

# Guide to the Ford Ceasar Collection

## Summary Information

**Repository:**

Capital Area District Library/Forest Parke Library & Archives  
401 South Capitol Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48933

**Creator:** Ford Ceasar

**Title:** Ford Ceasar

**Collection No.:** 20512 (includes 20405 and 20309)

**Accession No.:** 99601

**Extent:** 17 boxes, 6.5 cubic feet

**Abstract:**

Ford S. Ceasar's passion for history is highlighted in this collection, which includes notes and research related to Lansing, Ingham County, and the surrounding communities.

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions:**

This collection is open for research. However, due to the fragile condition of specific items, access may be restricted. Advance notice is requested.

**Acquisition Information:**

Donated by Bill Ceasar, Jan 1996.

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## Biographical Note

Ford S. Ceasar was born in Clinton County, Michigan on August 16, 1911. Ceasar's professional career centered in education, as he was a teacher and a school administrator for nearly 35 years. As part of the bicentennial celebrations in Michigan, Ceasar was commissioned to write "The Bicentennial History of Ingham County". Other historical publications include "Forgotten Communities of Central Michigan", "The Lamp

Road”, and “The ‘Great Northern’ Ghost”. He remained active in historic endeavors, as a member of the Greater Lansing Historical Society, the Michigan Historical Society, the New York State Historical Association, and the American Association for State and Local History. He also served as historian for the Gunnisonville School Restoration project and as secretary-treasurer of the United Methodist Church Historical Society. He died in Lansing on September 29, 1994.

## **Collection Scope and Content Note**

The collection is primarily concerned with Ceasar’s publications, so several boxes are devoted to notes, research, and the Ingham County Historical Commission, which hired Ceasar to write “The Bicentennial History of Ingham County”. The other notable part of this collection are the photographs (boxes 11 and 12) which contain rare and important photographs of the Lansing area, as well as the surrounding communities.

## **Arrangement**

Records organized alphabetically into 13 series: Church Histories, Davis Family, Dick Family, Ingham County Historical Commission Minutes, Ingham County History, Lansing History, Michigan History, Mid-Michigan History, Notes-Research, Papers/Clippings, Photographs: Lansing School District, Photographs: Michigan and Lansing, and Valley Farms Yearbooks. The final box is an oversize box containing materials pertaining to several series in this collection.

## **Controlled Access Terms (LC)**

### **Subjects:**

Churches  
Eaton County (Mich.)  
East Lansing (Mich.)  
Education Michigan  
Ingham County Historical Commission  
Ingham County (Mich.)  
Ingham County (Mich.) History  
Lansing (Mich.)  
Michigan Agricultural College  
Michigan Authors  
Michigan Biography  
Michigan Capital and capitol  
Michigan Church history  
Michigan History  
Michigan State University  
Michigan State College  
Religion  
Reo Motor Car Company  
Reo Motors, Inc.

## Contents List

### Series 1 – Church Histories

#### Box 1 – Church Histories

Folder 1 – Bath United Methodist Church. 100 Year Celebration pamphlet, 1969 and United Methodist Anniversaries – 1973 by William Cardwell Prout.

Folder 2 – Duplain [sic] Church of Christ. “A Letter from Luman Hall” from the Duplain Church of Christ, September 15, 1979.

Folder 3 – Duplain [sic] United Methodist Church. “Memoirs of a Circuit Rider”, The Reverend William McKnight, August 1979.

Folder 4 – Emmanuel First Lutheran Church. “1917-1987 Historic Preservation and Restoration”, and “Out of Our Past: 1855-1915”.

Folder 5 – First Baptist Church. “Our Hundred Years of Christian Fellowship 1851-1951”.

Folder 6 – First Methodist Church. “Consecration” December 17, 1967 and “110th Anniversary: 1846-1956”.

Folder 7 – First Methodist Episcopal Church. “History of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Lansing”, written by Mrs. E. Jennie McNeal, 1917.

Folder 8 – First Presbyterian Church. An Historical Guidebook for the Hall of Christian Pioneers” by Dick Frazier, 1986 and First Presbyterian Church – 100 Years” 1847-1947, 1947.

Folder 9 – Gresham United Methodist Church. “1880 Centennial Celebration - 1980”.

Folder 10 – Holt United Methodist Church. Four Views of the new Sanctuary Building 1970,

Folder 11 – Miscellaneous. Membership awareness of, and attitudes toward, the Lansing Area Council of churches” 1975, Methodist Union of Greater Lansing, Financial Statement, 1951-1968, Potter Park United Methodist Pamphlet, “History of Central United Methodist Church, Lansing, Michigan” 1850-1976, Building Structure Inventory Form, Michigan History Division, Department of State, Central United Methodist Church n.d., The Shame of a Once Beautiful City” LeRoy A. Brown 1958, Description of a booklet about stopping parking places which charge shoppers n.d.

Folder 12 – Mt. Hope Avenue Methodist Church. “Fiftieth Anniversary January 31, 1965.”

Folder 13 – North United Presbyterian. “Between the Centuries Prayer Service – 100th Anniversary” 1963, “One Hundredth Anniversary Communion Service 1963”, Building Structures Inventory, History Division, Department of State, North Presbyterian Church.

Folder 14 – Plymouth Congregational Church. Centennial Celebration in Worship, March 8, 1964.

Folder 15 – St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. “To a Goodly Heritage: A History of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church” by Robert J. Coleman 1970.

Folder 16 – St. Paul’s United Methodist Church. “75th Anniversary St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, Rookland, Michigan, Its’ history 1903-1978”.

Folder 17 – Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. “With Us As With Our Fathers, 1871-1971”.

Folder 18 – Trinity Methodist Church. Service of Consecration 1968, Funeral service for Viola L. Kelsey 1986.

Folder 19 – United Methodist Church. Miscellaneous documents: Methodist Church officials’ responses to 60 Minutes’ program on Board of Global Ministry, Miscellaneous documents: meeting agendas, various groups related to West Michigan Conference Commission on Archives and History, United Methodist Church.

Folder 20 – Vermontville United Methodist Church. “1877 Relocation Centennial Celebration - 1977”

Folder 21 – Wacousta Community Methodist Church. “Centennial Program 1866-1966” and “Our Church History”.

Folder 22 – Webberville United Methodist Church. “History of the Webberville United Methodist Church 1877-1977”.

## **Series 2 – Davis Family**

### **Box 2 – Davis Family**

Folder 1 – Davis, B. F. Hand-copied articles of The Lansing Journal January 8, 1889, The State Journal February 5, 1934 page 4 editorial three pages, The State Journal Friday February 2, 1934, “Short Illness fatal to Davis” 4 pages, 1949 Ingham County Past and Present 3 pages, The State Journal January 26, 1934 10 pages, and The State Journal Saturday February 3, 1934 5 pages. Also includes 4 short article summaries from the Brown’s Directory of Lansing 1873 and from the Lansing State Journal 1949-1967.

Folder 2 – Davis, B. F. Checks written on The City National Bank, several photograph prints of Benjamin F. Davis, and Receipt for last Will and Testament of Benjamin F. Davis.

Folder 3 – Davis, B. F. Original October 28, 1864 letter from B. F. Davis (2 pages) with typed transcription. Also includes photograph of Davis House, located at 528 S. Washington Avenue near REO Motor Works.

Folder 4 – Davis Cottage inventory. Contents of Harbor Point, Michigan cottage #57.

Folder 5 – Davis, Edith. Notebook labeled “Edith E. Davis’s Mortgage Notes”, High School Note Book, Letter from Rockwell and Gillett, October 31, 1941, correspondence with gardener, dated 1941 and 1942, and numerous receipts for products/services related to Harbor Point, Michigan cottage #57. Also includes Lansing’s Young Men’s Christian Association program, which features an address written by E. Davis.

### **Series 3 – Dick Family**

#### **Box 2 (continued) – Dick Family (SEE ALSO Boxes 15, 17)**

Folder 6 – Dick, Esther – Convention programs. Includes Michigan Agents Annual State Convention 1929, Annual Conference of International Inst. Detroit 1930, Northern Association of Congregation Church, First Congregational Church, Huntley Ill. and the 63rd Annual Convention (Souvenir Program) Michigan Sunday School Council of Religious education 1923.

Folder 7 – Dick, Esther – Michigan Agricultural College (MAC) Programs. MAC Stadium Dedication Saturday, October 11, 1924, price 25 cents, 1925 no cover, Spanish Moon Michigan State Union 1928, MSC vs. U of M, October 3, 1925 program, The MAC Recorder Vol. XXIV No. 4, and “The Twelve Mile Limit” Michigan State Union 1929, Gladmer Theatre.

Folder 8 – Dick, Esther – Mimes of the University of Michigan Union, four theater programs for five Musical Productions: 1925 – 1929. Programs contain advertising.

Folder 9 – Dick, Esther – Miscellaneous. Includes theater tickets, membership cards, invitations, 2 photo strips of 5 shots each unidentified, cruise ticket Buffalo to Detroit, postcard from Napoli, Italy, invitation to join Beta Phi Literary Club, 1928, engagement announcement Wikowski – Gershng 1929, marriage notice Stichler – Anderson, organ played by Esther Dick, Perry High School eighth grade commencement with names, and 1921, 1922, and 1925 Lansing High School Commencement announcements.

Folder 10 – Dick, Esther – Music Programs – Lansing Conservatory of Music and Wilde Conservatory of Music 1921 – 1924.

Folder 11 – Dick, Esther – Music Programs – Lansing Teachers Association 1920 – 1930.

Folder 12– Dick, Esther – Music Programs – Non-Lansing. Includes productions from Owosso, Detroit, and New York City, covering the years 1923 – 1926, and 1930.

Folder 13 – Dick, Esther – Music programs – Prudden Auditorium. Several programs from the Philharmonic Concert Company, featuring Paul Whiteman 1924, Camelita Calli-Curci, Josef Lhevinne 1926, Percy Grainger 1927, Fritz Kreisler 1927, and Harold Bauer 1929. Prudden Auditorium ticket stubs.

Folder 14 – Dick, Esther – Music Programs – Prudden Auditorium – Other companies. Includes Thomas Wilfred with his Clavilux c. 1920s, John Philip Sousa and his band 1922, Handel’s Messiah Night School Chorus 1926, U of M and MSC Joint Concert Glee Clubs 1927, and Lansing Orpheus Club Concert 1927, and others.

Folder 15 – Dick, Esther – Music Programs – Various theaters/productions. Student recitals include Piano and Violin Recital 1920, Piano Recital 1921, Lansing Band and Orchestra School Recital 1925, and Pattengill Jr. High School Girls Gymnasium demonstration 1925. Also includes Gladmer Theater 1924, Devil’s Disciple by Bernard Shaw – Kappa Alpha Sigma Fraternity 1926, MSC Program of Songs 1926, Dedicatory Pipe Organ Recital People’s Church 1927, Beta Phi presents Black & White Rhythms 1929, and Twelfth Night – Shakespeare – Sir Ben Greet and his English Players n.d.

Folder 16– Dick, Esther – Newspaper Clippings. Clippings of Lansing wedding announcements, house fires, funerals and other activities 1916-1927.

Folder 17– Dick, Esther – Pilgrim Congregational Church. Programs and church bulletins, 1923-1925.

Folder 18– Dick, Esther – YWCA. New American Club programs 1923 – 1930

## **Series 4 – Ingham County Historical Commission**

### **Box 3 – Ingham County Historical Commission**

Folder 1 – Contract and sale statements on Ingham County Historical book, “The Bicentennial History of Ingham County.” Various contracts with authors and printers, and monthly book sales reports from 2/1976-12/1977. Meeting agendas where book was discussed.

Folder 2 – Correspondence. Contains a letter to Editor by a citizen critical of Ceasar’s book and several responses. Other miscellaneous correspondence.

Folder 3 – Expenses. Mileage and other expense reports 1974 – 1975.

Folder 4 – Historical Markers. Contains various documents regarding County Historical Marker program, spanning 1975-1980. Includes cost estimates on flags, historical bibliographies, and historical markers. Dedication of Ingham County Court House as Historical Site, December 17, 1972. Also includes Michigan Historic Site Survey... Survey Handbook, Michigan Office of Planning Coordination, Executive Office of the Governor 1968.

Folder 5 – Historical Markers – Fire House #7. Includes color photo of firehouse, a partially completed Inventory Nomination form, handwritten manuscript text describing fire house (possible text for marker), pamphlet “Invitation For Support” (part of effort to oppose closure of firehouse), and photocopy of materials related to proposing for house as state historical building.

Folder 6 – Historical Markers – School for the Blind. A complete packet including completed and approved Inventory Nomination form, photocopy of the site, photocopy of the check to purchase marker, etc. (2 copies)

Folder 7 – Minutes 1973. Photocopies of minutes, meeting announcements, and correspondence.

Folder 8 – Minutes 1974. Photocopies of minutes, meeting announcements, and correspondence.

Folder 9 – Minutes 1975. P Photocopies of minutes, meeting announcements, and correspondence.

Folder 10 – Minutes 1976. Photocopies of minutes, meeting announcements, and correspondence.

Folder 11 – Minutes 1977. Photocopies of minutes, meeting announcements, and correspondence.

Folder 12 – Minutes 1978 – 1987. Photocopies of minutes, meeting announcements, and correspondence.

Folder 13 – Miscellaneous. Documents related to history book project

Folder 14 – Releases - Original releases: “Release and Permission to Use Name.” Signed forms for the “The Bicentennial History of Ingham County.”

## **Series 5 – Ingham County History**

### **Box 4 – Ingham County History (SEE ALSO Boxes 5, 6, and 7)**

Folder 1 – Abstracts. Documents related to land for a school in Clinton County, School District #4.

Folder 2 – Capitals of Michigan. An address presented to the Historical Society of Greater Lansing in 1968 by Jack T. Crosby Sr., President.

Folder 3 – Cemetery Lists. Lists of Ingham County Cemeteries with legal descriptions.

Folder 4 – Description of history of Ingham county flag.

Folder 5 – “Hallmarks of Black Achievement” - 48 pp. booklet published 1975 by Ingham County Bicentennial Committee developed by Lansing Alumna Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc.

Folder 6 – Holt Recorder historical calendar, 1987.

Folder 7 – Ingham County News Inventory. 1978 publication listing inventory of all issues of Ingham County News from 1869-1969.

Folder 8 – Ingham, Samuel D. Manuscript notes by Ceasar about Ingham. Also includes information about Ingham County Poor Farm. A copy of 1850s Letter handwritten from a man named George to his wife Mary about Lansing and trying to purchase land.

Folder 9 – La Raza in Ingham County 1920-1976. 31 pp. booklet prepared by Sol De Aztlan, Inc.

Folder 10 – Lake Lansing Park. “More than Merry-Go-Rounds: A pictorial History of Lake Lansing Park” by John Hayek, 1984.

Folder 11 – Mason Area Centennial Historical Program, 1965

Folder 12 – Miscellaneous. Brochures about capital, courthouses, cemeteries, Mystic Lake. Manuscript notes by painter of Chief Okemos from John Martelly.

Folder 13 – Red Cedar Park. Description of proposed park, 1975.

Folder 14 – School for the Blind - Centennial Calendar 1880- 1980.

Folder 15 – Sesquicentennial History of Ingham County, November 1990 edition.

Folder 16 – White Oak Township, History of 1877 – 1979.

## **Series 6 – Lansing History**

### **Box 5 – Lansing History (SEE ALSO Boxes 4, 6, and 7)**

Folder 1 – “Early Lansing History” J. P. Edmunds 194, typewritten, unbound manuscript. Does not include photographs. Also contains miscellaneous advertisements.

Folder 2 – “A History of Lansing Rotary” 1974.

Folder 3 – Lansing Centennial Souvenir Historical Program and itinerary for “Historic Sites and Places Tour”.

Folder 4 – “A Brief History of the Lansing Public Schools”, written by Ceasar c. 1986.

Folder 5 – Lansing School District. “Happy Birthday Lansing School District: 125 years of Caring” 1986 calendar.

Folder 6 – Lansing School District Contracts. Several contracts for Carl Dalrymple 1922 – 1948.

Folder 7 – State Capitol History. Invitation and cornerstone opening program from 1978. Includes “Proceedings at the of the Laying of the Cornerstone”, 1873

Folder 8 – State Journal Centennial Picture Hunt. Clippings and lists of photographs and participants.

Folder 9 – History of Young Men’s Christian Association, c. 1977.

### **Series 7 – Michigan History**

#### **Box 6 – Michigan History (SEE ALSO Boxes 4, 5 and 7)**

- Books:
- a.) Grand River Road – Sadie G. Woodward, 1966
  - b.) The Old Timers Speak – Lyle McCann, 1970
  - c.) One Hundred Years of Progress – Cora Jarrsma, c.1957
  - d.) Peg Leg – Ray W. Adams – 1950
  - e.) River Landings and the People Who Made Them – Carl L. Adams

Folder 1 – “Beauties of Battle Creek and Vicinity” – Pictorial history, c. 1908.

Folder 2 – “Bad Axe, Michigan, the Thumb’s Best Town” – Publication, 1901.

Folder 3 – “Capac Then and Now” – Centennial History Celebration booklet, 1957.

Folder 4 – “Furniture City Commemorative” - Historical booklet, 1984.

Folder 5 – “The Great Toledo War” – by David Evans, 1986. Paper prepared for North Central Jurisdiction Archives and History Convocation.

Folder 6 – “Let’s Call it LeRoy” – a history of LeRoy, Michigan, by Bernice Truman and Kathleen Curtis, 1973.

Folder 7 – MAC (Michigan Agricultural College) History. Includes calendar for 1916, “Serving State for 109 Years’ by Jack Thompson, c. 1965 “Important Dates in History of MSC”, 1855 – 1955, and related correspondence.

Folder 8 – “Views of Saginaw and Vicinity” – Pictorial history, 1904.

Folder 9 – “Ypsilanti Area Sesquicentennial 1823 – 1973”, commemorative booklet.

### **Series 8 – Mid-Michigan History**

#### **Box 7 – Mid-Michigan History (SEE ALSO Boxes 4, 5 and 6)**

Folder 1 – Bath. Country Fair program, 1976.

Folder 2 – Bath. School Disaster 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemoration program (2), 1977.

Folder 3 – Charlotte. Maple Hill Cemetery, 1923.

Folder 4 – Charlotte. “Charlotte The Beautiful”, 1907.

Folder 5 – Charlotte. “Charlotte The Beautiful”, 1907. (2)

Folder 6 – Clinton County. Includes “Historical Tours of Clinton County” 1976, “Historic Sites of Clinton County” 1980, Clinton Country Genealogical Society newsletter c. 1980, and notes.

Folder 7 – Clinton County Historical Society. Contains drafts/revisions of the bylaws of the Clinton Country Historical Society, c. 1979

Folder 8 – Delta Mills. School Reunion program, 1982.

Folder 9 – DeWitt. DeWitt Area History 1-3, c.1983

Folder 10 – DeWitt. DeWitt Area History 4-6, c.1983

Folder 11 – DeWitt. DeWitt Area History 7-10, c.1983

Folder 12 – DeWitt. DeWitt Area History 11-13, c.1983

Folder 13 – Eagle. “As the Eagle Soars: An Illustrated History of Eagle, Mich. 1834-1976” by Hiram Hazen and friends.

Folder 14 – Gunnisonville. “History of Gunnisonville” by Alta Pierce, 1939.

Folder 15 – Gunnisonville. Includes photographs of School building, minutes of the Elementary social studies committee meeting 1972, Gunnisonville Homecoming Association, and handwritten notes listing teachers and directors at the school. Includes an envelope addressed to Ceasar from Gunnisonville Restoration Committee.

Folder 16 – Leslie. Fitchburg Cemetery, 1975 marker dedication for Martin DuBois.

Folder 17 – Lyons/Muir. “Lyons/Muir, Michigan” c. 1976.

Folder 18 – Maple Rapids. “The Old Lamplighter: A History of Maple Rapids Michigan” 1976.

Folder 19 – Nashville. “Nashville, Michigan 1869 – 1965”.

Folder 20 – Ovid. Ovid Centennial historical program, 1969.

Folder 21 – St. Johns. “A Brief History of Central School, St Johns, Michigan 1885-1985.

Folder 22 – Warren Family. Genealogical information.

## **Series 9 – Notes – Research**

### **Box 8 – Notes – Research**

Folder 1 – Ingham County History – “History of Mason” (1), Hartzog

Folder 2 – Ingham County History – “History of Mason” (2), Hartzog

Folder 3 – Ingham County History – “History of Mason” (3), Hartzog

Folder 4 – Michigan History - Miscellaneous notes – Commemorative stamp paper

Folder 5 – “Electric Railroads of Michigan”

Folder 6 – “The Lamp Road” (1) – railroad history.

Folder 7 – “The Lamp Road” (2) – railroad history, edited drafts.

Folder 8 – “The Lamp Road” (3) – Notes

Folder 9 – History of “Our Mariner’s Church” – Mariner’s Church of Detroit

Folder 10 – “Railroads in Michigan” – no date

Folder 11 – “Olde Folkes Concerte: - Miscellaneous: Kalamazoo

Folder 12 – Ornithology Notebooks, 1933

Folder 13 – Ornithology Notebooks, 1934

## Folder 14 – “Washtenong”

### Box 9 – Notes – Research

- Folder 1 – Clinton County History – “Railroading in Clinton County”, notes
- Folder 2 – Samuel Dexter family History – (Founder of Ionia, Michigan)
- Folder 3 – Education
- Folder 4 – Education, Lansing Public Schools – (notes)
- Folder 5 – Education, Lansing School District – (notes). Includes two page summary of “1913 Statistics and School History Facts”.
- Folder 6 – Education in Michigan – Early Years. Notes, personal recollections from Houghton – Keweenaw residents.
- Folder 7 – Education – St. Johns. Some early history
- Folder 8 – “Forgotten Communities of West Central Michigan”
- Folder 9 – Greenville/Belding (1) – Notes
- Folder 10 – Greenville/Belding (2) – Notes
- Folder 11 – Greenville/Belding (3) – Notes
- Folder 12 – Greenville/Belding (4) – Notes
- Folder 13 – “History of Valley Farms School”
- Folder 14 – Ingham County History. Includes “All About Lansing” booklet, “Proceedings of Federal Convention 1787” notes, and City Directory Charter 1873 – notes.
- Folder 15 – Ingham County History. Copies of articles from newspapers, papers. Topics covered include Alaiden Center Schools, Mason Methodist Church, Laycack Family History, Haslett Park History (Lake Lansing).
- Folder 16 – Ingham County History. “Before the White Men Came”
- Folder 17 – Sesquicentennial History of Ingham County – notes
- Folder 18 – Ingham County – “The Story of the Historical Search”
- Folder 19 – Ingham County History. County jail.

### **Series 10 – Papers/Clippings**

#### Box 10 – Papers/Clippings

- Folder 1 – Biography of Ford Ceasar. Also includes a Lansing State Journal clipping advertising Ceasar’s publications.
- Folder 2 – Chief Okemos Council Boy Scouts.
- Folder 3 – Elliott, Albert – Photograph 1925, and letter 1929.
- Folder 4 – Ennis, Anna – Papers, receipts.
- Folder 5 – Ford Family History project.
- Folder 6 – Friends of the Lansing Library, 1975.
- Folder 7 – “Keep Michigan Beautiful Campaign”.
- Folder 8 – Lansing Historic District Commission – “Memorandum 1976 – Historic Lansing”.
- Folder 9 – Lansing – Historic District Commission.
- Folder 10 – Lansing Teachers Credit Union.
- Folder 11 – Miscellaneous papers/correspondence.

- Folder 12 – Miscellaneous papers.
- Folder 13 – Charlotte History – Clippings.
- Folder 14 – Lansing – Clippings.
- Folder 15 – Lansing – Clippings.
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## **Series 11 – Photographs: Lansing School District**

### **Box 11 – Photographs: Lansing School District**

- Folder 1 – Allen Elementary, 1913
- Folder 2 – A. V. Center, Technical High, 1950-1960
- Folder 3 – Bingham Elementary, 1920
- Folder 4 – Central High, 1910, 1925, 1943-1947
- Folder 5 – Cherry St., 1919, and undated.
- Folder 6 – Clark, 1884
- Folder 7 – Eastern High, 1940-1960
- Folder 8 – Elmhurst Elementary, 1960
- Folder 9 – Everett Elementary, 1957
- Folder 10 – Everett High, 1959-1961
- Folder 11 – Gier Park Elementary, c.1950
- Folder 12 – Grand River Elementary, 1961
- Folder 13 – Groesbeck Hills Elementary [Fairview Annex], 1961
- Folder 14 – Larch Street, undated.
- Folder 15 – Libraries,
- Folder 16 – Lyon Elementary, 1955
- Folder 17 – Michigan Street, c.1890s
- Folder 18 – Moores Park Elementary, 1961
- Folder 19 – Mt. Hope Elementary, c.1960s
- Folder 20 – Pattengill Junior High, c.1955-1958
- Folder 21 – Sexton High, 1951-1961
- Folder 22 – Technical High, 1957-1958
- Folder 23 – Thomas Street, c.1936
- Folder 24 – Townsend Street, c.1940
- Folder 25 – Wainwright Elementary, 1961.
- Folder 26 – Walnut, 1955
- Folder 27 – Walter French Junior High, 1926
- Folder 28 – Ward Schools, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and early two-room Larch Street school house.
- Folder 29 – Biography/Miscellaneous. Includes photographs of Carl Dalrymple, A.V. director, who hand-colored many of the photographs in this series.
- Folder 30 – Building dedications
- Folder 31 – Teacher Retirements
- Folder 32 – Teacher Credit Union. Includes resolution to name Carl Dalrymple as director of the Michigan Credit Union league in 1952.

## **Series 12 – Photographs: Michigan and Lansing**

### **Box 12 – Photographs: Michigan and Lansing**

- Folder 1 – Anniversary party/Retirement. Unknown family. c.1950s, 1963.
- Folder 2 – Bishop Family. Photographs of Chandler Marsh 1938. Also includes photographs of Helen J. Bishop, caption reads “sister of Frank C. Bishop”.
- Folder 3 – Buildings. Various buildings/homes/businesses in the Lansing area, and from Stanton MI, 1884.
- Folder 4 – Cadillac Roller Rink, 1912
- Folder 5 – Christopher Home – 714 Willow. Photographs labeled with the names of Ed Kilian and Belle Christopher, and Mary E. Christopher, 1907.
- Folder 6 – City Hall. 1955-1960.
- Folder 7 – Cross-country automobile trip through Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, and California, c.1920s. One of the cars sports a University of Michigan banner.
- Folder 8 – Family reunion or corporate picnic c. 1920s.
- Folder 9 – Fire Dept. – Lansing. c. 1890-1910
- Folder 10 – F. J. Christopher Grocer – S. Washington c.1890-1910. Five images, two are postcards.
- Folder 11 – Lansing Photographs – Copies. Copies of famous photographs from collections in the Forest Parke Library & Archives and other repositories. Needs sleeves
- Folder 12 – Lansing wheelbarrow Works. C. 1910
- Folder 13 – Michigan Lakes. Ten photos of lakes, areas in Ingham, Jackson, and Washtenaw counties. Caption reads, “Pictures taken by Edward Calkins (?) West Maple Street, Mason. He was a surgeon (?)”
- Folder 14 – Organizations – Masonic? Dated 1944, 1954, and c.1950-1960
- Folder 15 – People. Includes two photographs of Ford Ceasar. Groups and family portraits – unknown names, 1900-1960s. Also includes photographs made into postcards.
- Folder 16 – State Capital. Several copies of photographs from the Jenison Collection at the State of Michigan archives.
- Folder 17 – Street Scenes – Michigan Avenue. (8)
- Folder 18 – Street Scenes – Miscellaneous Streets (11)
- Folder 19 – Street Scenes –Washington Avenue (13)
- Folder 20 – REO Machine Shop, c. 1915
- Folder 21 – Unknown log home farm. Two tintype (ferrotype) photographs of farm, c. 1865-1870. **(FRAGILE – NOT FOR PUBLIC USE/ ACCESS RESTRICTED)**

### **Box 13 – Photographs**

Topics/subjects featured in this box are: historical markers, the State Capitol including the cornerstone, area churches and schools (some with detailed annotation by Ceasar on the reverse), Lansing and surrounding communities commercial, industrial, and residential street scenes, Ingham County Fair, Lansing airports, Meridian township, Waterloo Farm Museum, Michigan State University, photographs of advertisements of local businesses, vintage automobiles from the 1910s-1920s, and photographs of

portraits on unknown individuals, and miscellaneous photographs taken by Ceasar to document the Ingham Historical Committee events.

#### Box 14 – Photographs (INCLUDES NEGATIVES)

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#### Box 15 – Postcards

Postcards written to Ms. Edna Bowen and Mrs. Hattie Bowen, E. Dick, Mr. Loyd Robson, Mrs. Lester Durkee, Suel Backus, and the Van Houten family, spanning the years 1905-1939. The postcards mainly feature Michigan communities and buildings, but there are a few from Indiana and Illinois. Approximately half were not used.

### **Series 13 – Valley Farms Yearbooks**

#### Box 16 – Valley Farms Yearbooks

- Folder 1 – Yearbook 1944
- Folder 2 – Yearbook 1945 – 1946
- Folder 3 – Yearbook 1946 – 1947 (2)
- Folder 4 – Yearbook 1947 – 1948 (2)
- Folder 5 – Yearbook 1948 – 1949
- Folder 6 – Yearbook 1950
- Folder 7 – Yearbook 1951 (2)
- Folder 8 – Yearbook 1952 (3)
- Folder 9 – Yearbook 1953 (4)
- Folder 10 – Yearbook 1954 (2)
- Folder 11 – Yearbook 1955 (2)
- Folder 12 – Yearbook 1956

#### Box 17 – Oversize

Folder 1 – Charlotte Misc. Contains 2 broadsheet editorials/commentaries on Charlotte government, written by F. P. Town, a former city mayor. Circa 1918.

Folder 2 – Dick, Esther – Music Programs (**SEE ALSO** Box 2). Contains several Philharmonic Concert Programs from 1927 and 1928, featuring various artists.

Bound materials:

Altrusa Club of Greater Lansing 1962-1963 and 1970-1971 yearbooks.

Civil Government of Michigan, by Henry R. Pattengill, 1887.

Government of Michigan, by Henry R. Pattengill, 1895 and 1917.  
Keep Lansing Beautiful committee scrapbook. Contains organization's by-laws,  
newspaper clippings from 1966 -1969, 1974  
Manual of Orthography Elementary Sounds, by Henry R. Pattengill 1917.  
Contains the inscriptions, "L G Whitney 8<sup>th</sup> grade Shadyhill-side Mich Sept 3,  
1919.  
Manual of Orthography Elementary Sounds, by Henry R. Pattengill 1926.  
Michigan's Pride in America, 1976. A publication of the Michigan Association of  
Retired School Personnel, edited by Ceasar  
Our Book: "Company A" 102 Ammunition Train, 1919. A book detailing the personal  
experiences of the soldiers, some of them MI natives.  
"Pat's" Pick, by Henry R. Pattengill, 1905 (2)  
Primer of Michigan History, by WM J. Cox 1887.  
Renovation Study for Ingham County Courthouse, Mason MI, 1980.  
School Law of Michigan, by Jason E. Hammon, 1895 and 1900.  
Stevens-Van Sickle Reunion Committee ledger. 1915-1938

Certificate of completion from The Department of Military Training of Central High  
School, issued to cadet Raymor Hall for satisfactory completion of the first year  
course. Awarded June 13, 1919.  
Newspaper clipping, "Principals of Lansing' Public Schools", laminated. Dated 1952 or  
1953.  
Promotional fan from Millett Nursery and Greenhouses, Lansing MI, undated.  
Ingham Country Kennel Club Third Prize ribbon, 1929.  
Sloan Museum "Summer Fair" 1976 souvenir plate  
Old Lansing Central High School souvenir cocktail napkin dated 1930-1980  
LFD (presumably Lansing Fire Department) round metal tag, stamped with the  
numbers 6459.  
Michigan State 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion button, with Ceasar's name.  
Michigan Week flyers  
Calling card of Mrs. A G. Bhaer