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Hortense Finch articles and/or programs

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These items were brought into the Special Collections Center by Alice Richardson Sloane. She believed these were drafts of news articles written by Hortense Finch, a local teacher and author whose published newspaper pieces featured historic items. Upon further reading, it appears some may be programs given for social or civic clubs.

The papers were located in an attic of a home occupied by the Sitz family.

One archive box with fourteen folders.

Container list:

Folder 1 Walking Tour of Downtown Davenport [1970]
Seems to be worded as if for a program for the Rotary Club
Topics: early hotels including Le Claire House, Dillon Monument, Kemper Hall, Sheldon Hall, Worden House, Black Hawk Hotel, cornerstone of and info on Hose Company No. 1, Central High School, Griswold College, Immaculate Conception Academy, Cook Library, Hibernian Hall, Davenport Water Company, Donohue building, City Hall, public squares, local newspapers, Dred Scott case

Folder 2 Davenport Historic Houses
Col. Davenport home on Arsenal Island
Claim House
Severin Miller residence
Clifton House
Bishops House - 1527 Brady Street
Ficke – Parker house at 12th and Main Street
Newcomb House at 8th and Main Street

Folder 3 Rock Island, IL sites
Huber’s Beer Garden and Breweries
Ignatz Huber, Harper House, Rock Island Arsenal Golf Clubhouse

Folder 4 Tour of Davenport’s Downtown Buildings
Lend-a-Hand, Dillon Fountain, Simon & Landauer, Banks, Hanssen’s Hardware, City Hall, Chamber of Commerce, first and current Davenport High School, Newcomb residence, Iowa College, Hastings Apartments, Davenport Public Library, Oxford Apartments, Hibernian Hall

Folder 5 Iowa Tours – Kalona, West Branch, Quakers and Mennonites

Folder 6 Early local railroad history

Folder 7 Le Claire House Hotel

Folder 8 Iowa Tours – Guttenberg
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Folder 9  Oakdale Cemetery
Folder 10  Credit Island
Folder 11  Local historic markers
Folder 12  Lou Henry Hoover’s personal papers
Folder 13  West Branch (IA) – Friends Meetings (Quakers)
Folder 14  Downer, Harry - article “Davenport of By-Gone Days”