

Charles Wittenmeyer Papers

[1903-1994]
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History

According to his obituary [*Quad City Times* Wed. Aug. 10, 1994, page 2M] Charles Wittenmeyer died in Davenport at age 90 after living in the community since 1933. He was an attorney, an active Republican at the local and national levels, and a member of multiple civic and community organizations including several historical societies. At the time of his death, his wife, Dorothy (Proctor) and his daughter Sheila (Wittenmeyer) Goar survived him. Mrs. Goar was listed as a resident of East Moline at that time.

Charles Wittenmeyer was the grand nephew of Annie (Turner) Wittenmeyer/myer.

Scope and Content Note/Container List

Removed from Accession and cataloged for public shelf October 2004 per ALG:
Revised History of Wilton, Iowa containing a complete reprint of Wilton History 1854-1876 by Rider & Stevenson pub 1947 Author: Henry Wildasin
See [SC977.768 Wil](#)

Entire Newspapers (disposed of actual papers – see microfilm):

Quad City Times	Sunday, July 4, 1976
Times-Democrat	Sunday, Feb. 23, 1973
The Times-Democrat	Sunday, July 30, 1972

Box 1

Research information added:

Wittenmeyer's obituary – Quad City Times
Photocopies of images

3 folders Photographic Postcards – local sites [bet 1908-1917]

Most postcards are addressed to Mrs. John N. Horst

Harned & Von Maur Department Store, Davenport, Iowa	6 duplicates
Putnam Building, Davenport, Iowa	
Masonic Temple, Davenport, Ia.	
Post office, Davenport, Iowa	
Davenport Commercial Club, Davenport, Ia.	
St. Mary's Home, Davenport, Iowa	2 duplicates
St. Catherine's (sic) School, Davenport, Iowa	
St. Katherine's Hall, Davenport, Iowa	
Girls cottages & campus, Soldiers Orphans Home, Davenport, Ia.	
Main Office Building, Soldiers Orphans Home, Davenport, Iowa	
Kirkwood Boulevard, Davenport, Iowa.	
Second St., looking west from Brady St., Davenport, IA.	
Second Street from Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa	
Third Street, Davenport, Iowa.	
The 300 Block Davenport Iowa with it's 22 active firms has established a world's record in co-operative advertising	2 duplicates
Aerial Truck-Davenport Fire Dept. Davenport, Iowa	
B. J. Palmer Clinic Gardens	
B. J. Palmer Clinic Gardens Davenport	
B. J. Palmer Clinic Gardens Davenport Iowa No. 2	
Fejervary Park, Davenport, Iowa	
Fejervary Park, Davenport (flower beds)	
Band Stand, Fejervary Park, Davenport, Iowa	
The Old Oaken Bucket Central Park, Davenport, Iowa	
No caption – of lagoon at Vander Veer/aka Central Park by photographer J. C. Seeman	
Rustic Bridge Vander Veer Park, Davenport, Iowa.	
Davenport, Ia. Conservatory, Central Park.	
Green House, Central Park, Davaenport, Iowa.	
Lake in Central Park, Davenport, Iowa.	
Pavilion, Central Park, Davenport, Ia. (sepia tones – postmarked Feb. 28, 1911	
Suburban Island Park, Davenport, Iowa.	
Davenport, Ia. Suburban Island.	
Scene near Davenport, Ia. – water, woods	
Scene near Davenport, Ia. – lane, buildings	
Scene near Davenport, Ia. – fishermen on water in small boat	
View of Davenport from Rock Island.	
View of Davenport, Ia.	
View from McClellan Heights, Davenport, Ia.	
Kirkwood Boulevard, Davenport, Ia. – flower beds spell out KIRKWOOD	
Represents class drilling in figures-Room 40' x 72'; Height of ceiling, 19 ft.	
Colonel W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill)	
Moonlight on the Mississippi, Davenport, Iowa.	

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St. Paul – Silver Crescent J S Davenport Iowa – photograph silvering a bit
 The Ferry “Davenport” by daylight. Between Rock Island, Ill. And Davenport, Iowa
 Weekly Packet between Davenport, Rock Island and St. Paul (Morning Star)
 C. M. & St. P. R.R. Depot Moline Ill.
 View from Watch Tower, Rock Island, Ill.
 Interior view “Inn” black Hawks Watch Tower
 Court House, Rock Island, Ill.
 Longview Park, Rock Island, Ill.
 Band Stand, Long View Park, Rock Island Arsenal
 Gun yard, Rock Island Arsenal, Davenport, Iowa.
 Government Bridge from Davenport, Rock Island Arsenal.
 Reservoir and Water Tower, Rock Island Arsenal, Davenport, Ia.
 Reservoir at Government Island
 Row of shops on Government Island
 Davenport Memorial Fountain “Scene in Longview Park” Rock Island, Ill.
 Looking up toboggan slide Black Hawks Watch Tower
 Black Hawk Watch Tower Inn, Rock Island, Ill.
 Sunset Drive, Rock Island Arsenal.

Advertisements:

Ready to Hang Lace Curtains – Harned & Von Maur Davenport, Iowa – 1913
 Modern Home Plan No. 717 from the White Yard, Davenport, Iowa
 postmarked April 19, 1917
 Spencer Furniture Company, Davenport, Iowa. All prices in plain figures. With
 calendar for September 1912

Folder on Ladies Industrial Relief Society

Original folder title “FSCS History” believed to stand for Family ___ Children’s Services

Transferred to 2 archival folders

Contents of Folder 1 of 2:

Ladies Industrial Relief Society 1958 Annual Summary
 The First Hundred Years: Ladies’ Industrial Relief Society 1849-1949 [1949]
 Newspaper clipping: *The Daily Times*, Thursday, September 28, 1933, page 20
 regarding Wittenmeyer’s opening of law office in Davenport
 Newspaper clipping: no citation available-regarding American Institute of
 Commerce (A. I. C.) moving from 617 Brady to new location 15th & Brady

Contents of Folder 2 of 2:

Typed and handwritten notes regarding the Ladies Industrial Relief Society
 Mainly regarding financial items-perhaps used for a speech or in preparation for
 a report or survey

Removed from a manilla envelope labeled “1952 Newspaper Strike”

Tri-City Labor Review published Friday, December 26, 1952

3 maps – City of Davenport [1981]

1980-81 Financial Report – Treasurer’s Report, possibly for Kings Daughters

3 folders Republican National Committee

Letterhead

Letters of recommendation [1956, 1960, 1964]

Holiday greeting cards [ca 1950-1960]

3 folders of contents of 3-ring binder pertaining to Ginseng and gardening with plat maps of Scott
 County, IA

Box 2

Election postcards—re: Eisenhower nomination [July 1952]

All addressed:

Mr. George Feistner
Republican National Convention
Palmer House
Chicago, IL

Names and addresses of individuals from Quad City area written on back under words:
"IKE is the best man. You nominate him—we'll elect him."

The Palimpsest June 1967 Iowa Annie Wittenmyer Home

Information in support of Recommendation for Improvement and Enlargement of the Iowa-Illinois Memorial Bridge over the Mississippi River connecting Bettendorf, Iowa and Moline, Illinois by The Davenport Bridge Commission an agency of the City of Davenport, Iowa [September 1952]
Map included

Public Buildings and Housing: City of Davenport Iowa [December 1947]
Wittenmeyer listed as member of City Plan Commission
2 copies

Schools and Park Facilities and the Riverfront Area: City of Davenport Iowa [December 1947]
Wittenmeyer listed as member of City Plan Commission
2 copies

Background and Population Growth: City of Davenport Iowa [September 1945]
Wittenmeyer listed as member of City Plan Commission
2 copies

Major Streets: City of Davenport Iowa [February 1946]
Wittenmeyer listed as member of City Plan Commission
1 copy

Transportation and Transit Facilities: City of Davenport [June 1946]
Wittenmeyer listed as member of City Plan Commission
1 copy

The Robert A. Taft Institute of Government: Seminar in Practical Politics at The University of Iowa June 15-28, 1975

1969	Atlas & Directory: Scott County, IA	Rockford Map Publishers, Inc.
1970	Atlas & Directory: Scott County, IA	Rockford Map Publishers, Inc.
1971	Atlas & Directory: Scott County, IA	Rockford Map Publishers, Inc.
1972	Atlas & Directory: Scott County, IA	Rockford Map Publishers, Inc.

1978-1979 Scott County Financial Report Karen L. Fitzsimmons, County Auditor

Month by Month Studies in Drawing and 3 Prang art supply lists

Davenport Art Gallery "Prairie Visions – Circus Wonders"

Box 3

Plat map Scott County, IA [date unknown]

1958 Navigation Charts Middle and Upper Mississippi River – Cairo, IL to Minneapolis, MN
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

BOOKS:

- 1877 History of Whiteside Co. Ill.* By Bent/Wilson
Enclosed scratch paper with Hollinshead and Rush surnames written on it
- Conservation in Iowa* [1941] State Conservation Commission
- Iowa's State Parks* [1941] State Conservation Commission
- Report of the State Conservation Commission* [1940]
- Building, Electrical and Plumbing Code; Including Zoning Ordinance, Smoke Ordinance, Fire Prevention. City of Davenport* [1931] - duplicate of SC 690 Bui
- Iowa: A Guide to the Hawkeye State*
Compiled and Written by the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration for the State of Iowa [1935]
Includes map in pocket in back of book [1938]
Duplicate of SC 917.77 low

6 folders of correspondence between Congressman Fred Schwengel and Wittenmeyer pertaining to Capitol Historical Society, Republican Heritage Foundation, other [1979-1992]

Box 4

3 certificates

- Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children (1)
- United States Capitol Historical Society (2)

3 art reproductions [date?]

- C. B. & Q Station, Rock Island, Ill. (color)
- C. R. I. & P Station, Davenport, Iowa (color)
- Milwaukee Depot, Davenport, Iowa (color)
- Artist: Paul Norton
- Condition: Some discoloration and dirt
- Size: 12 x 17"
- Location: flat archive box, compact shelving

Art reproduction [1985]

- Davenport riverfront with St. Paul line riverboat
- Artist: Patrick J. Costello [signed by artist]
- Condition: fine – some dust/dirt and wrinkles
- Size: 22 x 28"
- Location: flat file cabinet; Accession drawer

Photographic print [1961]

- "Scott County Bar Assn. Apr. 4, 1961"
- handwritten at bottom center of photo.
- Eustace Studio written lower right corner.
- Four rows of men wearing suits and ties and one woman are posed in a courtroom.
- Image is b&w.
- Photographer: Eustace Studio
- Condition: some wrinkling and minor tearing – generally good.
- Size: 17 x 7" panoramic
- Location: flat archive box, compact shelving

Slides [1960]

- Labeled by someone as contour forming, planting, lines and plowing
- Clara Wittenmyer farm – Lincoln Twp.
- Al. Spies, Operator

Seven individual slides; Color
Photographer: unknown
Condition: good
Size: standard
Location: foldered; flat archive box, compact shelving

Pen and ink drawing [no date]

"Mr. City Attorney"
Man walking down street in fur coat carrying brief case, wearing hat.
"Hell, I suppose it'll warm up tomorrow" written at bottom.
Dog "YIPE" ; fire plug
Artist: Burl A? Parks
Condition: Yellowed/rather brittle
Size: typing paper 8.5 x 11" – black ink
Location: foldered; flat archive box, compact shelving

Greeting card – reproduction of a lithographic image [no date for card]

"Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year from
Henrietta and Philip Adler" imprinted inside
"From the collection of Davenport Public Museum" on back
Lithograph title: "City of Davenport, Iowa From an original lithograph of Sarony, Major
and Knapp, 1858"
Color
Condition: good
Size: 5.5 x 8"
Location: flat archive box, compact shelving

Tintype [1870-1885] based on "brown period"

Size: Full plate measuring 6.5 x 8.5"
Condition: good
Location: original in flat archive box, compact shelving
Scanned by kmo 6/2/2008
Not to umvdia standards
Removed from wooden frame with glass – no paper frame
Wooden frame saved and located in archive box
Large brick building with sign above porch "V. D. Lewis and Bro.s Store"
Four men are standing on the porch.
Eleven women and children are standing toward the back of the building.
All are dressed in more formal clothing-two of the children are dressed identically. A baby
is wearing a long white gown as it is held in its mother's arms. There are wooden planks
laying in the dirt, perhaps for sidewalks. The porch has a variety of items on display.
*Attempts to identify the store location have not been successful.

Photographic print; mounted on dark board; sepia tone print

Residence with six people standing on front porch
Two trees with no leaves in front of home.
[December 1907] written on back in upper right hand corner in ink
No other identification
Photographer: unknown
Condition: good
Size: 9 x 7"
Location: folder; flat archive box, compact shelving

Photographic print; mounted on light brown board; sepia tone print

Wooden wagon or cart parked on brick street in front of building with sign saying
LaCrosse Plow Co. Office. No identification.

[date unknown]
Photographer: unknown
Condition: good
Size: 7.5 x 6"
Location: folder; flat archive box, compact shelving

Photographic print; mounted on dark brown board; sepia tone print
Five men are seated in a narrow room containing a roll top desk with chair, a wooden chair, and a small cot or bed. The men all wear overcoats or jackets and hats. There is a lamp hanging from the ceiling and framed pictures hanging on the walls. There is a door and large window at the end of the room. No identification.

[date unknown]
Photographer: unknown
Condition: good
Size: 9 x 7"
Location: folder; flat archive box, compact shelving

Photographic print; removed from picture frame
A garden is pictured with a pond and intricate landscaping using rocks including a windmill design.

[date unknown]
Photographer: unknown
Condition: good
Size: 10 x 6" horizontal
Location: folder; flat archive box, compact shelving

Removed from a manilla envelope labeled "1952 Newspaper Strike"
Six 8 x 10" b&w photographic prints of men in front of Morning Democrat and The Daily Times buildings in excellent condition
One photograph of a news article and photograph from Dec. 29, 1952 "Tussle on picket line" in Rock Island, Ill.

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