

Finding Aid to the Ernest Kempe Collection  
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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
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**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; Kaminsky'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	<i>Maryland Gazette</i>
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

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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.