

Overview

Title: Ernest Kempe collection
Call Number: Coll025
Creator: Kempe, Ernest
Dates: 1865-1953; bulk 1929-1938
Size: 3 boxes (2.5 linear feet)
Language: English
Abstract: This collection was compiled and collected by Ernest Kempe and includes a series of scrapbook pages from twenty binders and a ledger with clippings pasted over the original writing. It contains clippings of articles, broadsides, postcards, negatives and photographs of Baltimore, Maryland. Clippings cover various streets, forms of public transportation, notable residents of Baltimore, and buildings such as hospitals and churches. The ledger also includes handwritten original poetry.
Citation: Ernest Kempe collection, Collection 25, Special Collections, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (Baltimore, MD).

Administrative/Biographical Note

Ernest Kempe collected material relating to Baltimore.

Scope & Content

Arrangement

Organized into 2 series: Series I. Scrapbook Pages, 1885-1953. Series II. Ledger Pages, 1968-1943.

Provenance Information

Provenance and Acquisition Information

MSS 2002-02; Donation included books in addition to the scrapbooks and ledger.

Processing Note

The books were removed from the donation and cataloged with the Arnold collection.

Descriptive Rules Used

Describing Archives: a Content Standard (DACS)

[Archives Processing Manual: Description \(2015\)](#): The processing manual used in Special Collections for all descriptive platforms, including PastPerfect.

Access & Use

Finding Aids

Finding aid available.

Finding Aid: <http://library.umbc.edu/speccoll/findingaids/coll025.php>

Access Conditions

No restrictions.

Conditions Governing Reproductions and Use

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Subject Headings

Creators

Kempe, Ernest

Subjects

Walters Art Gallery (Baltimore, Md.)

Enoch Pratt Free Library

Baltimore (Md.)

Maryland

Series Description & Container List

Series I. Scrapbook Pages

Date: 1885-1953

Extent: 1054 items (2.25 linear feet)

Description: Clippings, photographs, postcards, sketches, minute book, broadside, tax bill, and memorabilia arranged by subject and organized into twenty Subseries by original binder groupings.S

Subseries I.A. Binder 1

Date: 1885-1938

Extent: 5 folders

Description: Articles, postcards, and photographs on a variety of buildings, such as the post office and court house, the Fifth Regiment Amory and on subjects like ice cutting.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Enoch Pratt Library		box 1	folder 1	
Walters Art Gallery		box 1	folder 2	
Photographs/Postcards		box 1	folder 3	
Government Buildings		box 1	folder 4	
Armories		box 1	folder 5	

Subseries I.B. Binder 2**Date:** 1934-1948**Extent:** 9 folders

Description: Contains clippings, photographs and sketches, one from as early as 1752. Clippings include a series from a Baltimore newspaper entitled "I Remember...", that shows what was happening in Baltimore either 50 or 100 years prior, articles on the role of the MSPCA in protecting horses, and a series on how Baltimore streets were named.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Nostalgia		box 1	folder 6	
Dickeyville		box 1	folder 7	
Nostalgia		box 1	folder 8	
Horses		box 1	folder 9	
Know Baltimore?		box 1	folder 10	
Baltimore Theaters		box 1	folder 11	
Churches		box 1	folder 12	
Miscellaneous Photos		box 1	folder 13	
"Man in the Street" series		box 1	folder 14	

Subseries I.C. Binder 3**Date:** 1919-1946**Extent:** 1 folders

Description: A series of photographs and articles on Baltimore area hospitals. Including John Hopkins Hospital; also contains a typed copy of "A Brief history of the Hospital for the Women of Maryland, 1882-1946," by Merrell L. Stout, MD.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Hospitals		box 1	folder 15	

Subseries I.D. Binder 4**Date:** 1873-1943**Extent:** 5 folders

Description: Contains photographs and articles pertaining to department stores, factories, markets, towers, roads, bridges, and the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904. Included is an article on the horse of Governor Brown; an 1895 map of Baltimore and the settlement house, Lawrence House.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Buildings		box 1	folder 16	

Commerce	box 1	folder 17
Great Baltimore Fire 1904	box 1	folder 18
Roads/Bridges	box 1	folder 19
Miscellaneous	box 1	folder 20

Subseries I.E. Binder 5**Date:** 1919-1936**Extent:** 2 folders**Description:** Contains articles and photographs of Baltimore churches of various denominations.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Churches		box 1	folder 21	
Churches		box 1	folder 22	

Subseries I.F. Binder 6**Date:** 1907-1940**Extent:** 2 folders**Description:** Contains photos and articles on various housing throughout Baltimore. Includes examples of property tax bills, razing, preservation and housing projects such as the Edgar Allan Poe project.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Housing		box 1	folder 23	
Housing		box 1	folder 24	

Subseries I.G. Binder 7**Date:** 1922-1937**Extent:** 4 folders**Description:** Contains photos of horses performing different occupations, including the fire and police departments. Photos of the Maryland Penitentiary and a new traffic tower from 1922. Articles and photos of the fire department and the fire of 1904 in Baltimore.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Horses		box 2	folder 1	
Maryland Penitentiary		box 2	folder 2	
Firehouses/men/engines		box 2	folder 3	
Great Baltimore fire of 1904		box 2	folder 4	

Subseries I.H. Binder 8**Date:** 1912-1925**Extent:** 3 folders**Description:** Contains copies of two articles and a minute book from the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
The Baltimore Gas and Electric News, July 1912		box 2	folder 5	
From an Old Minute Book		box 2	folder 6	
Art and Archaeology, June 1925		box 2	folder 7	

Subseries I.I. Binder 9**Date:** 1929-1953**Extent:** 3 folders**Description:** Various articles/photos on the Bath Street Viaduct and Preston Gardens, various bridges, Jones' Falls; and other buildings. Also a publication entitled "A Common Work for the Common Wealth," dated 1929 published by Baltimore Gas and Electric.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Bath Street Viaduct/Preston Gardens		box 2	folder 8	
Bridges		box 2	folder 9	
Gas and Electric publication/Misc. photos		box 2	folder 10	

Subseries I.J. Binder 10**Date:** 1894-1941**Extent:** 2 folders**Description:** Photos and articles on Druid Hill Park, Clifton Park, River View and various other places of recreation. Also photos of various buildings.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Druid Hill Park		box 2	folder 11	
Parks/Miscellaneous Photos		box 2	folder 12	

Subseries I.K. Binder 11**Date:** 1910-1940**Extent:** 3 folders**Description:** Photos and articles on trolley's, streetcars, railroad engines, train stations, the Emma Giles, a submarine, and other modes of transportation. Also a 1910 copy of Trolley News.

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Train stations	box 2	folder 13
Maryland Transportation	box 2	folder 14
Trolley/Streetcars and railroad engines	box 2	folder 15

Subseries I.L. Binder 12**Date:** 1895-1945**Extent:** 2 folders**Description:** Various photos and articles on residential homes in Baltimore, many of which no longer exist.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Residential Homes		box 2	folder 16	
Residential Homes		box 2	folder 17	

Subseries I.M. Binder 13**Date:** 1919-1949**Extent:** 4 folders**Description:** Obituaries and photos of noted Marylanders; photos and articles on commercial businesses in Baltimore, including a hand-written paper on the first ice making plant in the U. S., which was located in Maryland. A typed paper entitled, "Railroad blow your horn!" which was an address given by Olive W. Dennis, research engineer for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, October 9, 1947. Photos and articles on the waterfront, harbor, pleasure ships and other things having to do with Baltimore's waterfront.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Noted Marylanders/obituaries		box 2	folder 18	
Commercial Businesses		box 2	folder 19	
Railroad Blow Your Horn		box 2	folder 20	
Waterfront		box 2	folder 21	

Subseries I.N. Binder 14**Date:** 1899-1947**Extent:** 2 folders**Description:** Pictures and articles on various Baltimore hotels, including an article on the Hotel Rennert which was forced to close in 1939. The Merchants Club; Kaminsky's Tavern; a menu from the Hotel Rennert restaurant, and other clubs and hotels included.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Hotels		box 2	folder 22	
Restaurants/Clubs		box 2	folder 23	

Subseries I.O. Binder 15**Date:** 1860-1948**Extent:** 3 folders

Description: Bulk deals with photos, postcards, and articles on Baltimore colleges, universities, and public schools. Misc. includes a photograph of Tschudy Burial Ground; houses on Aliceanna Street; and an article on yellow fever. A German Aged home, orphanages and other asylums are included.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Colleges and Schools		box 3	folder 1	
Miscellaneous		box 3	folder 2	
Hospitals/Asylums/Retirement Homes		box 3	folder 3	

Subseries I.P. Binder 16**Date:** 1885-1948**Extent:** 3 folders

Description: Various scenes from different streets in Baltimore, including Lexington and Charles Streets. Photos of various buildings in Baltimore. Miscellaneous includes a photo of carriages for sale; Battle Monument; City Springs; a clock tower photo from 1885 and article on clocks; hay scales; 1904 fire London Park Cemetery; Hookstown, and a 1888 map of Baltimore.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Street Scenes		box 3	folder 4	
Buildings		box 3	folder 5	
Miscellaneous		box 3	folder 6	

Subseries I.Q. Binder 17**Date:** 1850-1945**Extent:** 4 folders

Description: Postcards, negatives and photographs of Baltimore's buildings. Miscellaneous includes photos of people, vegetation, and an invitation to a reunion of Male Grammar School No. 1.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Postcards		box 3	folder 7	
Photographs of Buildings		box 3	folder 8	
Negatives		box 3	folder 9	
Miscellaneous		box 3	folder 10	

Subseries I.R. Binder 18**Date:** 1867-1948**Extent:** 4 folders

Description: A 1939 issue of the Maryland Gazette concerning the Star Spangled Banner. Several broadsides from 1867 and 1879 on Democratic elections. Photographs and negatives on Baltimore housing. Miscellaneous includes housing, firemen, colleges, people, buildings, etc.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Postcards		box 3	folder 7	
Photographs of Buildings		box 3	folder 8	
Negatives		box 3	folder 9	
Miscellaneous		box 3	folder 10	

Subseries I.S. Binder 19**Date:** 1931-1949**Extent:** 6 folders

Description: Articles and photos on orphanages, veteran's homes, business, transportation, and nostalgia. Kempe's notes on his scrapbooks are included

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Orphanages/Veteran's homes		box 3	folder 15	
Miscellaneous		box 3	folder 16	
Transportation		box 3	folder 17	
Nostalgia		box 3	folder 18	
Business		box 3	folder 19	

Subseries I.T. Binder 20**Date:** 1930-1948**Extent:** 2 folders

Description: Newspaper series entitled "Man in the Streets," that explains how different streets in Baltimore got its name and the story behind it.

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Man in the Streets		box 3	folder 21	
Man in the Streets		box 3	folder 22	

Series II. Ledger pages

Date: 1968-1943

Extent: 1 item

Description: A ledger entitled "News fro the press, Out of the Past, Into the Present year 1868 to the present (1943)." Ledger is inscribed with having been printed by Bohemian Printing. Included is poetry clipped from newspapers as well as hand-written original poetry from the 1800s by members of the Keefer family. Various news stories and illustrations, including topics such as: death; hypnosis; spiritualism; superstitions; occult; ghosts; authors; actors; theater; astrology; Ulysses S. Grant's illness prior to death; churches; Native Americans; Francis Scott Key; the abdication of the Duke of Windsor; cartoons; Governor Albert Ritchie; and John D. Rockefeller.