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Summary Information

Repository  
Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department

Title  
Kilmer family photographs

Date [inclusive]  
1870-1890

Extent  
1.04 Linear feet Two boxes

Language  
English

Abstract  
The Kilmer family photographs is a small collection which contains family photographs from the last half of the nineteenth century, for family names Colby, Barry, Gilbert, Grover, Ferguson and Bowen. One image depicts a family standing beside their log cabin. Span dates are estimated to be 1870 to 1890. The collection also includes an operating manual for a mower and a notice from the American Creditor's Association. The relationship of this collection to Western Michigan and/or later Grand Rapids area families is currently unknown.
Scope and Contents note

This collection contains late 19th century photographs of the following people: Westley, Frank, John, Mary, Will, Great-Grandpa and Great-Grandma Barry; Bill and Maria Bowen; Dick, Edith, Doll, Perry, Frank, Rita, and Libby Ferguson; John, Ivol, Emma, Eunice, Earl, and Ethel Colby; William and Elizabeth Grover; and Melisa Gilbert. The relationship of these people is not known.

One photograph of particular interest shows family members standing beside their log cabin. The photograph provides a detailed look at the materials used to build the cabin.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department October 1992

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Eunice Kilmer, accession number 1986.067

Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

• Kilmer

Genre(s)

• photographs
## Collection Inventory

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<td>Blank Delinquent List for American Creditor's Association, 1881.</td>
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<td>Paper napkin.</td>
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### Photographs

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