

**Finding aid for the An Historic
Tour of Kent County collection
Collection 223**

Library Historic Tour by Kent County Library Staff

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Kent District Library (Kent County, Mich.).
Title	An Historic Tour of Kent County collection
Date	1975
Extent	0.21 Linear feet One box
Language	English
Abstract	<p>This collection contains the Kent County Library's book entitled "An Historic Tour of Kent County," plus original photographs of various sites of the cities and townships of Kent County that were used to make the book. The book gives brief background information on the cities and townships represented in the book with pictures of various historic sites located in that area. It also gives a brief background history of the founding of Kent County. The book was published for the Bicentennial of the American Revolution on July 4, 1975.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

Historic Tour was produced by the Kent County Library Staff for the 200th Anniversary of the American Revolution. The purpose of the book was to call attention to the early settlers who founded the territory of Kent County. The staff contacted each local historical group of the Kent County region in order to composite information for the book. If no group was found, they asked a local librarian or township clerk who he/she felt was important to that area. The material was then edited to fit publication.

Scope and Contents note

The bulk of the collection is the photographs used to create Historic Tour. They show the various sites that are located in the cities and townships of Kent County. There are also photographs that were not used in the book and are unidentified.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Kent District Library, accession number 1998.040 (photos)

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History -- Photographs
- Kent County (Mich.) -- History -- Photographs

Photo List

This is a list of the photographs shown in the published book. An asterisk(*) is used to indicate those photographs, used in the book, that are present in this collection. Images without the asterisk are printed in the published book only.

Kent County (2) -Rix Robinson Marker* -Fulton Street Park*

Ada Township (2) -The Coach Stop* -Old Covered Bridge*

Algoma Township (2) -Turner Home* -The River Boat*

Alpine Township (2) -Wright Home* -Red Brick Inn*

Bowne Township (3) -Bowne Center Methodist Church* -Bowne Mennonite Church*

Byron Township (2) -Byron Township Hall* -Methodist Episcopal Church*

Caledonia Township -The General Store* -Kinsey Home

Cannon Township -Imperial Mills* -Millside Settlement*

Cascade Township -Holt House* -Whitney Tavern

City of Cedar Springs -Cedar Springs Museum -Red Flannel Factory*

City of East Grand Rapids -Gerald Ford, Sr. Home -Gerald Ford, Jr. Home -Big Spring Lake* -Blake House

Courtland Township -Courtland Grange* -Rounds School House*

Grattan Township -The Refuge* -Cutler Home*

City of Grand Rapids -Women's City Club -6th Street Bridge* -St. Mark's Church -Calkins Law Office -Voigt House* -Pike House -The Arcade*

Grand Rapids Township -Pleune House* -Mason Cemetery*

City of Grandville -No photos were given in the book

Gaines Township -St. Patrick's Church*

City of Kentwood -Octagonal House -Bowen House*

City of Lowell -Lowell Library Building* -Chief Cobmoosa's House

Lowell Township -Madame La Framboise Marker* -Avery Property*

Nelson and Solon Townships -Nelson Township Offices* -Grange Hall*

Oakfield Township -Podunk Mill* -Wabasis Lake*

Plainfield Township -Smith House -Hyser House*

City of Rockford -Old Mill -The Rockford Pioneer Cemetery*

Sparta Township -Englishville Manor -Blackall Home*

Spencer Township -Sheriff's Honor Camp* -Lincoln Lake*

Tyrone Township -Lodge -Leusenkamp House

Vergennes Township -Covered Bridge* -Fairfield House*

City of Walker -Interurban Station -Indian Mill Creek*

City of Wyoming -Rogers Homestead -Picric Acid Plant*

The Publication

Collection Inventory

Series I The Publication

	Box	Folder
Book. An Historic Tour of Kent County : in commemoration of the Bicentennial of the American Revolution / produced by the Kent County Library Staff, Kent County Library System. July 4, 1975. Includes a folded photocopied map of Kent County. 1975	1	1a

Series II Photographs Used in the publication.

	Box	Folder
Kent County (2)	1	2-1b
Ada Township (2)	1	2-2
Algoma Township (2)	1	2-3
Alpine Township (2)	1	2-4
Bowne Township (4)	1	2-5
Byron Township (2)	1	2-6
Caledonia Township (1)	1	3-7

Photographs Used in the publication.

Cannon Township (2)	1	3-8
Cascade Township (1)	1	3-9
City of Cedar Springs (1)	1	3-10
Courtland Township (2)	1	3-11
City of East Grand Rapids (1)	1	3-12
Grattan Township (2)	1	3-13
City of Grand Rapids (5)	1	3-14
Grand Rapids Township (2)	1	4-15
Gaines Township (1)	1	4-16
Kentwood (1)	1	4-17
City of Lowell (1)	1	4-18
Lowell Township (2)	1	4-19
Nelson and Solon Townships (2)	1	4-20
Oakfield Township (2)	1	5-21

Photographs not used

Plainfield Township (2)	1	5-22
City of Rockford (1)	1	5-23
Sparta Township (1)	1	5-24
Spencer Township (3)	1	5-25
Vergennes Township (2)	1	5-26
City of Walker (1)	1	5-27
City of Wyoming (1)	1	5-28
Series III Photographs not used		
	Box	Folder
Unidentified Photographs (11 items)	1	29