Bousquet Collection, 1864-1987

3 boxes
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Abstract:
This collection was donated by Russell Bousquet, a Pittsfield resident. It focuses primarily on the city of Pittsfield, its history and events, through a variety of printed materials. Documents range from mid-19th-century annual reports on the Town of Pittsfield to late-20th-century newspaper clippings and tourist publications.

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Scope and Contents of the Collection:
The collection consists of materials on Berkshire County, Massachusetts, most of which are concentrated in Pittsfield. Contents include historical information on the town and county as well as tourist publications, memorabilia, and ephemera.
This collection is organized into 4 series:
I: Photographs.
II: Publications.
III: City of Pittsfield.
IV: Miscellaneous.
V: Newspapers.

Contents List:

SERIES I: Photographs.
Postcards (Pittsfield) box 1: folder 1
Mortimer Francis, postmaster 1885-1902 box 1: folder 2
Becket flood, 11/4/1927 box 1: folder 3

SERIES II: Publications.
Berkshire History, 1971-1987 box 1: folder 4
Newspaper clippings box 1: folder 5
Berkshire county publications box 1: folder 6

SERIES III: City of Pittsfield.
Pittsfield annual reports, 1864-1890 box 1: folder 7
“Pittsfield Heritage” (self-guided walking tour) box 1: folder 8
Pittsfield’s 150th Anniversary, 1911 box 1: folder 9
Pittsfield City Guide, 1935 box 1: folder 10

SERIES IV: Miscellaneous.
Agricultural National Bank (Pittsfield):
   1931 calendar; 100th Anniversary booklet, 1918 box 2: folder 1
Pittsfield Food Show programs, 1938 box 2: folder 2
First United Methodist Church (Pittsfield):
   programs, 1925, ’41, ’74 box 2: folder 3
Agricultural Fair (Pittsfield) memorabilia, 1921
House of Mercy (Pittsfield) annual report, 1920
Women’s Club (Pittsfield) booklet, 1937
“The Real Tour to the Berkshires,” 1917
Greylock Committee annual report, 1916
“General Electric: A Scrapbook History, 1878-1953”
Williams College (Williamstown) programs, 1912
Bliss Business College (N. Adams):
  catalogue, 1897; textbook, 1916
Christmas & New Year’s flyers (N. Adams), 1935

SERIES V: Newspapers.

Object Categories:
  • Annual reports
  • Calendars
  • Catalogues
  • City guides
  • Clippings
  • Journals
  • Memorabilia
  • Newspapers
  • Photographs
  • Postcards
  • Programs
  • Textbooks

Search Terms:
The following terms represent persons, organizations, and topics documented in this collection.

- Agricultural Fair, Pittsfield, Mass.
- Becket, Mass.
- Francis, Mortimer
- General Electric
- Pittsfield, Mass.
- Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.
- Women’s Club, Pittsfield, Mass.