

Finding Aid for the Effie M. Biever papers Collection 503

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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids History and Special Collections
Source - dnr:	Ginebaugh, Elizabeth
Title:	Effie M. Bieber papers
ID:	Collection 503
Date [inclusive]:	1921-1959
Physical Description:	.5 Linear Feet 1 box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Effie Bevier was born in Casnovia, Michigan in 1872 and taught in the Grand Rapids Public Schools for over thirty years, retiring in 1932. After the death of her husband, Henry Bevier in 1940, she volunteered for the American Red Cross for many years and she died in Grand Rapids in 1966. The Effie M. Bevier papers contain personal diaries, newspaper articles and ephemera related to Grand Rapids businesses and organizations.

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Biographical / Historical

Effie M. Bevier was born to Richard Brisbin and Anna Wilson in Casnovia, Michigan in 1872. In March of 1900 she married Henry Bevier. After graduating from the Grand Rapids Normal School and then Western Michigan University, Effie taught in the Grand Rapids Public Schools for more than thirty years, first at Stocking Straight School and then at Eastern School. She retired in 1932 and was widowed in 1940. Effie attended Park Congregational Church and she volunteered for the American Red Cross for many years. Effie spent the last six years of her life in the Veenstra Nursing Home, in Grand Rapids. She died there in 1966.

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Scope and Contents

The Effie M. Bieber papers contain personal diaries, newspaper articles and ephemera related to Grand Rapids businesses and organizations. Effie Bieber lived at the Cody Hotel from the mid 1940s to the mid 1950s. There is mention in multiple places of the Cody Hotel and Bieber notes the date of a fire there in 1946. Those researching the funeral business may find the Metcalf Funeral Director's and Blackstone Monument Company materials of particular interest.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Effie Bevier's papers were donated by Elizabeth Ginebaugh. Elizabeth's mother, Vita McConnaughey, was a close friend of Effie Bevier's and was left with Effie's things.

Effie M. Bevier papers, 2020.028

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Controlled Access Headings

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- Biography
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Ginebaugh, Elizabeth

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Photographs of Effie M. Beaver and an unidentified man, possibly her husband	Box 1	Folder 1
Newspaper articles: Only One Matheson Left, Grand Rapids Press 25 Jul 1953 and an article from an unidentified newspaper dated 4 Jan 1953	Box 1	Folder 2
Newspaper articles: Five Generations of Brisbins, unknown date and paper; 101 Years Old St. Patrick's Day, article about Emma Hubbard, 15 Mar 1955, Grand Rapids Press; GR Woman 102 St. Patrick's Day from an unidentified paper, March 1956	Box 1	Folder 3
Class Program of 1921, lined notebook with handwritten notes about the class history and its members. School Bulletin of the Teachers' Club and the Board of Education, February 1924	Box 1	Folder 4
Diary, spiral composition book with Red Cross Book handwritten at the top., 1945-1947	Box 1	Folder 5
Leather bound notebook/diary with a list of dates of trips and residences; appears first few pages have been torn out, 1943-1960	Box 1	Folder 6
Metcalf's Funeral Directors business card, identification card, funeral pricing, postcard, booklet and envelope; Black Monument Co. order form filled out by Effie M. Bevier, 1953	Box 1	Folder 7
University of Michigan in Western Michigan Fall Semester 1959 course offerings, price lists of groceries handwritten in corner	Box 1	Folder 8
Letter to Ivan E. Barber from Effie Bevier, 1959-11-25	Box 1	Folder 9
Park Congregationalist newsletter 22 October 1959; United Workers' Society program First (Park) Congregational Church 1956-1957	Box 1	Folder 10
Receipts for dues to the Wishart Circle; Fountain Street Baptist Church blank notecard , 1953-1959	Box 1	Folder 11
Invoice from Dr. Elmer W. Schnoor; Visitor's Pass to Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek; Invitation to an open house in the new student nurses residence of Butterworth Hospital 28 Aug 1958	Box 1	Folder 12
Banks Pharmacy receipt; White and White Pharmacy prescription envelope	Box 1	Folder 13
Christmas card from Swanson Consolidated Oil Company	Box 1	Folder 14
Grand Rapids City Coach Lines bus schedule , 1959-09-08	Box 1	Folder 15