

# ARCHIVAL RESOURCES

## DYING, DEATH AND LOSS

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## Children

**Author/Creator:** Coffeen, Frank, b. ca. 1855.

**Title:** Reminiscences, ca. 1948.

**Summary:** Typewritten reminiscences of Coffeen, recalling his childhood near Taycheedah, then Watertown, Wis., his father's service during the Civil War in the 5th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment, his little sister's death and funeral in July 1861, and the migration of his family through Wisconsin to Creston, Iowa.

**Call Number:** File n.d.

**Author/Creator:** Edwards, Timothy, 1669-1758.

**Title:** Notes, 1729.

**Summary:** Notes written by Reverend Timothy Edwards on the death of his daughter Jerusha, who was born in 1710 and died in 1729.

**Call Number:** SC 199

**Author/Creator:** Kelly, Jane Bewel, 1820- .

**Title:** Papers, 1866-1867, 1877-1898.

**Summary:** Diaries kept by Mrs. Kelly on a farm near Cottage Grove, Wis. She recorded routine household activities, births, marriages, deaths, meetings at the Methodist Church, and the farm work of her husband and sons.

**Call Number:** Wis Mss EU

**Author/Creator:** McCormick, Harriet

**Summary:** Papers of the wife of Chicago industrialist Cyrus McCormick, Jr., consisting of correspondence, memoranda, reports, clippings, and financial records documenting her personal interests and civic activities. These concern chiefly household matters; her community and social work with philanthropies; clippings and messages of condolence concerning the death of her daughter Elizabeth at the age of twelve; charities relating to memorials to her daughter, including reports and correspondence regarding the Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund, concerned chiefly with child welfare in Chicago; and material on the Chicago YWCA building given in 1926 as a memorial to Mrs. McCormick after her own death in 1921.

**Call Number:** McCormick Mss11C

**Author/Creator:** Saville, Emily Melissa Sexton

**Summary:** Photocopies and typed transcriptions of letters mainly written by Emily Melissa Sexton Saville, 1858-1872 (most from 1862-1864), to her parents and sister in the Lake George, New York area from her new home in Shawano, Wis. In addition, there is a poem written by Melissa about the death of her child

**Call Number:** Green Bay SC 98

## Death of Famous People

**Title:** Henry and Elizabeth Baird papers, 1798-1937.

**Summary:** Papers of an attorney of Green Bay, Wisconsin, active in Territorial politics and Indian affairs, and his wife and other family members. Correspondence, business records, speeches and writings, clippings, and other materials concern the fur trade, Indians, the Civil War draft, Peshtigo fire relief, real estate transactions, genealogy, and family matters. One letter in 1842 describes the death of Joseph Rolette.

**Call Number:** Wis Mss V

**Author/Creator:** Baukhage, Hilmar Robert, 1889- .

**Title:** Papers, 1906-1962.

**Summary:** Papers of a writer, newspaperman, and Washington news commentator for NBC and ABC, primarily consisting of scripts, journals, speeches, and recordings. Scripts and discs relate almost exclusively to Baukhage's regularly-scheduled ABC radio program "Baukhage Talking." Among the news events covered in the scripts are World War II, the 1944 political conventions, President Roosevelt's death, Truman's inauguration, the Nuremberg trials, the Cold War, and the Berlin crisis.

**Call Number:** U.S. Mss 95AF

**Author/Creator:** Benjamin, Burton.

**Title:** Papers, 1957-1985.

**Summary:** Papers of a CBS vice-president and producer of news and documentaries, relating to his work on the award-winning CBS documentary series "The Twentieth Century," 1957-1966, and other news projects. Production files contain research materials; scripts; a transcript of CBS coverage of the assassination and funeral of John F. Kennedy.

**Call Number:** U.S. Mss 74AF

**Author/Creator:** Brinkley, David.

**Title:** Papers, 1956-1997.

**Summary:** Papers of an NBC news commentator, composed almost entirely of mail from television viewers and radio listeners. Most complete for the period 1965-1969, the files contain reactions to particular broadcasts of the Huntley-Brinkley Report, David Brinkley's Journal, and other programs. Topics of particular interest include the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy, the civil rights movement, the 1968 elections, the funeral of Winston S. Churchill, space exploration, and the Vietnam War.

**Call Number:** U.S. Mss 100AF

**Author/Creator:** Britt, George S.

**Title:** Letters, 1913, 1946.

**Summary:** Letters, 1913 and 1946, from Britt relative to the recovery of the body of Wisconsin Governor Louis P. Harvey in 1862, in which Britt's father played a part; including other information about the death of Governor Harvey.

**Call Number:** File 1913 July 21

**Author/Creator:** Crossman, John

**Title:** Papers, 1865-1915.

**Summary:** A small diary kept by John R. Crossman of Columbia County, Wis. beginning with notations made during his service with the 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery Regiment, Co. M in the Civil War. The diary includes lists of clothing and the cost of each item, his own telling of Lincoln's assassination (he attended the funeral in Washington, D.C.), and an account of volleys fired by his company to salute Union victories in 1865. Additional entries include recipes for linaments and other treatments for animals, accounts of rents collected, money spent, and work done for hire. Also included in the collection is his discharge paper; a formal portrait of him in uniform holding his rifle; and a group photograph made on May 31, 1915 with other Civil War veterans all of whom are identified although the location is unknown.

**Call Number:** SC 471

**Author/Creator:** Harris, Joseph, 1813-1889.

**Title:** Papers, 1844-1894.

**Summary:** Photocopy and a typed transcript of a letter written June 12, 1865, to the Door County Advocate by Harris, who was on board the S. S. Louisiana enroute to England; letter describes his stop in Chicago to view the funeral cortege of Abraham Lincoln and his attendance at a grand review of Union troops in Washington.

**Call Number:** M90-011

**Author/Creator:** Harvey, Louis P. (Louis Patrick), 1820-1862.

**Title:** Miscellany, 1860-1862.

**Summary:** Documents concerning Harvey, at his death Governor of Wisconsin. Included is a eulogy for Harvey.

**Call Number:** SC 718

**Author/Creator:** Hinkley, Ahira R., 1810-1907.

**Title:** Papers, 1865, 1967.

**Summary:** Copy of a letter, April 30, 1865, from Ahira R. Hinkley, Eagle, Wis., to his son Leonard in the army, concerning the death of Lincoln and the father's views on slavery; including a cover letter with genealogical data on the Hinkley family.

**Call Number:** SC 405

**Author/Creator:** Jones, Charles O.

**Title:** Papers, 1966-1985.

**Summary:** Papers of Charles O. Jones, a veteran news director for NBC News involved in producing such shows as "The Today Show" and "Wide, Wide World." Included are television pool coverage materials for various news events covered by Jones and the NBC network: the funerals of presidents Truman and Eisenhower and of George Meany.

**Call Number:** M87-028

**Author/Creator:** Sanders, Marlene

**Summary:** Papers of a radio and television news correspondent; host of "News with the Woman's Touch," 1964-1967; news correspondent, 1968-1971; writer-producer and vice-president of documentaries for ABC, 1971-1978; writer-producer of CBS News documentaries and contributing correspondent for "Sunday Morning with Charles Kuralt," 1978-1987; and author of "Waiting for Prime Time: The Women of Television News," 1988. Records document Sanders' coverage of John F. Kennedy's funeral; Robert F. Kennedy's assassination; and the 1968 presidential campaign.

**Call Number:** U.S. Mss 154AN and Unprocessed

**Author/Creator:** Swan, Alfred Wilson

**Summary:** A typewritten copy of the funeral address given by Reverend Swan of the First Congregational Church of Madison, Wis., December 10, 1942, for Governor-Elect Orland Loomis of Mauston, Wis., who died before he could assume the office of governor.

**Call Number:** SC 1891

**Author/Creator:** Warner, Clement E

**Summary:** Miscellaneous papers of a state legislator and colonel of the 36th Wisconsin Infantry, including an account by Warner of Lee's surrender at Appomattox and preceding events, an 1855 letter to Herbert Lewis of Sun Prairie discussing state politics, and letters and memorials at the time of Warner's death in 1916.

**Call Number:** SC 1245

**Author/Creator:** Witte, Edwin E.

**Summary:** Primary professional papers of a University of Wisconsin economist, specialist in labor legislation, and the chief author of the Social Security Act of 1935. Material includes clippings on Witte's career, 1916-1965; correspondence on his retirement in 1957 and his death in 1960; photos; and miscellaneous other items.

**Call Number:** M71-304

## Diseases

**Author/Creator:** Cohen, Daniel.

**Title:** Papers, 1972-1994.

**Summary:** Papers of Cohen, a former student radical from the University of Chicago who later became a photographer and journalist. His activities with Students for a Democratic Society and with the Weather Underground led to his arrest, after which he lived underground from 1970 to 1976. The early diaries mainly document his everyday life as a young gay man on the West Coast with few mentions of his life in hiding. The 1988-1989 volume details the illness and death from AIDS of his companion.

**Call Number:** M98-164

**Author/Creator:** Haynes, Thomas Matthew, 1837-1867.

**Title:** Correspondence, 1862-1867.

**Summary:** Letters (1862-1865) written to his sister Sarah in Black Earth, Wisconsin by Haynes while he was stationed in Memphis during the Civil War, working in Union hospitals, and after the war, when he was associated with Mansfield & Higbee, drug and chemical wholesalers. (Haynes was in the 8th Wisconsin Infantry, though apparently served with the 32nd Wisconsin Infantry.) Also included are letters to his father from friends and co-workers concerning Haynes' death from cholera in 1867 and a list of personal effects; as well as notes by donor Mrs. John W. Harris about the family.

**Call Number:** SC 2598

**Author/Creator:** Hoskins, Alvin J.

**Title:** Letters, 1861.

**Summary:** Three letters, each on illustrated Civil War stationery: one letter, Sept. 12, 1861, by Hoskins describing duty as a soldier in Company D, 4th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment; an 1863(?) letter from S. Warner to a friend telling of the death of his daughter from whooping cough; and an 1861 letter from Thomas Ramsay to his children with family news.

**Call Number:** File 1861 September 12

**Author/Creator:** James family.

**Title:** Papers, 1863-1976.

**Summary:** Papers of members of several generations of the James family of Richland Center, Wisconsin, especially the daughters of Oscar Briggs and Eloise Fort James: Beulah James (Mrs. Daniels) Young, and Adeline James (Mrs. Fred G.) Cook. Incoming correspondence of Beulah and Daniels Young, 1927-1975, is mostly from Daniels' brother and sister-in-law, Charlie L. and Leota Young, stationed in Egypt in the late 1940s; and from Adeline James Cook as she was dying of cancer in the early 1960s.

**Call Number:** Mss 439

**Author/Creator:** Kelly, Jane Bewel, 1820- .

**Title:** Papers, 1866-1867, 1877-1898.

**Summary:** Diaries kept by Mrs. Kelly on a farm near Cottage Grove, Wis. She recorded routine household activities, births, marriages, deaths, meetings at the Methodist Church, and the farm work of her husband and sons.

**Call Number:** Wis Mss EU

## Funerals

**Author/Creator:** Frank Hitzman Funeral Home (Menomonie, Wis.).

**Title:** Funeral records, 1907-1938.

**Summary:** Records, 1907-1938 (except 1911), generally recording name of deceased, date of birth, age, occupation, marital status, date and place of death, date of funeral, burial place, and financial charges; indexed by name at the front of each volume.

**Call Number:** Stout Mss R

**Author/Creator:** G.L. Lyle Furniture and Undertaking (Rice Lake, Wis.).

**Title:** Records, 1911-1952.

**Summary:** Records consisting of seven volumes listing funerals performed throughout the Rice Lake area, noting each individual's name, birth and death dates, cause of death, grave preparation, and other data.

**Call Number:** Stout Mss N

**Author/Creator:** Kurtz, Henry J.

**Title:** Reminiscences, 1983-1987.

**Summary:** Personal memoirs of Rev. Henry J. Kurtz of his boyhood experiences from 1902-1915. Kurtz's father was a German-American Lutheran minister who moved the family from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, to Mineola, Iowa; Sterling, Illinois; and Boscobel, Wisconsin. Although some narrative covers the family's time in Iowa and Illinois, the bulk addresses life in Boscobel before World War I. Discussed is the train ride to Boscobel, St. John Lutheran Church and parsonage in Boscobel, other Boscobel churches, time spent on the William Heller Farm and other area farms, funerals and death, sleighriding and skiing, education and public schools, and area sites including the railroad, "mill race," old brickyard, Crooked Creek, bluffs, and the Wisconsin River. There is also a brief biography about Kurtz written in 1987.

**Call Number:** Platteville SC 70

**Author/Creator:** Laue, James H.

**Title:** Words of faith and gratitude for the life of Roy August Laue, D.D.S., June 30, 1905 - September 5, 1979, 1979.

**Summary:** Funeral oration delivered at his father's memorial service, September 9, 1979, River Falls, Wis., remembering his beliefs and the values he exemplified.

**Call Number:** River Falls SC 381

**Author/Creator:** Madison Senior Center

**Summary:** Copies of reminiscences written by members of creative writing classes at the Madison Senior Center. Most of the writers are women, and the recollections include topics such as family life, the home environment, relatives and friends, holiday celebrations, school experiences, religion, travel, courtship and marriage, entertainment, clothing, sickness, and funeral practices.

**Call Number:** M90-350; M91-130; M94-234

**Author/Creator:** Smith's Furniture and Undertaking

**Summary:** Records consisting of funeral record books listing each client, his age, occupation, cause of death, type of service, and charges; plus embalming certificates and notices of price increases for indigent burials.

**Call Number:** Green Bay Mss 31

**Author/Creator:** Swan, Alfred Wilson

**Summary:** A typewritten copy of the funeral address given by Reverend Swan of the First Congregational Church of Madison, Wis., December 10, 1942, for Governor-Elect Orland Loomis of Mauston, Wis., who died before he could assume the office of governor.

**Call Number:** SC 1891

**Author/Creator:** Towsley, Irving

**Summary:** Funeral record book of Rev. Irving Towsley, who served congregations in Mukwonago and Stoughton, Wis., as well as churches in New York, Maine, and Vermont, including the name and age of the deceased, place of birth, cause of death, place of funeral service and interment, notes about relatives and migrations from other states and countries, fees collected, and general notes about unusual weather, etc. On the last page are notes about the average fees collected by Towsley in the various localities which he served. Entries 117 through 157 (1898-1905) concern Wisconsin. Clippings of published obituaries in the back of the volume identified it as Towsley's and also identified him as a pastor of the Universalist Church in Mukwonago, Wis.

**Call Number:** SC 2721

**Author/Creator:** Updike, Eugene Grover

**Summary:** Papers of a Madison, Wisconsin clergyman consisting principally of letters received regarding his resignation from the Summerfield Methodist Episcopal Church of Milwaukee in 1890, and his acceptance of a call to the First Congregational Church of Madison where he remained until his death. There are also invitations and letters of introduction. Filed with the collection is a typewritten volume of his sermons delivered at the Madison church in 1916 and copies of the sermons delivered at his funeral.

**Call Number:** Wis Mss EG

**Author/Creator:** Yoho, Gerald

**Summary:** Records for a general store in Batavia, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, beginning in the 19th century, and continuing to 1980. The store was a funeral parlour until recently. G. A. Leifer and son, Herbert, founded the store. Herbert ran the store after his father's death and took a partner named Hintz.

**Call Number:** M80-352

## General Accounts

**Author/Creator:** Elwell, Catherine, d. 1897.

**Title:** Catherine and Chauncy Elwell letters, 1852-1897.

**Summary:** Several letters (originals and/or transcripts) written by Catherine (Kate) and Chauncey Elwell to relatives in the East concerning their immigration to and settlement in West Salem, Wis. The letters mention reasons for emigrating; prices; garden products and other food; descriptions of their cabin and household goods; crops and farm animals; people in their society; Kate's books and library; illnesses; and the advancement of women. The letters reflect their growing prosperity. Two additional letters by the Elwell's daughter, Ida E. Tillson, describe Kate's death and funeral.

**Call Number:** La Crosse SC 107

**Author/Creator:** Gogin family.

**Title:** Papers, 1870-1919.

**Summary:** Papers of a family of Irish Americans who originally settled in Pine River, Wis. From there, family members scattered to Berlin, Wis.; Minnesota; Langdon, N.D.; and California. The collection consists mainly of original and photocopies of newsy letters between siblings Ella, Gertrude, James, John, Mabel, Mary (Mollie), and Richard Gogin. There is an account of Gertrude's untimely death in a tornado.

**Call Number:** Stevens Point Mss BL

## Grieving

**Author/Creator:** Doyle, James E., 1915-1987.

**Title:** Papers, 1939-1988.

**Summary:** Papers primarily documenting the judicial career of a man who was a federal judge and was instrumental in organizing the Democratic Party in Wisconsin. Additions, 1987, including a sampling of the sympathy cards sent to his family at the time of his death, April 1, 1987.

**Call Number:** M88-050

**Author/Creator:** Eaton, Edward Dwight, 1851-1942.

**Title:** Papers, 1826-1947.

**Summary:** Correspondence, diaries, and sermons of a native of Lancaster, Wis., who was a Congregational minister and president of Beloit College, 1886-1917, 1923. The greater part of the collection consists of correspondence between Eaton and members of his immediate family. The correspondence after 1920 consists primarily of notes of condolence written after Mrs. Eaton's death. The collection also includes a representative selection of Dr. Eaton's sermons, in manuscript, illustrating his views on a variety of topics during the years of his ministry.

**Call Number:** Wis Mss ON

**Author/Creator:** Hughes, James F., 1883-1940.

**Title:** Miscellaneous papers, 1932-1934, 1940.

**Summary:** Miscellaneous papers of Democratic Congressman James F. Hughes, De Pere, Wisconsin; consisting of correspondence and telegrams, primarily from others in public office, two speeches including one attacking formation of the Progressive Party, and condolence correspondence on his death.

**Call Number:** SC 2035

**Author/Creator:** Lathrop, Laura, 1845- .

**Title:** Letters, 1857-1866.

**Summary:** Transcriptions of letters to and occasionally from Laura Lathrop, a young woman born in Racine, Wis. in 1845, who had become a school teacher in East Troy, Wis, by the early 1860's. Correspondence from family and friends describe daily life, health issues, death and the emotional support offered through religious belief (most likely related to the deaths of sister Louisa in 1861 and of brother William in the Civil War in 1862). Lathrop is exhorted to share the religious beliefs of her friends who fear she is not a Christian. Transcribed by Douglas Henning who purchased the original letters at a flea market, the transcriptions are accompanied by a brief genealogical chart compiled by Henning and by a copy of a published biographical sketch of the Lathrop family which was based in rural Racine County.

**Call Number:** Parkside SC 93

**Author/Creator:** Martin, M. L. (Morgan Lewis), 1805-1887.

**Title:** Papers, 1645-1931.

**Summary:** Papers of a Wisconsin pioneer and land speculator who served in the Wisconsin Territorial Council, as Washington representative for Wisconsin Territory, president of the state constitutional convention, member of the state legislature, United States Army paymaster, Indian agent, and Brown County judge, including correspondence, diaries, accounts, land patents and other legal and business records, reminiscent articles by Martin, and reminiscences and a brief diary by Mrs. Martin. Also present are diaries of Mrs. Martin (nee Elizabeth Smith) kept before and after her marriage.

**Call Number:** Green Bay Mss 140

**Author/Creator:** McCormick, Harriet

**Summary:** Papers of the wife of Chicago industrialist Cyrus McCormick, Jr., consisting of correspondence, memoranda, reports, clippings, and financial records documenting her personal interests and civic activities. These concern chiefly household matters; her community and social work with philanthropies; clippings and messages of condolence concerning the death of her daughter Elizabeth at the age of twelve; charities relating to memorials to her daughter, including reports and correspondence regarding the Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund, concerned chiefly with child welfare in Chicago; and material on the Chicago YWCA building given in 1926 as a memorial to Mrs. McCormick after her own death in 1921.

**Call Number:** McCormick Mss11C

**Author/Creator:** Pickett, Lee F.

**Summary:** Mainly letters written by Pickett, second lieutenant of Company I, 102nd Infantry, giving his impressions of France and describing the Second Battle of the Marne, at which he was wounded. Letters from his army associates to his mother offer condolences upon Pickett's death at the Battle of the Argonne Forest in 1918 and describe his military career. Several citations to Pickett for bravery are also included among his papers.

**Call Number:** Wis Mss MA

**Author/Creator:** Pier, Edith

**Summary:** Two essays written by Edith Pier as part of a creative writing class at the Segoe Senior Center in Madison, Wis. in 1992. The first is a short biography of her uncle, Bayard Cleveland DeHart, the first soldier from Richland County, Wis. to be killed in action during World War I, and after whom the Richland Center, Wis. American Legion post is named. Included are transcriptions of his letters from France and copies of clippings and letters concerning his death. The second essay is about the death and its effects on his family of Harry DeHart Poole, an aviator active just after World War I who died during a training exercise.

**Call Number:** Platteville SC 63

**Author/Creator:** Saville, Emily Melissa Sexton

**Summary:** Photocopies and typed transcriptions of letters mainly written by Emily Melissa Sexton Saville, 1858-1872 (most from 1862-1864), to her parents and sister in the Lake George, New York area from her new home in Shawano, Wis. In addition, there is a poem written by Melissa about the death of her child

**Call Number:** Green Bay SC 98

**Author/Creator:** Schreiner, David N.

**Summary:** Letters from and concerning Marine lieutenant David Nathan Schreiner from Lancaster, Wis. Schreiner served with the 6th Marines in the Pacific until he was killed in the battle for Okinawa on June 21, 1945. The letters, mainly written to his parents and including several written as a youth prior to his military service, reflect an introspective young man of high character. Schreiner was a collegiate football star at the University of Wisconsin before joining the Marines. He entered the Marine Corps as a private, attaining the rank of lieutenant by the end of his training in the U.S. (Paris Island, S.C. and Quantico, Va.). His letters generally describe daily routine, his surroundings, food, entertainment, his love of family, and occasional descriptions of combat actions. There is no official censorship of the letters. The collection also includes condolence letters written to his parents after his death (including one which describes in detail the action in which he was killed); letters to his parents from Odette Henrickson, his fiancée; family newsletters; letters regarding the David Schreiner Memorial Award.

**Call Number:** M92-233

**Author/Creator:** Seymour Family

**Summary:** Papers of the Seymour family of Dellona (Sauk County), Wis. documenting the family farm, first run by Silas J. and Mary Anne Conine Seymour, and thereafter, by their son, Merton E. Seymour.

The collection also includes letters from relatives in North Dakota and the papers of the Seymours' daughter, Ella, consisting of a diary and a "letter." The diary details her studies at the Teachers' Institute, work as a teacher in Dellona, and life on the farm, including domestic chores and hop picking. The "letter" is an explanatory document about a Centennial needlework piece created by Ella, and also discusses the death of her sister and best friend, Ida, about whom she made a mourning piece. (Both artifacts are in the collections of SHSW's Museum.) There is also a photograph of Ella. These items are made more interesting because they document the life of a handicapped person, for Ella was a hunchback.

**Call Number:** M93-113

## Official Records

**Author/Creator:** Brown County Register of Deeds.

**Title:** Original death certificates, ca. 1850-1907.

**Summary:** Certificates filed with the Register of Deeds, primarily dated 1870-1907, showing deceased's name, parentage, spouse, race, sex, occupation, age, and birthplace, and the time, place, and cause of death and place of burial. Prior to ca. 1875 there are large gaps in the holdings of original certificates.

**Call Number:** Brown Series 52

**Title:** Brown County Probate case files, 1821-1908.

**Summary:** Records relating to the settlement of deceased individuals' estates including inventories of real and personal property; reports and accounts of administrators or executors; statements of claims against estates; resale of real and/or personal property; warrants; contracts; sworn testimony; and similar records.

The processed portion of this series is summarized above and dates 1821-1881; there are unprocessed additions, 1821-1908.

**Call Number:** Brown Series 144

**Author/Creator:** Dane County (Wis.). Coroner.

**Title:** Case files, 1954-1987.

**Arrangement:** By month and thereunder alphabetical.

**Summary:** Files containing information compiled by the coroner about deaths other than homicides occurring in Dane County. Each case is summarized in a coroner's report which provides detail about cause and time of death and date. Traffic reports are included for traffic accident deaths. Inquests and autopsy reports are often supplied in cases where negligence, abuse, or foul play is suspected. Newsclippings and photographs are also present in some files.

**Call Number:** Dane Series 312

**Author/Creator:** Eau Claire County (Wis.). Coroner.

**Title:** Coroner's docket, 1900-1944.

**Summary:** A record of the Coroner's investigations into accidental and intentional deaths showing a brief summary of his actions including name of deceased, evidence surrounding death, and, when necessary, a record of the inquest. Information on inquests includes names of jurors and witnesses, summary of hearings held and facts presented, record of fees levied, and the verdict of the jury.

**Call Number:** Eau Claire Series 82

**Author/Creator:** Kenosha County (Wis.). Coroner.

**Title:** Reports, 1911-1918, 1927-1929.

**Summary:** A few files from 1911, 1912, 1915-1918 and all files for cases handled from September 4, 1927 until June 13, 1929. Contents of a file depend upon the nature of the case. Some contain only a death certificate. Others have letters and other personal papers found on the dead person; newspaper clippings concerning the case; correspondence between the coroner's office and persons interested in the case; the autopsy report, if there was one; morgue photos; and if violence or foul play was suspected, a transcript of the coroner's inquest and a copy of the verdict. Documentation of suicides and the violent deaths of alleged organized crime figures often is extensive, as are the cases of automobile accidents.

**Call Number:** Kenosha Series 43

**Author/Creator:** Polk County Coroner's Docket, 1931-1948

**Summary:** Records indicate name of deceased and cause of death. Also included are coroner's inquests, histories of individual cases, summons, and subpoenas.

**Call Number:** Polk Series 33

**Author/Creator:** Shawano County Circuit Court

**Title:** Case files, 1860-1942.

**Summary:** Records relating to civil and criminal cases tried before the Circuit Court in Shawano County. Cases relate to criminal offenses such as assault and battery, adultery, larceny, fornication, illegal liquor sales, vandalism, and gambling; and to civil suits involving monetary transactions and personal disputes such as divorce. Files include briefs, petitions, complaints, judgments, arguments, trial transcripts, and other documents.

**Call Number:** Shawano Series 54

**Author/Creator:** Vital Statistics Supplemental Tables, 1958-1986

**Summary:** Tables on topics such as broad age groups by county, marriages by age and numbers of marriages, live births and infant deaths by county and hospital, and birth and death summaries by county. These tables were never published but staff compiled them due to frequently asked questions.

**Call Number:** 1995/149

**Author/Creator:** Wisconsin Board of Health

**Summary:** Papers pertaining to hearings conducted by the Board concerning investigations into the need for new hospital facilities in certain areas; complaints against licensed businesses or private individuals relating to alleged violations of law or Board administrative code rules in plumbing, cosmetology, barbering, well drilling, funeral directing and embalming, and food processing. Included are transcripts of the hearings, briefs, exhibits, attendance registers, formal notices of hearings, findings of fact, orders, and correspondence.

**Call Number:** Series 877

**Author/Creator:** Wisconsin Department of Justice

**Summary:** Unnumbered hearing loss case files, 1961-1963; and State Fair materials, 1969-1971, concerning claims for death and injury due to an accident on the "Cyclone" ride, as well as claims due to losses in a tornado.

**Call Number:** 1985/228

## War Time

**Author/Creator:** Beadle family.

**Title:** Papers, 1862-1984.

**Summary:** Family correspondence and related ephemera mainly concerning Leonard William (Bill) Beadle, Jr. and his training and service as a B-17 co-pilot with the 412th Bomb Squadron of the 95th Bomb Group during World War II. Declared missing in action after his plane disappeared in bad weather over the English Channel on Dec. 16, 1944, his body later washed ashore on the Dutch coast. The major portion of the collection consists of three sets of letters, including Bill Beadle's letters, 1940-1944, written to his mother, Ada, in Beloit, Wis. while he was a student at the University of Wisconsin and while serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps. There is also a set of letters written by Florence Iseley Beadle (Bill's wife) to Ada Beadle between Aug. 1943 and March 1946 (plus one additional letter written in 1984), illustrative of the relationship between the two women. The third set consists of the letters Ada Beadle wrote to her son while he was overseas.

In addition to the correspondence is a scrapbook kept by Ada Beadle during the training phase of her son's military service, which contains postcards, clippings, memorabilia, and family photos, including several of Bill and Florence's wedding. (The volume has been photocopied and disassembled.) Ada Beadle also created a memoir/journal begun in 1945 as she attempted to work through the emotions and memories raised by her son's death. Other portions were written in 1977 and cover the period 1937-1977. The collection also includes additional loose photographs and memorabilia such as Bill Beadle's 4-H project notebooks, 1937-1940, materials reflecting his involvement in Future Farmers of America, mementos from his years at the University of Wisconsin and his membership in Alpha Gamma Rho (the agricultural fraternity), and various booklets relating to his Air Corps training classes.

**Call Number:** M93-196

**Author/Creator:** Carlson, Richard.

**Title:** War - then, ca. 1979.

**Summary:** A personal essay reflecting on Carlson's experiences in Vietnam after he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1969 and assigned to Company D, 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry; and describing how the experience changed him and how calloused he became to death.

**Call Number:** River Falls SC 405

**Author/Creator:** Dean, Edwin C., 1839- .

**Title:** Civil War reminiscences, 1906.

**Summary:** Reminiscences of Dean's three years of Civil War service with Company C, 14th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment, containing many details of military life, troop movements, and actions in Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia; plus his observations of human aspects of war: destruction, death, soldiers' antics, attitudes toward blacks and Jews, and means of survival. Brief biographical information is included.

**Call Number:** SC 2811

**Author/Creator:** Evans, Jonathan H.

**Title:** Collected papers, 1789-1908.

**Summary:** Assorted historical documents collected by Evans. The documents include a handwritten eyewitness account by Iowa soldier George J. Reynolds of the death of Union General James B. McPherson outside Atlanta on July 22, 1864.

**Call Number:** File 1789 November 18

**Author/Creator:** McCormick, Charles William, 1897-1918

**Summary:** A collection of letters written by Corporal Charles William McCormick of Soldiers Grove, Wis. while he was serving in Co. B of the 128th Infantry (32nd Div.) during World War I. The letters span the entire period of his service from his training at Camp Douglas (Wis.), Camp MacArthur (Tex.), and Camp Merrit (N.J.) until his death in the battle of Juvigny (Aisne) on Sept. 4, 1918.

Most of the letters are addressed to his mother, Mrs. Esther McCormick, and are usually routine, consisting of questions about family and events at home. Highlights include descriptions of his physical fitness and health, sea sickness on the journey to France, other soldiers' drinking habits, passing references to conditions in the trenches, and censorship. There is also a two-page typed letter from the faculty at the La Crosse Normal School (where McCormick had been a student before enlisting) including "some unpublishable gossip" about various faculty members not printed in the student newspaper. There is also a touching sympathy letter received by Mrs. McCormick after her son's death. Other items in the collection include a portrait of McCormick in uniform; a photo of his grave; a copy of his obituary and information about his grave; a poem "The Slacker" by J. T. Wilbar; his report card from the Normal School; and a memorial from France.

**Call Number:** SC 237

**Author/Creator:** McMillan, Margaret

**Summary:** Reminiscence of her marriage to Michael B. Madden of the 2nd Minnesota Infantry Regiment, of accompanying the regiment from Fort Snelling to Lebanon, Kentucky, of her husband's death, and of her stay in Lebanon during the Confederate occupation.

**Call Number:** Wis Mss 220S

**Author/Creator:** Phillips, William L.

**Summary:** Letters from William L. Phillips to his parents while serving in Company F, 5<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry Regiment, describing his life as a soldier in the Virginia theater of war, skirmishes, and the attack on Petersburg in April of 1865; including an account of his wounding at Petersburg and subsequent death in Washington.

**Call Number:** Wis Mss 142S

**Author/Creator:** Pickett, Lee F.

**Summary:** Mainly letters written by Pickett, second lieutenant of Company I, 102nd Infantry, giving his impressions of France and describing the Second Battle of the Marne, at which he was wounded. Letters from his army associates to his mother offer condolences upon Pickett's death at the Battle of the Argonne Forest in 1918 and describe his military career. Several citations to Pickett for bravery are also included among his papers.

**Call Number:** Wis Mss MA

**Author/Creator:** Pier, Edith

**Summary:** Two essays written by Edith Pier as part of a creative writing class at the Segoe Senior Center in Madison, Wis. in 1992. The first is a short biography of her uncle, Bayard Cleveland DeHart, the first soldier from Richland County, Wis. to be killed in action during World War I, and after whom the Richland Center, Wis. American Legion post is named. Included are transcriptions of his letters from France and copies of clippings and letters concerning his death. The second essay is about the death and its effects on his family of Harry DeHart Poole, an aviator active just after World War I who died during a training exercise.

**Call Number:** Platteville SC 63

**Author/Creator:** Schreiner, David N.

**Summary:** Letters from and concerning Marine lieutenant David Nathan Schreiner from Lancaster, Wis. Schreiner served with the 6th Marines in the Pacific until he was killed in the battle for Okinawa on June 21, 1945. The letters, mainly written to his parents and including several written as a youth prior to his military service, reflect an introspective young man of high character. Schreiner was a collegiate football star at the University of Wisconsin before joining the Marines. He entered the Marine Corps as a private, attaining the rank of lieutenant by the end of his training in the U.S. (Paris Island, S.C. and Quantico, Va.). His letters generally describe daily routine, his surroundings, food, entertainment, his love of family, and occasional descriptions of combat actions. There is no official censorship of the letters. The collection also includes condolence letters written to his parents after his death (including one which describes in detail the action in which he was killed); letters to his parents from Odette Henrickson, his fiancée; family newsletters; letters regarding the David Schreiner Memorial Award.

**Call Number:** M92-233

**Author/Creator:** Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Collection, 1960-1994

**Summary:** Personal papers of 137 Wisconsin men and women who served in the armed forces during the Vietnam War and which were collected as part of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin's "Voices of the Wisconsin Past" publication project. Selections from the collection have been published as "Voices from Vietnam." The collection includes letters, diaries, reminiscences, maps, military memorabilia, tape-recorded messages, photographs, and videotapes which present a wide range of experiences and a broad sampling of opinions and attitudes from a first-person perspective.

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