

McLean County Museum of History

Arlene G. Elliott Harrison Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1880 - 90
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	See also Photos – People -- Elliott Photos – Subject – Cropsey, IL, (Arlene G. Elliott Harrison Collection)

Brief History

Arlene Genevieve Elliott was born July 8, 1919 to William and Ida E. (Ward) Elliott. She had two sisters, Pauline and Margaret. The family resided in Cropsey, IL where William Elliott farmed. Elliott and her sisters attended Cropsey schools. She graduated from high school in 1937 and attended Brown's Business School in Peoria, beginning work as a bookkeeper after completion of her course. Elliott married Henry R. Harrison in Santa Fe, NM in 1953. He died in 1964. Elliott died July 15, 2000 and is interred at Cropsey Cemetery.

Scope

Materials include two memory books for Arlene G. Elliott and assorted other materials and photographs concerning her life and her family.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Personal

- 1.1 Arlene G. Elliott Harrison obituary, *Pantagraph*, July 17, 2000
- 1.2 Birthday book with notes from Elliott
- 1.3 Country Life Insurance Company life insurance policy for Elliott. 1935
- 1.4 3 WWII Ration books issued to Elliott

Folder 2: Elliott Family Records

- 2.1 Pratt family tree book
- 2.2 Rolling Time Backward poem written by Altha Alford Elliott
- 2.3 The *Fairbury Blade Society and Club News* with picture of Ida Elliott
- 2.4 William Elliott blotter from Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company
- 2.5 News article reporting 93rd birthday of Ida Elliott, *Fairbury Blade Society and Club News*, April 19, 1973
- 2.6 WWII Ration book issued to Phylis J. Cox, niece of Elliott

Folder 3: Cropsey High School

- 3.1 Cropsey High School report cards for Elliott, 1933-1936
- 3.2 Cropsey High School diplomas issued to Arlene G. Elliott, 1937
- 3.3 Printed copy of speech delivered to attendees of the 21st Alumni banquet

Folder 4: Cropsey Centennial

- 4.1 Cropsey Centennial Special Edition section from the *Independent-Blade*, September 11, 1980

Folder 5: Miscellaneous

- 5.1 34th Threshermen's Reunion booklet, Pontiac, IL, 1982
- 5.2 Picture postcard featuring threshing crew

- 5.3 Unidentified photograph, possibly showing a school class
- 5.4 Unidentified photograph, possibly showing a family grouping
- 5.5 Two souvenir folders featuring Garden of the Gods, Colorado
- 5.6 A folder for Seven Falls, South Cheyenne, Canon Highway
- 5.7 Two pressed flowers preserved by Elliott
- 5.8 Four loose items from Elliott's memory book
- 5.9 Copies of two gift agreements

Memory Book A:

This blue book measures about 9 1/2" X 8 1/4". It is titled My Memory Book. The book is in good condition with the pages frayed, but intact. The first page inside has Arlene Elliott, Cropsey, Illinois written in ink. This book contains many mementos of Elliott's high school years, including the handwritten words to the school songs; a list of the faculty; dates of the baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies (1937); various graduation invitations; autographs of friends; place cards; name cards from friends and classmates; Cropsey commencement program; an Illinois State Normal University commencement and baccalaureate program (1937); playbills from various high school productions; a commencement program from Pontiac Township High School (1937); sports schedules and mementos; news picture of the Cropsey basketball team (1937); photographs of friends (unidentified); many graduation cards; news pictures of friends; obituary for Betty Meeker, Cropsey; a news picture of all attendees at the Methodist Episcopal Institute at East Bay Camp; a copy of the Cropsey class prophecy; a copy of the Cropsey class salutatorian's speech; a Senior Commencement Memories booklet, Cropsey (1937); a Commencement Memories booklet (Brown Business College); a school souvenir card with unidentified photo (1929); mementos of various outings with friends; a copy of the *Ginger Bean*, a publication of East Bay Institute of Lake Bloomington (1935); a brochure from the Young Peoples' Institute, East Bay (1935); copy of order for class ring (1936); correspondence from Eureka College; two scarves, mementos from young men; and finally a class picture of the oft referred to Stub, no last name.

Scrapbook B:

This book has brown wooden covers and measures about 9 3/4" x 14". It has a plaque on the front that says Scrap Book. The book and pages are intact and in good condition. The pages are held in with three plastic rings, but some of the mementos are lying loose between the pages. The items in the book include the *Bulletin* from Brown's Peoria School of Business; a Brown's Peoria School of Business brochure (1938); a copy of the *Key of B*, a student directory (1938); an initiation certificate for Elliott into Alpha Iota Sorority (1938); many Alpha Iota Sorority mementos, such as tickets to events and correspondence with friends; the booklet for the tenth national Alpha Iota Sorority convention in Chicago (1940); mementos from the Stevens Hotel, Chicago; many mementos from Chicago convention; and lastly, a few items from Cheyenne, WY, Colorado Springs, CO, Hollister MO, and the Mt. Rushmore Memorial, SD.