

# **Vivian Brecken Ellis Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
<b>Title</b>	Vivian Brecken Ellis Collection
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	Bulk, 1935-1938
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1909 to 1988
<b>Extent</b>	2.0 Linear feet 1 Blue Box, 1 flat box
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Vivian Brecken Ellis was a Grand Rapids area business woman. She was a graduate of Creston High School and Grand Rapids Junior College. She remained in Grand Rapids her entire life and was a co-founder of Distributors Inc.

## **Jennie Brecken**

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Jennie Brecken was from Highland, MI and attended Marion High School where she graduated in 1910. She later attended Central State Normal School (now Central Michigan University), where she received her teaching certificate in 1911. She was married to Clarence Brecken and was the mother of Vivian Brecken Ellis

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## **Vivian Brecken Ellis**

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Vivian Brecken Ellis was a Grand Rapids area businesswoman. She attended Creston High School and was active in many activities including theater and National Honor Society. She graduated from Creston High School in 1938, and in 1940 she received an Associates in Arts from Grand Rapids Junior College (now Grand Rapids Community College). She was married to John Ellis. Vivian was also co-founder of Distributors Inc., a Grand Rapids area business, and worked in business for many years until her retirement. She passed away on February 12, 1991.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

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This collection includes documents from the life of Vivian Brecken Ellis and family. This includes items from her mother Jennie Brecken and father Clarence Brecken. Items are mainly related to education and include assignments and diplomas, along with other miscellaneous objects. The collection also contains scrapbooks. Of particular interest in this collection are objects relating to Creston High School, particularly from 1935-1938. Additionally, several objects related to the Creston High School Class of 1938 50th Class Reunion are also included in this collection. The collection does not include anything about Distributors Inc, the business which Vivian Ellis Co-Founded.

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## **Administrative Information**

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## **Publication Information**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Creston High School.

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Brecken, Clarence E.
- Brecken, Jennie
- Ellis, Vivian Irma Brecken

### **Subject(s)**

- High schools -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

## Collection Inventory

<b>Vivian Brecken Ellis c. 1930 to 1988 (Bulk, 1935-1988)</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Homemade Christmas Card from Vivian to her Mother	1	1
Comic drawing by Vivian Brecken	1	1
Grand Rapids Junior College Commencement Program June, 1940	1	1
		<b>Box</b>
Grand Rapids Junior College Diploma 1940 1.0		2
3rd Grade project of Vivian Brecken		2
<b>Jennie Brecken</b>		
		<b>Box</b>
Michigan Public Schools Diploma 1906		2
Marion High School Diploma 1910		2
Central State Normal School Diploma 1911		2

## Clarence E. Brecken

Certificate of Proficiency, Remington Typewriters	2
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Certificate of Proficiency, Underwood Typewriters	2
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Certificate of Proficiency, Royal Typewriters	2
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### Clarence E. Brecken

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Union Graduating Exercises June 4, 1909	1	2
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Ewart High School Report Card for Clarence Brecken 1912	1	2
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Christmas Postcard from Pvt. K.L. Stelma to Mr. C.E. Brecken 1943	1	2
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Michigan Public Schools diploma 1909	2
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### Creston High School

	Box	Folder
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Dance Card May 4, 1935	1	3
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Eighth Annual Senior Girls' Meet Program Nov 25, 1935	1	3
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Creston Dramatics Club "Huckleberry Finn" Program Dec 12-13, 1935	1	3
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Scrapbooks

Junior Honor Society Ushers Ribbon	1	3
"The Show Off" Program (2) April 23-24, 1936	1	3
"The Junior Revue" Program April 22-23, 1937	1	3
Dedication of Briggs' Field. Creston vs. Union Football Program Nov 13, 1937	1	3
50th Reunion of the Creston High School Class of 1938 1988	1	4
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
50th Class Reunion Program Aug 18, 1988	1	4
Classmate Directory following 50th class reunion 1988	1	4
Reunion Flier 1988	1	4
<b>Scrapbooks</b>		
		<b>Box</b>
Scrapbook of Vivian Brecken 1928-1935		1
Scrapbook of Vivian Brecken		1
French class assignments of Vivian Brecken		1



## Miscellaneous

Scrapbook of celebrity clippings

1

**Miscellaneous****Box**

"God Bless our Home" poster

2

"Our Father" prayer poster

2

**Box****Folder**

The Inter-Staff Banquet Program May 24, 1938

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