

Special Collections – Akron-Summit County Public Library
Noble Elderkin Collection

ACCESSION # 2005-3

ACQUISITION: Donated by Judy Spencer, 1997

ACCESS: Restricted access; materials fragile; access by request at Akron-Summit County Public Library's Main Library Special Collections division only.

VOLUME: 1 manuscript box, .5 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Noble S. Elderkin, Sr. (1878-1966) was pastor of the First Congregational Church, Akron (1930-1977). He was a member of Kiwanis and of the Committee for Inter-Church Relations, served as president of the Akron Ministerial Association, and was president of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Church. He represented the Congregational Church on the Ministers' Life and Casualty Union (21 years). In 1955 he received the First Brotherhood Award from the Akron Ministerial Association. Noble S. Ekderkin, Jr. (1905-1976) resided in Akron (1930-1976) and a member of First Congregational Church. A veteran of World War II, he was an teacher in the Akron Public Schools and active with Weathervane Theater.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Collection of booklets, brochures, letters, photographs, and other miscellaneous material concerning Noble S. Elderkin, Sr. and Noble S. Elderkin, Jr. The senior Elderkin (1878-1966) is represented by materials documenting his service as pastor of the First Congregational Church (Akron, Ohio, 1930-1947) and related activities. The younger Elderkin (1905-1976), a World War II veteran, taught in the Akron Public Schools; materials within the collection reflect his employment as well as his interest in theater and his military service.

ARRANGEMENT: By type of material.

INVENTORY:

BOX 1:
Folders 1-12

Folder #1: One book Course of Study in English for the High Schools
Akron Public Schools
Akron, Ohio
1931

Folder #2: 4 sheets, typewritten, of the Roster of Battery "C" giving serial number and rank of soldier. Presumably this is from World War II as Mr. Elderkin was a veteran of that war, and other items in the collection indicate World War II.

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Folder #3: Seven sheets, mostly typewritten, of the Roster of Battery “C”, 435th Anti-Aircraft

Artillery (AW) Battalion, giving name, serial number, rifle number and model, and other information for each soldier.

Folder #4: Two sheets, typewritten, of the Roster giving name and rifle numbers

Two sheets, typewritten, all dated 1942, giving soldier’s name and equipment issued to the soldier

Seven sheets, typewritten, dated 23 February 1944 of the Roster of Battery C, 435th Anti-Aircraft Artillery (AW) Battalion giving serial number and rank of soldier and rifle number issue to each soldier

Folder #5: Class Record Book – Akron Public Schools for teacher N.S. Elderkin, Jr.

Book dated Jan. 1947: Drama [class]

Book dated June 1947: 9A Contemporary English [class]

Book dated June 1947: Drama (advanced) [class]

Folder #6: Letters and photographs from Westdeutsche Kieferklinik dated 1919 providing information concerning work done at the hospital (Dusseldorf hospital for injuries of the jaw and face)

Folder #7: South High School, Akron, Ohio commencement program, June 12, 1947

Folder #8: Drama program: The Three Twins, presented May 14, 18, 1937 at Central High School, Akron Ohio

Folder #9: “The President” class program for Garfield High School, Senior edition of of January 1938. Includes a class photograph of the Class of 1938

Folder #10: “Akron Booster” newsletter of the Akron Kiwanis Club

4 issues dated November 8, 1934; June 20, 1935; November 7, 1935; April 9, 1936 These issues belonged to Rev. Noble S. Elderkin, Sr.

Folder #11: Church materials related to Rev. Noble S. Elderkin, Sr.

Post card invitation of First Congregational Church to attend vespers musical service October 21, 1934

Letter to Rev. Elderkin from C. W. Seiberling

Poem written in honor of Rev. Elderkin by Harriet G. Canfield and read June 14, 1935

One page from an unidentified source concerning attendance Eightieth Anniversary program from Plymouth Congregational Church, October 24, 1934

Typescript of Plymouth Congregational Church subscription list for inter-church council dated April 23, 1922

List of Centennial Committee of Thirty-One (undated)

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Folder #12: Miscellaneous materials

Order of Service at the Consecration of The Reverend Samuel
Cook Edsall, D.D. as Missionary Bishop of North Dakota;
January 25, 1899

Program of the March meeting of the Eight Ward Civic Club
Dinner menu from the Zephyrus on the Zephyr Burlington Railroad
dated May 20, 1935

Inside are:

ticket to Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's Birthday Ball and
Akron's Open House Party held at the Akron Armory
January 30, 1937

2 tickets at the Akron Armory for Community Seventy-fifth
birthday party dated February 13, 1936

Burlington's Twin Zephyrs time table for April-May 1935

Burlington Zephyr Seat number ticket dated July 22, 1936

4 Pullman Company passenger check stubs

1 Alton Railroad Company passenger check stub

1 Morrisburg Washington Ferry line ticket

1 State of Ohio tax stamp

1 ticket from the First Church of Akron to attend the
Centennial Pageant in Goodyear Theatre,
October 25, 1934

Folder #13: Elderkin biographical materials (obituaries)