

Irene A. Beale (1920-2006) Collection
A Finding Aid



Irene Beale
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I. Collection Summary

Title	Irene A. Beale (1920-2006) Collection
Collection No.	C144
Extent	1 linear foot
Date Range	1980-1994
Abstract	<p>This collection comprises papers, notes, and research materials collected and created by Irene A. Beale of Geneseo, Livingston County, New York, for the purpose of writing several local history books, including <i>Genesee Valley Women</i>, <i>Genesee Valley People</i>, <i>Genesee Country Senecas</i>, and <i>Genesee Valley Events</i>. The papers include notes, brochures, pamphlets, receipts, bibliographies, correspondence, and some excerpts from published books.</p>
Languages	English.
Access and Restrictions	<p>Use of the records in this collection is for serious research and by request and permission of the Livingston County Historian. Any use of the material in publications must be cited as follows, "Courtesy of Livingston County Historian's Office, New York". Additionally, all items should be handled with care.</p> <p>To arrange to conduct research with this collection, contact Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian, by mail at: 5 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY, by phone at (585) 243-7955 or by e-mail at Historian@co.livingston.ny.us.</p>
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II. Biographical and Background Information

Irene A. Beale (1920-2006) was the author of a number of local history books during the 1980s and 1990s, including *Genesee Valley Women*, *Genesee Valley People*, *Genesee Country Senecas*, and *Genesee Valley Events*. The notes and materials held in this collection pertain to these titles and reflect some original correspondence with museums, libraries, historical agencies, and individuals connected with the people and events about which Mrs. Beale wrote. Ms. Beale founded and ran her own publishing house, Chestnut Hill Press; she died at age 85 in 2006.

The collection of papers is generally in good condition, and has been kept in the order in which it was received. File folders have retained their original titles and contents, though most photocopies of published books have been discarded unless extensive notes were made upon them by Mrs. Beale. Her bibliographies remain to indicate which published sources were utilized in her projects. File folders are kept in two acid-free archival-quality document cases in appropriate storage and have been loosely inventoried but not indexed. File 19 was titled "Elderhostel" by Mrs. Beale though no explanation is immediately evident. The file contains only two items, one of which is a Daniel Fink reprint of an 1875 photograph.

The collection was donated to the Livingston County Historical Society by Irene's husband, Richard Beale, and then after some time given to the County Historian's Office in August of 2016.

III. Contents List

Box 1 F1	Genesee Valley Events: notes A-C
Box 1 F2	Genesee Valley Events: notes D-L
Box 1 F3	Genesee Valley Events: notes M-P
Box 1 F4	Genesee Valley Events: notes R
Box 1 F5	Genesee Valley Events: notes, Ra-Pid-Gro
Box 1 F6	Genesee Valley Events: notes S-W
Box 1 F7	Genesee Valley People: notes A-F
Box 1 F8	Genesee Valley People: notes G
Box 1 F9	Genesee Valley People: notes H-R
Box 1 F10	Genesee Valley People: notes S-Z
Box 1 F11	Miscellaneous notes, Western New York
Box 2 F12	Genesee Valley Women: notes A-B
Box 2 F13	Genesee Valley Women: notes C-F
Box 2 F14	Genesee Valley Women: notes G-H
Box 2 F15	Genesee Valley Women: notes J-L
Box 2 F16	Genesee Valley Women: notes M-R
Box 2 F17	Genesee Valley Women: notes S
Box 2 F18	Genesee Valley Women: notes T-Z
Box 2 F19	Elderhostel
Box 2 F20	Genesee Country Senecas: notes
Box 2 F21	Book projects: disks

IV. Related Materials

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This office holds copies of Irene Beale's books:

- *Genesee Country Senecas* (1992)
- *Genesee Valley Events, 1668 – 1986* (1986)
- *Genesee Valley Women, 1743 – 1985* (1985)
- *Genesee Valley People, 1743 – 1962* (1983)
- *William P. Letchworth, a Man for Others* (1982)