

Guide to the Chippewa Valley Community History Collection, 1870-2016

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Overview of the Collection

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Title: Chippewa Valley (Wis.) Community History Collection

Dates: 1870-2016

Quantity: 0.4 linear feet (1 archives box)

Location of Collection: A10/3b

Languages: Collection materials are in English.

Summary: Various research papers on the history of communities in the Chippewa Valley. Also contains documents from the Eau Claire Main Street Association and fliers for local events and organizations.

Biographical / Historical Note

Communities in the Chippewa Valley began to appear in earnest during the mid-nineteenth century. The area's abundant forests fueled a thriving logging industry. The City of Eau Claire was established in 1872. Founded in 1987, the Eau Claire Main Street Association was a community organization dedicated to encouraging community participation and promoting Eau Claire's downtown. The organization promoted activities such as the Farmer's Market and various holiday events.

Content Description

This collection contains unpublished documents on the history of Chippewa Valley communities including Coon Fork, Eau Claire, Rice Lake, Progress, Washington, and Gates County. Several of these were written as student research papers. The collection also includes the Eau Claire Main Street Association's meeting minutes, newsletters, event planning documents, and event fliers and brochures as well as performance programs from the Grand Opera House. This collection further contains city planning reports for Eau Claire and Chippewa County, and advertisements for local businesses. It also includes fliers for organizations offering community service opportunities in the Chippewa Valley.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information: Donated to the Special Collections & Archives, University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire prior to March 2006.

Access Restrictions: Collection is open to the public.

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Arrangement: Chronological.

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Subjects

Corporate Names: Eau Claire Main Street Association—Archives.

Subject Terms: Cities and towns—Wisconsin—Chippewa River Valley—History.

Geographical Terms:

Augusta (Wis.) – History.

Chippewa County (Wis.)—History.

Chippewa River Valley (Wis.)—History.

Eau Claire (Wis.) – History.

Eau Claire County (Wis.)—History.

Rice Lake (Wis.) – History.

Rusk County (Wis.) – History.

Progress (Wis.) – History.

Washington (Eau Claire County, Wis. : Town) – History.

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1/3	A Mini-History of Eau Claire by Lloyd V. Owens	1975
1/4	The History of Rice Lake by Jan Pruitt	1977
1/5	A History of Progress by Kris Schmidt	1978
1/6	Coon Fork—The Mill and Settlement by Robert H. Rose	1984
1/7	Beginnings of Community: Eau Claire, Wis. 1860-1880 by Orry Walz	1985
1/8	The Grand Opera House musical programs	1915-1916
1/9	Eau Claire Country Club	1928
1/10	National Board of Fire Underwriters	1935
1/11	Survey of Postwar Chippewa County	1945
1/12	Luther Hospital Guild Membership and Hostess Calendar	1947-1948
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1/17	Eau Claire Downtown Analysis	2003
1/18	The Good Life project for Eau Claire County	2011-12
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1/21	How Eau Claire Streets were Named by Marshall Cousins	1934
1/22	Chippewa County Land bought by Bradstreets of Gardiner, Maine	1870s
1/23	Chippewa Valley Writers Guild	2016
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1/26	Chippewa Valley Boy Scouts of America Program Planning	1988