Ernest Kempe Collection
Size of Collection: 850 items; 2.5 linear feet
Accession numbers: MSS 2002-02
Papers collected by: Ernest Kempe

Short Description of Collection

Series of scrapbook pages from twenty scrapbooks and a ledger with clippings pasted over original writing, compiled and collected by Ernest Kempe. Contains newspaper clippings of articles, broadsides, postcards, negatives and photos dealing with Baltimore, Maryland, from 1865-1953. Clippings cover various streets, buildings and notable residents of Baltimore. Ledger includes handwritten original poetry.
Series Description and Container List

Series 1: Scrapbook Pages
Dates: 1885 – 1953 inclusive
Size: 1054 items, 2.25 linear ft.
Clippings, photographs, postcards, sketches, minute book, broadside, tax bill, and memorabilia arranged by subject and organized into twenty sub-series by original binder groupings.

Sub-series 1: Binder 1
Dates: 1885-1938
Size: 5 folders; 25 items
Articles, postcards, and photographs on a variety of buildings, such as the post office and court house, the Fifth Regiment Amory and on subjects like ice cutting.

Box 1-Folder 1 Enoch Pratt Library
Box 1-Folder 2 Walters Gallery
Box 1-Folder 3 Photographs/Postcards
Box 1-Folder 4 Government Buildings
Box 1-Folder 5 Armories

Sub-series 2: Binder 2
Dates: 1934-1948
Size: 9 folders; 100 items
Contains clippings, photographs and sketches, one from as early as 1752. Clippings include a series from a Baltimore newspaper entitled “I Remember...,” that shows what was happening in Baltimore either 50 or 100 years prior, articles on the role of the MSPCA in protecting horses, and a series on how Baltimore streets were named.

Box 1-Folder 6 Nostalgia
Box 1-Folder 7 Dickeyville
Box 1-Folder 8 Nostalgia
Box 1-Folder 9 Horses
Box 1-Folder 10 Know Baltimore?
Box 1-Folder 11 Baltimore Theaters
Box 1-Folder 12 Churches
Box 1-Folder 13 Miscellaneous Photos
Box 1-Folder 14 “Man in the Street” series

Sub-series 3: Binder 3
Dates: 1919-1946
Size: 1 folder; 25 items
A series of photographs and articles on Baltimore area hospitals. Including John Hopkins Hospital; also contains a typed copy of “A Brief history of the Hospital for the Women of Maryland, 1882-1946,” by Merrell L. Stout, MD.

Box 1-Folder 15 Hospitals
Sub-series 4: Binder 4  
Dates: 1873-1943  
Size: 5 folders; 80 items  
Contains photographs and articles pertaining to department stores, factories, markets, towers, roads, bridges, and the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904. Included is an article on the horse of Governor Brown; an 1895 map of Baltimore and the settlement house, Lawrence House.

Box 1-Folder 16 Buildings  
Box 1-Folder 17 Commerce  
Box 1-Folder 18 Great Baltimore Fire 1904  
Box 1-Folder 19 Roads/Bridges  
Box 1-Folder 20 Miscellaneous

Sub-series 5: Binder 5  
Dates: 1919-1936  
Size: 2 folders; 40 items  
Contains articles and photographs of Baltimore churches of various denominations.

Box 1-Folder 21 Churches  
Box 1-Folder 22 Churches

Sub-series 6: Binder 6  
Dates: 1907-1940  
Size: 2 folders; 30 items  
Contains photos and articles on various housing throughout Baltimore. Includes examples of property tax bills, razing, preservation and housing projects such as the Edgar Allan Poe project.

Box 1-Folder 23 Housing  
Box 1-Folder 24 Housing

Sub-series 7: Binder 7  
Dates: 1922-1937  
Size: 4 folders; 16 items  
Contains photos of horses performing different occupations, including the fire and police departments. Photos of the Maryland Penitentiary and a new traffic tower from 1922. Articles and photos of the fire department and the fire of 1904 in Baltimore.

Box 2-Folder 1 Horses  
Box 2-Folder 2 Maryland Penitentiary  
Box 2-Folder 3 Firehouses/men/engines  
Box 2-Folder 4 Great Baltimore fire of 1904

Sub-series 8: Binder 8
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Dates: 1912-1925
Size: 3 folders; 3 items
Contains copies of two articles and a minute book from the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Box 2-Folder  5   “The Baltimore Gas and Electric News,” July 1912
Box 2-Folder  6   “From an Old Minute Book”
Box 2-Folder  7   “Art and Archaeology,” June 1925

Sub-series 9: Binder 9
Dates: 1929-1953
Size: 3 folders; 35 items.
Various articles/photos on the Bath Street Viaduct and Preston Gardens, various bridges, Jones’ Falls; and other buildings. Also a publication entitled “A Common Work for the Common Wealth,” dated 1929 published by Baltimore Gas and Electric.

Box 2-Folder  8   Bath Street Viaduct/Preston Gardens
Box 2-Folder  9   Bridges
Box 2-Folder 10  Baltimore Gas and Electric publication/Misc. photos

Sub-series 10: Binder 10
Dates: 1894-1941
Size: 2 folders; 35 items
Photos and articles on Druid Hill Park, Clifton Park, River View and various other places of recreation. Also photos of various buildings.

Box 2-Folder 11 Druid Hill Park
Box 2-Folder 12 Parks/Miscellaneous Photos

Sub-series 11: Binder 11
Dates: 1910-1940
Size: 3 folders; 35 items
Photos and articles on trolley’s, streetcars, railroad engines, train stations, the Emma Giles, a submarine, and other modes of transportation. Also a 1910 copy of Trolley News.

Box 2-Folder 13 Train stations
Box 2-Folder 14 Maryland Transportation
Box 2-Folder 15 Trolley/Streetcars and railroad engines

Sub-series 12: Binder 12
Dates: 1895-1945
Size: 2 folders; 55 items
Various photos and articles on residential homes in Baltimore, many of which no longer exist.

Box 2-Folder 16 Residential homes
Box 2-Folder 17 Residential homes

**Sub-series 13: Binder 13**
Dates: 1919-1949  
Size: 4 folders; 75 items  
Obituaries and photos of noted Marylanders; photos and articles on commercial businesses in Baltimore, including a hand-written paper on the first ice making plant in the U. S., which was located in Maryland. A typed paper entitled, “Railroad blow your horn!” which was an address given by Olive W. Dennis, research engineer for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, October 9, 1947. Photos and articles on the waterfront, harbor, pleasure ships and other things having to do with Baltimore’s waterfront.

Box 2-Folder 18 Noted Marylanders/obituaries  
Box 2-Folder 19 Commercial Businesses  
Box 2-Folder 20 “Railroad Blow Your Horn”  
Box 2-Folder 21 Waterfront

**Sub-series 14: Binder 14**
Dates: 1899-1947  
Size: 2 folders; 40 items  
Pictures and articles on various Baltimore hotels, including an article on the Hotel Rennert which was forced to close in 1939. The Merchants Club; Kaminskey’s Tavern; a menu from the Hotel Rennert restaurant, and other clubs and hotels included.

Box 2-Folder 22 Hotels  
Box 2-Folder 23 Restaurants/Clubs

**Sub-series 15: Binder 15**
Dates: 1860-1948  
Size: 3 folders; 80 items  
Bulk deals with photos, postcards, and articles on Baltimore colleges, universities, and public schools. Misc. includes a photograph of Tschudy Burial Ground; houses on Aliceanna Street; and an article on yellow fever. A German Aged home, orphanages and other asylums are included.

Box 3-Folder 1 Colleges and Schools  
Box 3-Folder 2 Miscellaneous  
Box 3-Folder 3 Hospitals/Asylums/Retirement Homes

**Sub-series 16: Binder 16**
Dates: 1885-1948  
Size: 3 folders; 100 items  
Various scenes from different streets in Baltimore, including Lexington and Charles Streets. Photos of various buildings in Baltimore. Miscellaneous includes a photo of carriages for sale; Battle Monument; City Springs; a clock tower photo from 1885 and
article on clocks; hay scales; 1904 fire London Park Cemetery; Hookstown, and a 1888 map of Baltimore.

Box 3-Folder 4 Street Scenes
Box 3-Folder 5 Buildings
Box 3-Folder 6 Miscellaneous

Sub-series 17: Binder 17
Dates: 1850-1945
Size: 4 folders; 75 items
Postcards, negatives and photographs of Baltimore’s buildings. Miscellaneous includes photos of people, vegetation, and an invitation to a reunion of Male Grammar School No. 1.

Box 3-Folder 7 Postcards
Box 3-Folder 8 Photographs of Buildings
Box 3-Folder 9 Negatives
Box 3-Folder 10 Miscellaneous

Sub-series 18: Binder 18
Dates: 1867-1948
Size: 4 folders; 45 items
A 1939 issue of the Maryland Gazette concerning the Star Spangled Banner. Several broadsides from 1867 and 1879 on Democratic elections. Photographs and negatives on Baltimore housing. Miscellaneous includes housing, firemen, colleges, people, buildings, etc.

Box 3-Folder 11 Broadsides
Box 3-Folder 12 Maryland Gazette
Box 3-Folder 13 Photographs and negatives
Box 3-Folder 14 Miscellaneous

Sub-series 19: Binder 19
Dates: 1931-1949
Size: 2 folders; 40 items
Articles and photos on orphanages, veteran’s homes, business, transportation, and nostalgia. Kempe’s notes on his scrapbooks are included.

Box 3-Folder 15 Orphanages/Veteran’s homes
Box 3-Folder 16 Miscellaneous
Box 3-Folder 17 Transportation
Box 3-Folder 18 Nostalgia
Box 3-Folder 19 Business
Box 3-Folder 20 Notes

Sub-series 20: Binder 20
Dates: 1930-1948
Size: 2 folders; 120 items
Newspaper series entitled “Man in the Streets,” that explains how different streets in Baltimore got its name and the story behind it.

Box 3-Folder 21 “Man in the Streets”
Box 3-Folder 22 “Man in the Streets”

Series 2: Ledger pages
Dates: 1868-1943 inclusive;
Size: 1 item
A ledger entitled “News from the press, Out of the Past, Into the Present year 1868 to the present (1943).” Ledger is inscribed with having been printed by Bohemian Printing. Included is poetry clipped from newspapers as well as hand-written original poetry from the 1800s by members of the Keefer family. Various news stories and illustrations, including topics such as: death; hypnosis; spiritualism; superstitions; occult; ghosts; authors; actors; theater; astrology; Ulysses S. Grant’s illness prior to death; churches; Native Americans; Francis Scott Key; the abdication of the Duke of Windsor; cartoons; Governor Albert Ritchie; and John D. Rockefeller.