

Scrapbooks

A Finding Aid

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I. Series Summary

Title	Scrapbooks Series	
Collection Titles	Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation (CNR) Collection (C161); Esther Campbell (1886-1984) Collection (C172); Rosemary E. Colt Collection (C119); Livingston County Home Bureau Series; Nancy O'Dea Scrapbook Collection (C122); Ida M. Smith Collection (C124); Sheriff John York Collection (C123)	
Extent	Approx. 18.2 cubic feet total	
Date Range	c. 1860s – 2017 (bulk 1880-1980)	
Abstract	This series comprises primarily personal scrapbooks with a few volumes created by organizations, institutions, or businesses. The personal scrapbooks are generally for the purpose of collecting mementos specific to an individual's life, such as programs, clippings, drawings, photographs, and small items, or recording events of the times, such as through local or national newspaper clippings. The few volumes by organizations and other entities chronicle single events or mementos from various happenings over a period of time.	
Names	<p>Bassett, Franklin N. Blackmer, Caroline Brodie, William A. Campbell, Esther Page (Mrs.) Clancy, John Coddington, Margaret Colt, Rosemary E. Conklin—family Dantz, Ruth Wilson Fisher, Rosalind Fraser, Alex Fridd—family Green, Seth Kennedy, Archibald—family</p>	<p>Laidlaw, Gladys Hubbell McMillan, Frances Jane Randolph Morgan, Douglas O'Dea, Nancy Parsons, Levi (Rev.) Smith, Ida M. Versage, Frank Wilbur, Edith Mae York, John (Sheriff) Young, John</p>
Subjects	<p>American Red Cross Avon, NY Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation Cinema Civil War Craig Colony—Sonyea Dansville Central High School Geneseo, NY Lima, NY Livingston County Home Bureau</p>	<p>Livingston Republican— Newspaper Livonia, NY Mt. Morris Presbyterian Church Rex Theatre—Geneseo Riviera Theatre—Geneseo Tuberculosis Hospital—Mt. Morris Vietnam War World War II Yellow Front Pharmacy York, NY</p>

Languages

English.

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II. Background Information

Scrapbooks have long been popular as a way of documenting personal and local happenings through clippings from newspapers, photographs, programs from productions, locks of hair from loved ones, notes and cards, and other small items pasted into a large blank book. The practice has roots in the 15th century in Europe and continues to this day as an artistic outlet and medium in which mementos can be compiled. Each of the collections or items in this series serves a slightly different purpose, but all seek to create a record of events in a person's life or an organization's operations.

Some scrapbooks are kept in collections to preserve their associations to one another and their creators, while others may be singular; collection descriptions and content lists for personal scrapbooks are found in Section IIIa and individual scrapbooks are listed in Section IIIb. Similarly, collection descriptions and content lists for scrapbooks created by organizations, businesses, or other entities can be found in Section IVa while individual scrapbooks of the same sort will be listed in Section IVb.

III. Individuals' Scrapbooks

IIIa. Collections

Esther Campbell (1886-1984) Collection (C172)

- **Biographical and Collection Notes**

The scrapbooks in this collection span 1903-1978 and were created by Mrs. Esther Page Campbell. They consist mainly of newspaper clippings, programs, cards, and correspondence relating to Geneseo and the area, with a focus on music and church events, letters from family, and photographs.

Born in 1886 in Rochester to Otis Glover Page and Anna Cone, she had lived in Geneseo since 1894. She was married in 1911 to Archibald John Campbell, and though he died young in 1919, she never remarried. She attended the Geneseo Normal School and Eastman School of Music, becoming an accomplished musician. She was an instructor of voice and piano, and was organist and choir director for St. Michael's Church in Geneseo from 1924 to 1964. She was active in her community, serving as President of the Livingston County Historical Society for 9 years, chairman of the Geneseo Fund Drive for the Rochester Civic Music Association for 20 years and a member of that Board, Geneseo Woman of the Year 1966, honorary member of the Monday Evening Class, and a charter member of the Town and Country Club of Geneseo. In 1977 she moved to the Episcopal Home in Rochester, passing away in 1984.

- **Content List**

Box 1	Scrapbook, 1903-1912
Box 2	Scrapbooks, 1920-1944
Box 3	Scrapbook, 1944-1951
Box 4	Scrapbooks, 1951-1953
Box 5	Scrapbook, 1959-1963
Box 6	Scrapbook, 1963-1967
Box 7	Scrapbook, 1969-1973, 1977
Box 8	Scrapbook, 1941-1977
Box 9	Scrapbook, 1978

Rosemary E. Colt Collection (C119)

- **Biographical and Collection Notes**

Rosemary Ellen Colt was the daughter of Samuel F. Colt and Helena Layer (1886-1939) was a student at Dansville Central High School between 1941 and 1945, the year she graduated. She was engaged to Norbert Kuch of Wayland in 1946 but in 1952 married John Watson Shepard (1924-1977), also an alumnus of Dansville Central School.

The first four scrapbooks chronicle her life while in high school, and contain clippings, notes, cards, programs, drawings, and other small items from friends and events. The fifth scrapbook, covering the years 1946-1951, Rosemary created while she was attending the SUNY Geneseo, then known as the Geneseo State Teachers' College. She taught for a time at the Reuben Drake School in Irondequoit.

The collection was donated to the County Historian's Office by Teresa Dearing of the Dansville Public Library in 2012.

- **Content List**

Box 1	Scrapbooks, 1941-1943
Box 2	Scrapbook, 1944
Box 3	Scrapbook, 1945
Box 4	Scrapbook, 1946-1951

Irene Owens Knapp Scrapbook (Acc. #3942)

- **Biographical and Collection Notes**

This scrapbook was created by Miss Irene M. Owens, and shows the chapters in her young life from 1915 to about 1935. It contains cards, programs, school materials, small mementos, and newspapers. The contents scope includes Hemlock, Livingston County, New York and Detroit, Michigan.

The scrapbook was donated to the Livingston County Historian's Office on October 6, 2011, by Mr. and Mrs. John and Carole Wasnock of Medina, New York, Mrs. Wasnock being a niece of Irene O. Knapp. According to Mrs Wasnock, her aunt Irene was born and raised in Hemlock, New York, before marrying and moving to Detroit. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Owens of Hemlock, and sister to James Owens and Earl E. Owens. She attended school in Hemlock, attended the First Baptist Church in Hemlock, and was an active member in the Livingston County Christian Endeavor Union. She graduated from Bucknell University in 1924. She passed away about 1989.

Nancy O'Dea Scrapbook Collection (C122)

- **Biographical and Collection Notes**

Nancy Farnum O'Dea was a life-long Geneseo resident, involved in many aspects of the community. She was married to Joseph C. O'Dea of Geneseo (1921-2006), a well-known Olympic equine vet and breeder of Thoroughbred and Standardbred horses. She also was President of the Garden club, Executive Director of the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts (GVCA), active in APOG and American Red Cross. Her scrapbooks consist of newspaper clippings of happenings around Geneseo and the area and serve as a good record of local residents' lives and local events.

The collection was donated to the County Historian's Office in 2011 by Robert Bakemeier.

- **Content List**

Box 1	Scrapbooks, 1949-1978
Box 2	Scrapbooks, 1972-1987
Box 3	Scrapbooks, 1988-1997
Box 4	Scrapbooks, 1997-2004

Ida M. Smith Collection (C124)

- **Biographical and Collection Notes**

These scrapbooks were created by Miss Ida M. Smith of Arkport, and demonstrate an interest in the personal happenings around the Dansville and Steuben County areas. Entirely composed of newspaper clippings, the subjects include deaths, births, and marriage announcements and articles, as well as events of local interest.

- **Content List**

Box 1	Scrapbooks, 1937-1951 (6 items)
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Sheriff John York Collection (C123)

- **Biographical and Collection Notes**

This collection of scrapbooks was presumably created by Sheriff John York, who was Sheriff in Livingston County for 24 years, retiring in 2013. The scrapbooks are full of newspaper clippings from Livingston County, covering general events such as community happenings and obituaries.

The collection was donated to the Livingston County Historian's Office by Dick Jopson in 2012.

- **Content List**

Rm. 202A

Scrapbooks, prior to 1961, 1964-1981 (13 items)

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IIIb. Individual Scrapbooks

- Rm. 109** Alex Fraser scrapbook, 1901-1936
- Rm. 109** Avon scrapbooks, #1, #2, #3
- Rm. 109** Caledonia scrapbooks, incl. Seth Green and Fraser (microfilm)
- Rm. 109** Jennings scrapbook, various subjects
- Rm. 109** Lima Scrapbook (Hogan) (microfilm)
- Rm. 109** William A. Brodie Scrapbook, 1867 – 1875 (microfilm)
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- Rm. 202** Avon scrapbook, 1895-1898
- Rm. 202** Avon scrapbook #7, 1880s-1902
- Rm. 202** Gladys Hubbell Laidlaw, "Berlin or Bust" scrapbook, WW I
- Rm. 202** Conklin family scrapbooks, Mt. Morris (2 items)
- Rm. 202** Edith Mae Wilbur, WW I and WW II
- Rm. 202** Edith Mae Wilbur, 1903
- Rm. 202** Elizabeth Durney, WW II clippings
- Rm. 202** John Young scrapbook, 1884-1885
- Rm. 202** "Katy Does" from Livingston Republican
- Rm. 202** Livonia scrapbook, 1870s-1880s
- Rm. 202** Rev. Levi Parsons, Mt. Morris Presbyterian Church scrapbook
- Rm. 202** Rev. Levi Parsons, three scrapbooks
- Rm. 202** Unknown child's scrapbook, possibly Archibald Kennedy family
- Rm. 202** York Scrapbook #2, 1903-1904
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- Rm. 203** Frank Versage cinema and film scrapbook
- Rm. 203** Margaret Coddington, scrapbook honoring her retirement, 1975
- Rm. 203** Mary Pascall Young baby book
- Rm. 203** Ruth Wilson Dantz scrapbook, 1976-1980 (part of C137)
- Rm. 203** Caroline Blackmer scrapbook, Normal School, 1924-1927 (part of C138)
- Rm. 203** Douglas Morgan scrapbook, Vietnam, 1969-1998
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- Rm. 204** Frances Jane Randolph McMillan scrapbook

IV. Scrapbooks by Organizations, Businesses, and Institutions

IVa. Collections by Entities

Livingston County Home Bureau Series

Background and Collection Notes

The Livingston County Home Bureau was the county organization devoted to what used to be known as “domestic science” – cooking, sewing, and other homemaking-related skills. From the Avon Herald-News of 1955 comes a mission statement:

The purpose of the Home Bureau is primarily to make every woman a better wife, a better mother, a better house-keeper, and a better citizen. Programs include projects touching on Health and Safety; Household Management and Floriculture; Housing and Institutional Management; Clothing; Foods and Marketing; Citizenship and Music; Family Life and Crafts.

The series includes scrapbooks donated over the years from various donors and is therefore not a cohesive collection. Represented are scrapbooks from the Livingston County Home Bureau organization as well as local units, and they chart the activities of the organizations, including events, minutes, photographs, and mementos. Avon’s Friendly Corners unit was formed in 1960 out of the York 10 Unit, by and for Avon residents.

- **Content List**

Rm. 202	Box 3	Scrapbooks, 1930-1937, 1941 (2 items)
Rm. 202	Box 4	Scrapbooks, York 10, 1959-1961 (2 items)
Rm. 202	Box 5	Scrapbooks, Avon Friendly Corners, 1961-1963 (2 items)

IVb. Individual Scrapbooks by Entities

- **Content List**

Rm. 102	Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, Frank Bassett, 1992-2017
Rm. 202	American Red Cross scrapbook, Rosalind Fisher, 1943
Rm. 202	Black Schoolhouse, Leicester
Rm. 202	Camp Fire Girls, 1915
Rm. 202	Craig Colony, 1898-1964
Rm. 202	Prescriptions from drug stores scrapbook
Rm. 202	Yellow Front Pharmacy, c. 1899
Rm. 204	Tuberculosis Hospital, 25 th Anniversary

IV. Related Materials