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Old Main Cornerstone. Collection, 1869-1969.

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1 oversized box, 2 Hollinger boxes, 18 oversized folders.**

ABSTRACT:

The Old Main Cornerstone Box collection consists of items taken from the cornerstone box in Old Main on the lower campus of Mankato State Normal School during its construction in 1869. The time capsule includes newspapers, business cards from local businesses, photographs, and university course offering catalogs. Additional items were added to the cornerstone box in 1923 and 1969.

HISTORICAL NOTE:

The original cornerstone laying ceremony took place 22 June 1869. Participants in the ceremony included school faculty and students, as well as local public school teachers and students, Mankato city officials, and representatives from various local organizations.

The Old Main building was destroyed by fire in 1922. The tin cornerstone box was not damaged, however. It was opened and additional items were added, and then resealed on 21 April 1923. The box was placed in the new Old Main before the building was dedicated in April 1924.

The cornerstone box was opened on 3 May 1968 as part of the centennial observation ceremony. A new cornerstone box, with additional items, was placed in the building. The box was retrieved when the lower campus buildings were sold.

Information for this finding aid was obtained from the accession collection information form.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The Old Main Cornerstone Box collection has been divided into four series. The series are: Newspapers, Miscellaneous, Photographs, and Business Cards. Items in the newspaper section have been arranged chronologically. Items in the three other sections have been arranged alphabetically.

RESTRICTIONS:

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PROCESSED BY:

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RELATED COLLECTIONS:

It has been determined that there are no similar manuscript collections about MSU's Old Main Cornerstone Collection available elsewhere.

LCSH SUBJECT HEADINGS:

- Aerial photographs--Mankato.
- Business--Minnesota--Mankato.
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- Mankato (Minn.)--Aerial views.
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- Mankato State College--Records.
- Mankato State University--History.
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- Photographs--Mankato.
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Newspapers		
Mankato Weekly Review, Vol. 1, No. 1, 25 May 1869	Drawer 9	4
Mankato Weekly Review, Vol. 1, No. 5, 22 June 1869	Drawer 9	5
Mankato Weekly Record, Vol. 10, No. 51, 19 June 1869	Drawer 9	6
Mankato Weekly Union, Vol. XII, No. 50, 18 June 1869	Drawer 9	7
Mankato Daily Free Press, Vol. XXXV, No. 244, 6 February 1922	Drawer 9	8
Mankato Daily Free Press, Vol. XXXV, No. 245, 7 February 1922	Drawer 9	9
Mankato Daily Free Press, Vol. XXXV, No. 246, 8 February 1922	Drawer 9	10
St. Paul Dispatch, Vol. 55, No. 248, 20 April 1923	Drawer 9	11
Mankato Daily Free Press, Vol. XXXVII, No. 12, 20 April 1923	Drawer 9	12
Mankato Free Press, No. 20, 27 April 1937	Drawer 9	15
Mankato Free Press, No. 104, 3 August 1938	Drawer	16

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Mankato Free Press, No. 161, 8 October 1938	Drawer 9	17
Mankato News, Vol. 24, No. 41, 4 May 1939	Drawer 9	18
Mankato Daily Free Press, Vol. 82, No. 30, 4 May 1968	Drawer 9	13
Mankato Daily Free Press, "A Proud Past, A Promising Future" edition, 17 May 1968	Drawer 9	14
Miscellaneous		
Advertisement, Hurrah for Block No. 14 selling off at Mc'Henry's	Drawer 9	1
Advertisement, Mankato Novelty Works, Machine Shop, Foundry, and Farming Implement, May 1868	1	29
Advertisement, National Bank of Fashion, Randall & Smith, ca. 1869	1	30
Advertisement, Willard & Barney, attorneys at law & notaries public, 1867	1	31
Alumni Reporter, winter-spring 1968	2	6
Bank draft, Banking House of Lewis, Shaubut & Co., ca. 1869	1	32
Bank draft, First National Bank at Mankato, ca. 1869	1	33
Blue Earth County: Its Advantages to Settlers, 1868	1	9
By-laws of Blue Earth Chapter No. 7, Royal Arch Masons, and Mankato Commandry No. 4 Knights Templar, 1866	1	37
By-laws of Blue Earth R.A., Chapter No. 7, Royal Arch Masons 1869	1	38
By-laws of Mankato Lodge No. 12, 1869	1	34
Catalog, Mankato State College, School Progress, 1968-1970	2	5
Catalog, State Teachers College, Mankato, 1921-1922	1	50
Catalog, State Teachers College, Mankato, 1922-1923	1	53
Centennial observance ceremonies, 1968	1	59
Circular, Course of Study, Second State Normal School, Mankato, 5 Sept. 1869	1	2
Circular, Course of Study, Second State Normal School at Mankato, fall term, 8 Sept. 1869	1	3
Circular, Course of Study, Second State Normal School at Mankato, fall term, 8 Sept. 1869	1	4
Constitution, Independent Order of Good Templars, 1869	1	39
Constitution, Subordinate lodges of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, 1868	1	35
Cornerstone box	3	
Course of Study, Second State Normal School, Mankato, 1868- 1869	1	1
Drawing, Free Press Printing Company Building, 1922	1	54
Fifth annual report of the State Normal School Board to the	1	6

Governor of Minnesota, for the year 1868, 1869		
Katonian, yearbook, 1922	1	58
Letter, from C.H. Johnston, architect to President Charles Cooper, 22 October 1922	1	49
List of Mankato city officials, handwritten, 1865-1869	Drawer 9	2
List of officers at the Grand Lodge in Mankato, handwritten, 19 June 1869	Drawer 9	3
List of officers, Independent Order of Good Templars, installed by Mankato Lodge No. 38, undated	1	40
List of officers, Independent Order of Good Templars, installed by Eureka Lodge No. 155, undated	1	41
Membership list of Mankato Lodge No. 15, handwritten, 1869	1	36
Names of students connected with the training department of the Second State Normal School at Mankato, 19 June 1869	1	5
Newspaper clippings, 1968	2	14
Pamphlet, "A Proud Past – A Promising Future," 1968	2	7
Pamphlet, "A Carousel of Commemoration," 1968	2	8
Programme [sic] of the Cornerstone Ceremony, 22 June 1869	1	7
Remarks, Dr. Robert Barrett, president of faculty senate, chair of Dept. of Political Science, 1968	2	2
Remarks, Pat O'Neil, president student senate, centennial observance ceremony, 1968	2	4
Ritual/Initiation, Grand Lodge of the Knights of the Forest, ca. 1869	1	42
School Progress, Vol. 4, No. 1, January 1923	1	51
School Progress, Vol. 4, No. 2, February 1923	1	52
Statement, building architect contractors and workmen, handwritten, 22 June 1869	1	8
Statement, Dr. Kent Alm, VP for Academic Affairs, centennial observance ceremony, 1968	2	1
Statement, Dr. Larry Anderson, president of Associated Alumni of MSU, 1968	2	3
Tape, reel-to-reel, Centennial Observance Ceremony, live broadcast by KMSU-FM, 1968	2	12
Photographs		
Aerial view of Mankato State College lower campus, 1968	2	10
Aerial view of Mankato State College upper campus, 1968	2	11
Classroom, undated	2	24
Drawing of proposed Mankato Sate Normal School, front elevation, ca. 1869	1	44
Field house track, undated	2	17
Front Street, showing First National Bank in Mankato, undated	1	46
Gage complex cafeteria,	2	18
Gymnasium, undated	2	16
Isaac N. Tompkins, 1922	1	56

J.E. Reynolds and John C. Wise, undated	1	57
Library, undated	2	20
Mankato State College, upper campus, 1968	2	9
McElroy complex parking lot, undated	2	15
McElroy student housing, undated	2	26
McElroy student housing, undated	2	27
Minneopa Falls, undated	1	45
Miscellaneous negatives, undated	2	30
Miscellaneous photos: faculty, students, alumni, undated	2	32
Miscellaneous photos: faculty, students, alumni, undated	2	33
Miscellaneous photos: faculty, students, alumni, undated	2	34
Negatives without prints, undated	2	29
Performing Arts building, 1968	2	19
Photographs of classes in session, undated	2	28
Reunion, undated	2	30
Shaubut Building, ca. 1869	1	43
Smaller diner/cafeteria, undated	2	23
Student Union, bowling alley, undated	2	21
Swimming pool, undated	2	25
Waiting area, undated	2	22
Business cards		
Benj. D. Pay, Livery and Sable, ca. 1869	1	10
Brown & Wiswell, attorneys at law and real estate agents, ca. 1869	1	11
Buck & Freeman, attorneys at law and real estate agents, ca. 1869	1	12
C.W. Murphy & Co., wholesale and retail dealers in books, stationary and music, ca. 1869	1	13
Davies & Dickinson, attorneys at law, ca. 1869	1	14
E.F. Everitt, Photographer (2 copies), ca. 1869	1	15
Frisbie & Shepard, wholesale and retail dealers in drugs, paints, oils, dyes, glass, patent medicine, ca. 1869	1	16
Griebel and Brother, wholesale and retail dealers in boots and shoes, ca. 1869	1	17
Isaac N. Tompkins, vice president, Free Press Co., 1922	1	55
K[lein] & Quinn's city livery stable, ca. 1869	1	18
Lewis & Shaubut, bankers, ca. 1869	1	19
Mankato House, G.C. proprietor, ca. 1869	1	20
Portion of a business card, "Gems from the..." ca. 1869	1	28
R.A. Kerr & Co., dry goods, millinery, notions, ca. 1869	1	21
Sam'l Hidden, wholesale and retail dealer in dry goods, Yankee notions, ladies' shoes, ca. 1869	1	22
W.B. Torrey, city justice & conveyancer [sic], ca. 1869	1	23
Wm. L. Coon, attorneys at law, collecting agents and notary public, ca. 1869	1	24
Wm. P. Boradman, architect, ca. 1869	1	25
Willard & Barney, attorneys and counselors at law, ca. 1869	1	26

William Irving, merchant tailor and dealer in ready-made clothing, and gents furnishing, ca. 1869	1	27
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