

McLean County Museum of History

Ramsey Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	One box
COLLECTION DATES	1871-1947
PROVENANCE	Donated on May 6, 2003 by Doreen Horney, 20969 PJ Keller Hwy, Lexington, IL 61753. Acknowledgement of donation to Nora Ramsey Johnson, 2025 E. Lincoln St., Bloomington, IL 61701.
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives

Historical Sketch

Although the collection donated to the Museum provides limited information, the Ramsey family lived in Hudson and its surrounding rural area, eight miles north of Normal, from the mid-nineteenth century well into the twentieth. Some of the family were farmers, with others living in town. Marguerite Ramsey Blough Koehler was the bookkeeper for many years at the Gildersleeve Seed Company.

Scope and Content Note

The Ramsey collection is a compilation of documents kept by the Ramsey family that resided in the Hudson, Illinois, area.

The materials, organized in one box, date from 1871 to 1947. Folder 1 contains biographical information for George A. and Emma Littell Ramsey, their daughter Marguerite and her first husband Hurshel Blough. The folder consists of obituaries and an excerpt from *The Hudson Colony*, published as an Untied States Bicentennial project in 1976. Folders 2 and 3 contain religious programs and other items. Folder 4 has two nineteenth century property tax receipts given to Thomas Ramsey. Folder 5 has Marguerite Ramsey's autograph book and public school greeting card. Folder 6 contains a telegram death announcement, a fraternal organization and a sign-in book for John Littell's 90th birthday.

Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Ramsey Family Genealogical Clippings

The folder contains copies of *Pantagraph* obituaries for Emma Littell Ramsey, George A. Ramsey, Marguerite Ramsey Blough Koehler and Hurshel Blough. A two-page excerpt from *The Hudson Colony* provides basic genealogical information about some Ramsey family members and a Hudson School photo that includes three Ramsey children. The book is available in the McLean County Museum of History stacks.

Folder 2: First Baptist Church, Hudson, Illinois

Emma A. Littell's Certificate of Church Membership, Baptist Church, March 31, 1901.
Fiftieth Anniversary 1856-1906 Programme. First Baptist Church. May 27-28, 1906.
Invitation to 125th Anniversary, Hudson Baptist Church. May 31, 1981.
Program for 125th Anniversary, Hudson Baptist Church. May 31, 1981.

Folder 3: Religious Miscellany

Program for the Reopening of Hudson Methodist Episcopal Church, July 19-21, 1907.
Revival meeting brochure – Inter-denominational Evangelistic Party.

Folder 4: Property Tax Receipts

Receipt dated February 1871 to Thomas Ramsey (father of George A. Ramsey).
Receipt dated February 1882 to T. W. Ramsey.

Folder 5: Ramsey Family Miscellany

Marguerite Ramsey's autograph book, 1927.
Holiday greeting card, Hudson Public School Primary Department, 1916.

Folder 6: Miscellany

Telegram from a Kansas City, Missouri, funeral home to C. H. Ramsey of Iowa announcing death of William H. Ramsey.
Program for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Carnation Lodge No. 933, I.O.O.F.
March 3, 1932. G. Ramsey, N. G.
Sign-in book for the 90th birthday celebration held on August 17, 1947 of John T. Littell, 301 Kreitzer Avenue, Bloomington, Ill.