

# **Henrie M. Sleeper 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>	Henrie M. Sleeper Collection
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1849-1952
<b>Extent</b>	2.0 Linear feet 2 Boxes
<b>Language</b>	English

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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Henrie M. Sleeper was born in 1849 in Concord, MA. His family moved to Michigan when he was 2 years old, eventually settling in the Sparta area, which was then only a small village. As a boy, Henrie worked on the farm as well as at local logging camps. Henrie later worked for Leonard Refrigerator Company for 25 years, until his retirement at age 76. Having lived through the development of the community of Sparta from its earliest years, Mr. Sleeper took a keen interest in preserving and writing about this history of the area and would often write pieces for the Sentinel-Leader (later The North Kent Leader) newspaper. He was a lifelong member of the Grange fraternal organization, and was active in the organization throughout his life. He was officially honored as the oldest living member of the Michigan State Grange. He died in Grand Rapids on March 31, 1952 at the age of 102.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

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This collection consists of articles related to Henrie M. Sleeper, a long-time resident of Sparta and later Grand Rapids. Included are manuscripts of histories of the area written by Mr. Sleeper, including correspondence related to the research thereof as well as other publications relating to Michigan history. There is also a large compilation of The Grange Visitor newspaper beginning in 1878 and ending 1879. Newspaper articles from the Michigan Sentinel as well as the Grand Rapids Press are also included.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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**Corporate Name(s)**

- Michigan State Grange.

**Geographic Name(s)**

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Sparta (Mich.) -- History

**Personal Name(s)**

- Sleeper, Henri M. estate
- Sleeper, Henrie M.

## Correspondence

## Collection Inventory

<b>Correspondence</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
From Mr. Ray K. Holland, January 16, 1941. January 16, 1941	1	1
<b>Personal Writing</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
"From Stearns Prairie to Sparta"	1	2
"Sparta Rural Free-Mail"	1	2
"Turn Backward: A time in thy flight"	1	2
Research Scrapbook	1	3
<b>Sparta History</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Sparta Sentinal clipping. "Sparta Post Office One-Hundred Years Old..." (2)	1	4
Sparta Residence Directory	1	4

## South High School

<b>South High School</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
South High School Annual, 1919 1919	1	5
South High School Annual, 1920 1920	1	6
Newspaper clipping GR Press. August 12, 1978	1	6
<b>Newspaper Clippings</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
"Do you Know" Michigan Centennial clippings. Series introduction	1	7
"Do You Know" Michigan Centennial clippings. Editions 1-50 September 2, 1935 to October 29, 1935	1	8
"Do You Know" Michigan Centennial clippings. Editions 51-100 October 30, 1935 to December 24, 1935	1	9
"Do You Know" Michigan Centennial clippings. Editions 101-150 December 27, 1935 to February 22, 1936	1	10
"Do You Know" Michigan Centennial clippings. Editions 151-200 February 24, 1935 to April 22, 1936	1	11

## Grand Rapids Press clippings, 1930's

"Do You Know" Michigan Centennial clippings. Editions 201-250 April 22, 1936 to June 18, 1936	1	12
"Do You Know" Michigan Centennial clippings. Editions 251-300 June 19, 1936 to August 15, 1936	1	13
"Do You Know" Michigan Centennial clippings. Editions 301-350 August 17, 1936 to October 13, 1936	1	14
"Do You Know" Michigan Centennial clippings. Editions 351-400 October 14, 1936 to December 10, 1936	1	15
"Do You Know" Michigan Centennial clippings. Editions 401-450	1	16
<b>Grand Rapids Press clippings, 1930's</b>	<b>Box</b> 2	<b>Folder</b> 1
Grand Rapids Press clippings, 1940's	2	2
Grand Rapids Press clippings, 1950's	2	3
Grand Rapids Press clippings, 1960's	2	4
Grand Rapids Press clippings, 1970's	2	5
Grand Rapids Press clippings, 1980's	2	6
Grand Rapids Press. Excerpts from "A History of Grand Rapids" by Herbert Baxter.	2	7

Miscellaneous

Grand Rapids Press, July 4, 1976 Bicentennial Edition	2	8
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
"Ye Lakes and Hills of Michigan" by William H. Phelps	1	17
"The Political Services of William Alanson Howard" by Martha Bigelow. Reprinted from Michigan History.	1	17
Calling your Way pamphlets, printed by Michigan Bell	1	18
"Letters of a Backwoods Teacher to his Son" by E.S. Wylie	1	19
		<b>Box</b>
Ribbons and Medals		2
<b>Grange Newsletter Compilation Book</b>		<b>Box</b> 2
<b>1849 Encyclopedia</b>		<b>Box</b> 2