memorabilia	Box 3	Folder 10
Childhood Memorabilia	Box 3	Folder 11
MJD House Inventory	Box 3	Folder 12
Grace M. Smellink – Palmer Method of Business Writing Teacher's Certificate, 1931	Box 17	Folder 7
Grace May Dunning – Grand Rapids Union High Literacy Diploma, 1913	Box 17	Folder 8
Grace May Dunning - Western State Normal School Diploma, 1915	Box 17	Folder 9
Grace May Dunning - Western State Normal School Diploma and Teaching Certificate, 1915	Box 44	Folder 8

## Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
Mary Jane Dockeray, Winfield Dockeray, Oscar Hirth, 1944-1962	Box 5	Folder 1-4

## Academics

Title/Description	Instances	
B.A. Degree from MSU	Box 7	Folder 1
MJD's PhD Certificate	Box 7	Folder 2
MSU Graduate Application	Box 7	Folder 3
MSU Notes	Box 7	Folder 4
Various Graduate Documents	Box 7	Folder 5
MJD Term Paper - "Let's Go Exploring"	Box 7	Folder 6
Manuscript Duplicates	Box 7	Folder 7
Dissertation ideas, programming and proposals regarding Blandford	Box 7	Folder 8
MSU Graduate Papers	Box 7	Folder 9
Environmental Education and Conservation	Box 7	Folder 10



MSU 4-H and National Junior Vegetable Growers' Association	Box 7	Folder 11
4H Food Preparation, 3rd Year, 1943, 1943	Box 7	Folder 12
9th Grade Creative Writing	Box 7	Folder 13
College lecture notebooks	Box 7	Folder 14
MJD – Oakleigh Public School, 8th Grade Diploma, 1941	Box 17	Folder 6

## Travel

Title/Description	Instances	
Notes/Memorabilia – Alaska	Box 8	Folder 1
Notes/Memorabilia – Maine	Box 8	Folder 2
Notes/memorabilia – Michigan	Box 8	Folder 3
Upper Peninsula Journals	Box 8	Folder 4
Notebooks – Memoirs & project notes	Box 8	Folder 5
Upper Peninsula Trip – Notes, Correspondence, Programs	Box 8	Folder 6-7
Travel Notebooks, 1955-1962	Box 9	Folder 1
Travel Notebooks, 1963-1965	Box 9	Folder 2
Travel Notebooks, 1966-1968	Box 9	Folder 3
Travel Notebooks, 1968-1980	Box 9	Folder 4
"Travelogue Tidbits" – Notes, Newspaper/Journal Clippings	Box 10	Folder 1

## Calendars

Title/Description	Instances	
Calendars 1950 - 1979	Box 13	Folder 1
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Calendars 1998 - 2020	Box 13	Folder 3

## Financial Records

Title/Description	Instances	
Finances, 1945 - 1963	Box 14	Folder 1
Finances, 1960 - 1978	Box 14	Folder 2
Finances, 1967 - 1990	Box 14	Folder 3
Finances, 1991 - 2003	Box 14	Folder 4

## Scrapbooks / Oversize Materials

Title/Description	Instances	
Scrapbook of newspaper articles, original photos, and ephemera, mostly of early career with museum, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Audubon Society, travel, (1954-1968)	Box 16	Object 1
Rotary Club scrapbook of articles, ephemera, photos of early career and work with affiliated organizations	Box 26	Object 1
Scrapbook of school and college ephemera and photos; travel; early years in nature education, (1941-1955)	Box 29	Object 1
Dissertation plates with photos of Blandford programs	Box 44	Folder 7
Scrapbook of photos and articles of career	Box 45	Object 1
4-H Scrapbook, (1939-1944)	Box 46	Object 1
Scrapbook of articles and ephemera related to MJD personal and public life (labeled "Music" on front)	Box 46	Object 2
4-H book on wool by MJD for "The Just Sew Club" at Oakleigh School	Box 47	Object 1
Photo album of graduation, family and friends, work at Blandford	Box 48	Object 3
Robert "Bob" Bushewicz painting with signed note on back to MJD, 1990	Box 49	Object 1

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## Public Life

### Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
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Thank You Notes from Students, Sent by Sue Averill 4/3/1967	Box 4	Folder 4
Letters from Mrs. De Heer's 1st Grade Class (1970) South Elementary, Grandville	Box 4	Folder 5
Thank you letters from students	Box 4	Folder 6-8
Blandford Nature Center correspondence, much of it containing information about early development of the center, soliciting donations, etc., (1966-1979)	Box 28	Folder 1

Blandford Nature Center correspondence, (1980-1990)	Box 28	Folder 2
Correspondence regarding flag from Gerald Ford, 1969	Box 28	Folder 3
"Reflections of Blandford" MJD birthday project from students of C.A. Frost ESA	Box 45	Folder 1

## Memoirs, Interviews, and Career Summaries

Title/Description	Instances	
"Rock On" Memoirs – Loose Prints by CHG	Box 6	Folder 1
"Second Printing" of MJD Memoirs 12/9/2013, 2013	Box 6	Folder 2
"Rock on, Lady..." CHG Proofs	Box 6	Folder 3
MJD Memoirs – Notes & Working Draft	Box 6	Folder 4
MJD Memoirs – Working Draft	Box 6	Folder 5
MJD Memoirs – First Rough Draft (incomplete)	Box 6	Folder 6
Planning for book, Part I	Box 6	Folder 7
Planning for book, Part II	Box 6	Folder 8
Written Memoirs (Draft Notes)	Box 6	Folder 9
Wege Foundation Fund Request for Memoir, 2014-01-29	Box 6	Folder 10
"Sugarbush" and "The Saga of Edgar Allen Crow" manuscripts	Box 10	Folder 6
Resumes and profiles	Box 12	Folder 1
Transcription of oral history interview with the Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council, 1994	Box 12	Folder 2
Transcription of oral history interview on the history of Blandford with Virginia Cox, 1987	Box 12	Folder 3
Blandford Environmental Education Program (BEEP) memoir	Box 12	Folder 4
Grand Rapids Press retirement article feedback form	Box 12	Folder 5
"An Afternoon of Tribute" retirement party planning, 1990	Box 12	Folder 6
P. J. Ash (children's book author and illustrator) book collaboration proposal	Box 12	Folder 7
Letters of support and articles regarding retirement, 1989	Box 12	Folder 8
Memoirs, press releases, resumes, reviews from students, interview notes	Box 12	Folder 9
Articles regarding MJD career in: Michigan Conservation (Sept-Oct 1964); Michigan Audubon News (Sept-Oct 1990); Michigan Audubon Magazine (Sept-Oct 2013)	Box 12	Folder 12

Transcript of interview regarding Kuhtic Cabin with Barbara Kuhtic, Mary Nausieda, and Mrs. Joseph Kuhtic by Weldon D. Frankforter and MJD	Box 12	Folder 16
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## Honors and Accolades

Title/Description	Instances	
Laminated quotes thanking and praising MJD	Box 10	Folder 8
Certificates & Awards	Box 15	Folder 1
Ephemera from awards, honors	Box 15	Folder 2
Award Plates	Box 15	Folder 3
Michigan Women's Hall of Fame	Box 15	Folder 4
MSU/Landon Society	Box 15	Folder 5
16 over 60 Gala, 2019	Box 15	Folder 6
MJD appointment to Wilderness & Natural Areas Advisory Board by Michigan Governor Blanchard certificate, 1982	Box 44	Folder 3
Michigan Senate Resolution honoring MJD, 1990	Box 44	Folder 4
U.S. Senate & Audubon Society Congrats on MJD Retirement, 1990	Box 44	Folder 5
Distinguished Service Award from the Grand Rapids Education Association + photocopy, 1969	Box 44	Folder 6
"Today's VIP" illustrated poster of MJD, named Conservationist of the Year by Kent County Conservation League and copy of the back of old frame with information about the artist, local cartoonist Ray Barnes, 1964	Box 44	Folder 10
Plaque in appreciation for Blandford Environmental Education Program (BEEP), 1990	Box 48	Object 1
MJD 80th birthday scrapbook with letters of appreciation from students and parents, 2007	Box 48	Object 2

## Publications

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Grand Rapids Museum Association "Discoveries" Articles	Box 15	Folder 8-9
Grand Rapids Press Letters and Articles	Box 15	Folder 10

## Affiliated Organizations

Title/Description	Instances	
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Misc. Audubon Society, 1959-2011	Box 20	Folder 2
Various Audubon publications, 1961-1982	Box 20	Folder 3
Audubon TV series proposal, 1965	Box 20	Folder 4
Audubon Lecture Schedules, Illinois and Massachusetts, 1970-1971	Box 20	Folder 5
Audubon Lecture Schedules, Texas and Nebraska, 1970	Box 20	Folder 6
Audubon Lecture Schedules, Florida, 1969	Box 20	Folder 7
Audubon Lecture Schedules, Midwest and New England, 1967-1968	Box 20	Folder 8
Audubon Lecture Schedules, West Coast and Midwest, 1966	Box 20	Folder 9-11
Audubon Lecture Schedules, Michigan and Illinois, 1964-1965	Box 20	Folder 12
Nature Society of Western Michigan board minutes, membership lists, and correspondence, 1990-2006	Box 21	Folder 6
Nature Society of Western Michigan newsletters, 1996-2007	Box 21	Folder 7
Nature Society of Western Michigan brochures, letterhead, and logo	Box 21	Folder 8
Rails to Trails Conservancy of Michigan, 1993-1994	Box 21	Folder 9
Natural Areas Conservancy of West Michigan memorandums, newsletters, and articles	Box 21	Folder 10
Rockhounding, conservation, and wildlife rescue organizations ephemera and articles	Box 21	Folder 11

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## Grand Rapids Public Museum & Blandford Nature Center

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Muskegon ISD	Box 18	Folder 9
Geology Lectures	Box 18	Folder 10
Weather program notes	Box 19	Folder 1
Maple syrup program notes	Box 19	Folder 2
Public Museum Lectures – Misc. Trips & Programs	Box 19	Folder 3
Public Museum Lectures – Misc. Notes & News Clippings	Box 19	Folder 4
Public Museum Lectures – Animals, General	Box 19	Folder 5
Public Museum Lectures – Grand Rapids	Box 19	Folder 6
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Lectures on Grand Rapids Public Museum halls and exhibits	Box 21	Folder 5
Museum Habitat Exhibits	Box 22	Folder 1
"Nature Spy" Radio Scripts, 1953-1959	Box 22	Folder 2-3
"Animals" Scripts and Outlines	Box 22	Folder 4
"Birds" Scripts and Outlines	Box 22	Folder 5
"Travel Series" Scripts and Outlines	Box 22	Folder 6
Ferns of Blandford	Box 22	Folder 7
School Camping Packet	Box 22	Folder 8
List of Blandford photo contest winners, 1981	Box 31	Folder 15

Related Materials:

**Related Materials**

See Box 38, Folders 18-20 for slides of photo contest submissions

"This is Your Life" and "Poems" booklets by children	Box 44	Folder 9
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## Administrative Documents and Reports

Title/Description	Instances	
Grand Rapids Public Museum handbook with notes, 1980-1989	Box 21	Folder 1

Grand Rapids Public Museum memorandum; collections policies; excerpt from annual report (1945); Blandford loans (1991-1992); Blandford staff directory (1991)	Box 21	Folder 4
Monthly and Annual Reports, 1973-1974	Box 23	Folder 1
Monthly and Annual Reports , 1974-1975	Box 23	Folder 2
Monthly and Annual Reports, 1975-1976	Box 23	Folder 3
Monthly Reports, 1977-1978	Box 23	Folder 4
Monthly Reports, 1979-1980	Box 23	Folder 5
Monthly Reports, 1981	Box 23	Folder 6
Monthly Reports, 1982-1984	Box 23	Folder 7
Monthly Reports, 1984-1987	Box 24	Folder 1
Monthly Reports, 1988-1989	Box 24	Folder 2

### **Property Planning, Financial Development, and Expansion**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Blandford Nature Center interpretive building blueprint	Box 17	Folder 1
Land trust and related legal records, (1984-1985)	Box 17	Folder 2
Frank and Stein Architects letter and blueprint of Nature Center land development proposal, 1966	Box 17	Folder 3
Interpretive building dedication planning document and program, 1969	Box 25	Folder 1
Property addition maps and building layout, road reroute, DNR agreements, land notes	Box 25	Folder 2
Wilson Acres land trust	Box 25	Folder 3
Land purchase from Sharon Hooker	Box 25	Folder 4
Annex and interpretive building remodeling, drain plan around Daverman Building	Box 25	Folder 5
Land and water trust	Box 25	Folder 6
Blessed Sacrament Natural Areas	Box 27	Folder 1
Comstock Park site	Box 27	Folder 2
Master plan; habitat management; diversity and program subcommittees, 1989-1995	Box 27	Folder 3
BNC farm operations and alternative plans, 1978	Box 27	Folder 4
BNC farm inspection report, 1989	Box 27	Folder 5
Revised edition of long range plan, 1993	Box 27	Folder 6

Woodlot, habitat, and wetland management plans, 1979-1994	Box 27	Folder 7
Site plans and proposed additions; educational program planning; proposed Brandywine Creek trail	Box 27	Folder 8
Volunteers - list, organization committee bylaws	Box 27	Folder 9
Needs assessment and planning for a collaborative environmental education lab	Box 27	Folder 10
Trust fund financial statements, 2001-2003	Box 27	Folder 11
Farm needs and donations	Box 27	Folder 12
Barn Raising - research, zoning, local contractors, receipts, 1976	Box 27	Folder 13
Financial summaries; resolution of the City Board of Art and Museum Commissioners supporting BNC; memo about closing the retail operations of Blandford, 1989-1991	Box 27	Folder 14
First-time visitor survey results, 1994	Box 27	Folder 15

## Publications & Ephemera

Title/Description	Instances	
Newspaper and magazine articles about Dockeray, Blandford history, Environmental Education Program, etc	Box 10	Folder 2-4
"A Historical Walk Through Blandford Nature Center" by Davenport University Students, 2011	Box 12	Folder 13
Accent Grand Rapids Magazine special issue on Grand Rapids Public Museum: 125 Years of History, 1979-11	Box 12	Folder 14
Michigan Nature Centers and Other Environmental Education Facilities by Charles Black and Diane Worden, 1982	Box 12	Folder 14
"It Took 106 Years to Build the Grand Rapids Public Museum" article by director Frank DuMond, undated and unknown publication	Box 12	Folder 14
Youth Talent Exhibit registration booklet (1954) and Fine Arts Guide of Grand Rapids (1962)	Box 12	Folder 15
Blandford Farm certificate of stock and coloring book	Box 12	Folder 17
Brochures and materials from other nature centers	Box 12	Folder 18
"Long Live a Little Country" Blandford Farm poster	Box 17	Folder 5
Walk Around Old Grand Rapids brochure; Grand Rapids Magazine Furniture City commemorative issue (1984); Grand Rapids Yesterday and Today tour	Box 21	Folder 2



After-School Adventures museum programs; Abracadabra: Magic in Michigan exhibit and programs, 1987-1988	Box 21	Folder 3
Informational sheets and brochures about Blandford services and programs	Box 28	Folder 4
Dedication of Gaslight Village (1967); A Guide to Historical Grand Rapids; Irish Christmas Festival Program (1973); Historic Sites in Kent County	Box 28	Folder 5
Blandford School Christmas Carol programs and "Blandford Students Express Their Thoughts About Eloise L. John's Adaptation of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens" booklet	Box 28	Folder 6
Blandford brochures, trail guides, event flyers, and notecards	Box 28	Folder 7
Blandford newsletters, (1992-2012)	Box 28	Folder 8
Legacy '97 poster, Christine Woomer, 1997	Box 44	Folder 2
"Christmas in the Cabin" poster, 1989	Box 44	Folder 10

## Photographs & Media

Title/Description	Instances	
Mounted photos of adult crafts class, pioneer Christmas, and children with bird feed tree	Box 17	Folder 4
John DeHoog mounted photos of Blandford trails	Box 30	Folder 1
Mounted prints of Blandford scenes	Box 30	Folder 2-3
Edison Barn - construction and in original location	Box 31	Folder 1
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Heritage Buildings & Programs	Box 31	Folder 3
Wildlife and rescue operations	Box 31	Folder 4
Nature trails and education classrooms	Box 31	Folder 5
Interpretive building groundbreaking and completion	Box 31	Folder 6
MJD Teaching Classes, 1964, MDNR	Box 31	Folder 7
Publicity photos of MJD for Natural Resources Day article "Planning Ahead for BC", 1966	Box 31	Folder 8
Museum education and exhibits, 1949-1969	Box 31	Folder 9
Large prints of Blandford buildings, staff, classes, wildlife	Box 31	Folder 10
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Letter and photos of diatoms and gypsum using electron microscope from Grand Rapids Police	Box 31	Folder 12

Stocking School Thanksgiving class photos (1975) and letter from Carol Kurlenda (2020)	Box 31	Folder 13
MJ Dockeray photo and letter from Gail Snow regarding Tom Rademacher article, 2014	Box 31	Folder 14
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Blandford Nature Center operations (programs, people, buildings, and trails), (1975-1995)	Box 32	Folder 18-40
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Blandford Nature Center operations (programs, people, buildings, and trails), undated	Box 34	Folder 6
Museum field trip to the Upper Peninsula, 1949-10-20-1949-10-23	Box 34	Folder 7
Postcards of exhibits at the Grand Rapids Public Museum	Box 34	Folder 8
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## Negatives & Slides

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Barnraising, interpretive buildings, programs, class trips, wildlife	Box 35	Folder 1
Large transparencies of insects and wildflowers from Terry W. Huff	Box 35	Folder 2
Fall Harvest Fair , 1998	Box 35	Folder 3
Fall Festival, 2000	Box 35	Folder 4
Fall Festival (possibly 2003)	Box 35	Folder 5
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Programs and events, 2000	Box 35	Folder 7
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People at gathering, from Marilyn Martin	Box 35	Folder 19
Animal Hospital, including Oliver and Cromwell, Monica Haldaman	Box 35	Folder 20
Summer Day Camp, 1993	Box 35	Folder 21
J. Moleski - Sugarbush, 2001	Box 35	Folder 22
Heritage Trail	Box 35	Folder 23
Sugarbush and programming	Box 35	Folder 24
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