

Inventory of the

Eaton-Luff
Lindenwood, Illinois

Collection

In the

Regional History Center

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INTRODUCTION

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Eaton, Lindenwood, Illinois, donated this collection to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on September 7, 1973.

Property rights in the collection are held by the Regional History Center; literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to material in the collection.

Linear feet of shelf space: 1
Number of containers: 1 box
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Eaton-Luff Collection primarily consists of business records for the Jones-Luff dealers in general merchandise located in Lindenwood, Illinois. These records include goods, freight and bank receipts dating from 1887-1896. Goods and freight receipts offer a fair record of the types of products handled by Jones and Luff as well as those companies the firm traded with regularly.

In addition, the collection contains one folder of personal and business letters of the Luff family (1880-1907), several other personal items including deeds, pension claims and invitations and announcements. Also included in the collection are photographs (35), negatives (13), and tintypes (9), depicting Lindenwood and several of its residents.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Joseph T. Luff (1853-1940) arrived in Lindenwood, Illinois, in 1869 where he opened a grocery/dry goods store that maintained operations for forty-seven years. In 1884 he married Alvina Hamlin (1852-1933) of Lindenwood. The Luffs had two children, only one of whom lived to adulthood, Winnie L. (1885-1951). Winnie married Frank Eaton, operator of the Eaton House in Lindenwood, in 1906. One child was born to the Eaton's, a son Leslie, who donated this collection.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Eaton, Frank
Grocery Trade
Lindenwood
Luff, Joseph T.
Retail Trade
Tintypes

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	Luff letters, 1880-1907
	2	Francis Phillips naturalization record, 1868
	3	Pension and insurance claims, 1880, 1903
	4	Announcements and invitations
	5	Jones and Luff business receipts, 1892-1897
	6	Jones and Luff bank receipts, 1894-1896
	7-9	Jones and Luff freight receipts, 1893-1897
	10	Printed material-advertisements
	11	Deeds, 1897-1904
	12	Lindenwood Bicentennial Program
<u>ENVELOPES</u>		
	1	Unidentified biographical tintypes (9)
	2	Unidentified biographical photographs (8)
	3-6	Lindenwood photographs (27) and glass plate negatives (13)
	7-31	Jones and Luff goods receipts, 1887-1897
	32-34	Jones and Luff bank receipts, 1895-1896
	1 vol.	“How-to” book, n.d.

Included in the collection but housed in the reference area:

Countryman, Alvin. Countryman Genealogy. Lux Bros. & Heath, Publishers, 1925.
Haines Township Organization Laws, 1885.

Housed in Map case:
 Ogle County topographical map, n.d.