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Mathias Lane Dunlap collection,
1841-1897

Collection 187

Champaign County Historical Archives

Creator/Corporate name: Dunlap's Nursery/Mathias Lane Dunlap Personal Files

Inclusive dates: 1841-1897

Physical Description: 1 box, 1.1 linear feet

Provenance:

Dunlap's Nursery and Mathias Lane Dunlap's personal files were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives by Jean Busey Yntema.

Access:

The records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains business ledgers, a scrapbook, and a physician's ledger.

Inventory list:

- Dunlap ledgers were a gift from Jean Busey Yntema. She notes: "M. L. Dunlap (see Mathias Lane Dunlap in Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois) kept clippings of his articles in two Chicago papers. He pasted them over the pages of an earlier account book which I gave to Urbana Library about 1985. J. B. Y. His pen name was "Rural." The clippings are from the 1850s and 1860s.
- Dunlap business ledger, 1863-1870, for businesses in Leyden (Cook Co., Ill.) and Champaign. Lists varieties of plants grown by family nursery in back. Some pages have articles on sewing and cooking from the 1897 *Ladies' Home Journal* pasted over them.
- Scrapbook with the name plate in the front that reads: "This book is the property of H. J. Dunlap." It was a gift of Jean Busey Yntema. It contains clippings of the column "The Farm and Garden." Columns are signed Rural Jr.
- Physician's ledger no. 1, 1841-1843. Lists patients, visits, medications, and fees. Some pages have articles on miscellaneous topics pasted over them. Other clippings pasted in date from 1896 and refer to the marriage of Frank Clapper and Minnie Keeler of the Bondville area. (Based on other items of information that have been written in the book, which are not presented in this description, it would appear that this physician was not in practice locally during 1841-1843. It seems more likely that he was a descendent of some late century Champaign County resident. This needs to be determined, however.)

Name Terms:

Busey, Jean

Clapper, Frank

Dunlap, H. J.

Dunlap, Mathias

M.L. Dunlap's Sons Nursery



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Keeler, Minnie
Yntema, Jean Busey

Subject Terms:
Dunlap family

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