

McLean County Museum of History

Ralph & Kate Lee Ewing Family Collection

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Collection Information

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Brief History

Ralph Nelson Ewing (1907-1981) came to live with Davis and Hazle Ewing about age 7 and was formally adopted in 1917. After high school in St. Louis, he and his parents embarked on a year-long world tour. Later he enrolled in college in FL and left in 1929.

That same year, Ralph moved to St. Louis, MO, and began working as a manager at a high-end women's clothing shop. By early 1932 he had returned to Bloomington where he eventually worked in retail women's clothing. Three years later he returned to St. Louis to assume a position at a department store. There he met **Kate Lee Culbertson** (1920-1987), a supervisor in the personnel department. The couple were married on February 1937 in front of the fireplace at Sunset Hill.

In 1938 they moved to Kate Lee's hometown of Russell, KN. Ralph and Kate Lee's only child **Lucinda "Cindy" Buck Ewing** was born three years later. During World War II Ralph served as a private in the U.S. Army. In 1947 he was elected Russell County Clerk and later worked for the State of Kansas' Tax Department. After his mother's death in 1969, Ralph joined the Illinois State University Foundation's Board of Directors. He was also a member of the Friends of Milner Library from the early 1970s until his death in 1981.

Kate Lee Culbertson (1920-1987) attended Missouri University at Columbia and later became interested in the history of Russell and the state of Kansas. She was long active in the Congregational Church along with other community endeavors.

Lillian Hazle Buck Ewing (1880-1969) was the daughter of a partner in a Chicago chewing gum company with William Wrigley, Jr. She earned a bachelor's degree from University of Chicago in 1902. Hazle was passionate about environmental issues, international affairs, and gender equality. Throughout her life, she made contributions to many social causes. Returning from a yearlong trip around the world in 1925, she was determined to pursue the promotion of international friendships. She established the School of Nations at Principia College in Elsah, Illinois for the development of international studies. With world peace as its goal, the college provided scholarships for international studies and funded international exchange of students, teachers, and visiting lecturers.

Hazle died at the age of 88 in 1969 at her home Sunset Hill and is buried in Crivitz, Wisconsin on the Buck Family Ranch.

Davis Ewing and Hazle meet in 1905 at a Christian Science meeting in Chicago, Illinois; they married in 1907. Later, they adopted a son, Ralph, and raised a second son, Nelson, who was from Victory Hall, an orphanage for boys that Hazle helped to establish.

The couple lived built Sunset Hill just east of Bloomington in 1928-29. They named it "Sunset Hill" in honor of Jens Jenson, their landscape architect who designed the curving pathway where

both sunrise and sunset could be viewed. Davis lived at Sunset Hill for less than a year, as the couple divorced in 1931.

After the divorce, **Julia Fairfax Hodge** (1878-1966), known to the family as Cousin Julia, resided at Sunset Hill helping with the running of the home. Hazle and Julia worked together on philanthropic causes and frequently entertained guests.

- *The biographies above were adapted from extensive online biographies of Milner Library, Illinois State University.*

Scope

The collection includes primarily letters and other correspondence to Kate Lee & Ralph from friends, relatives, ISU Foundation and ISU Museum management; to Hazle from friends, relatives, and associates; and between Hazle and cousin Adlai E. Stevenson II.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Ralph & Kate Lee Ewing, 1948-1965

- 1.1 Watson Gailey of Gailey Eye Clinic replying to Kate Lee letter about health benefits of butter and carrots, etc., 21 Aug 1948. Plus attached note on vision conditions in each eye.
- 1.2 Western Union telegram of congratulations from Florence Fifer Bohrer to Lucinda B. Ewing at Russell KN, 27 May 1959.
- 1.3 Christmas Lovefeast holiday card from Ruth Driggs to Kate Lee & Ralph about Moravian church service, congratulations to Cindy on her honors and expressing interest in her upcoming Peace Corp experiences, Thanksgiving travels, Dec 1961.
- 1.4 Hazel [Laughlin] at Bloomington to Kate Lee in Crivitz, WI, about recent newsletter, summer remodeling of old farmhouse in Minonk, Julia's activities limited by her disability and location (Brokaw?), response to info about Paul Pollack's letter, unappreciated personal weight loss, visits from Greens, Don's plans to attend Democratic Convention in Atlantic City, possible visit from Kate Lee, happy that "Aunt Hazle" is with Ralph & Kate Lee at the Ranch, 10 Aug 1964.
- 1.5 Photograph of Lottie Stevenson inscribed to Julia, nd.
- 1.6 Christmas card from Lottie Stevenson to "dear Cousins" (Lottie was mother of Dr. Edgar Stevenson, circa 1963).
- 1.7 "Mrs. Stevenson, Bloomington Native, Dies," *Pantagraph*, 27 Aug 1964.
- 1.8 Brokaw Hospital thanks M/M Ralph N. Ewing of KN for \$10 donation to hospital building fund in memory of Lottie B. Stevenson, 2 Sept 1964.
- 1.9 E.M. "Ed" Stevenson to M/M Ralph Ewing in KN appreciating their sympathy letter and donation to hospital and recalling Lottie's affection for them both, 3 Sep 1964.

- 1.10 E.M. "Ed" Stevenson to Kate Lee, Ralph, and Cindy Ewing at Crivitz, WI, again expressing thanks for their sympathy, 4 Sep 1964.
- 1.11 Postcard from Hazel Laughlin to Kate Lee at Sunset Hill, 1 Nov 1964. Postcard shows map & directions and contact info for their Minonk & Bloomington homes.
- 1.12 Note from June to Kate Lee & Ralph thanking them for making it possible for them to attend Adlai's funeral, plus comments on the service, c. Jul 1965.
- 1.13 E. M. "Ed" Stevenson to Kate Lee and Ralph Ewing in KN acknowledging their Christmas card and message and reporting on holiday visits, 9 Jan 1965.
- 1.14 Bee [Beatrice Farmer Brantingham] to Ralph & Kate Lee at Sunset Hill acknowledging generous gift of stock for new Victory Hall building and reporting on fund raising thus far, 28 Mar 1965. Tucked into envelope: 2 copies of *Pantagraph* obituary for Mrs. Alan Brantingham, 3 Jun 1972.
- 1.15 Katharine Wesbrook of Lincoln, NB, to Kate Lee thanking for the holiday greeting rec'd while in MI helping a friend, recalling 1953 visit to Hazle in Bloomington, 22 Apr 1964.
- 1.16 Blake Leach at Iowa City, IA, to M/M Ewing about essay by Mrs. A.B. Funk on life in Bloomington in Rachal Crothers' time, changing thesis topic away from Crothers, etc, 31 Jan 1965.
- 1.17 "Jim" to Ewings thanking for graduation gift, 7 Jun 1965.
- 1.18 Denzell Funk Heil at New Brighton, MN, to Kate Lee with general letter to multiple "Friends" about his work and travel activities, etc. plus handwritten addenda to Kate Lee his workload with the state legislature, article by Hazel Holmes, grandmother Mary Elln Funk, etc., 8 Jul 1965.
- 1.19 Postcard from Ruby A. to M/M R Ewing at Bloomington reporting visit to brother, 21 Aug 1965.
- 1.20 Loring Merwin to Kate Lee thanking for copy of James O'Donnell Bennett story on Lincoln's Lost Speech and future use of Whitney's account (presumably *Pantagraph*), 8 Sep 1965.
- 1.21 "Mary Lois" to Kate Lee & Ralph following A E Stephenson II's funeral, television special on Stevenson, recent visit, inviting Cindy to visit, 19 Jul 1965.
- 1.22 Elizabeth & Ernest Ives to M/M Ralph Ewing acknowledging expression of sympathy, 14 Aug 1965. Not personalized.
- 1.23 Principia College in Elsah, IL, to Kate Lee acknowledging newspaper clipping, declaring intent to call for Japanese "gold lacquer" box, 24 Nov 1965.
- 1.24 Principia College in Elsah, IL, to Kate Lee about picking up the Japanese box in Bloomington, 20 Dec 1965.
- 1.25 Gertrude [Williams?] on stationery of McLean County Historical Society to Kate Lee about hearing Anthony Eden courtesy of Kate Lee, details of the Eden visit and guests attending, Four O'clock Poetry Club, Pioneer Assn newsletter, work on the house, use of materials donated to Historical Society, contract bridge query, 30 Mar [1968?]. Attached

contract bridge clipping from *Pantagraph*.

Folder 2: Ralph & Kate Lee Ewing, 1966-1969

- 2.1 Principia College at Elsah, IL, to Kate Lee reporting that the Japanese box is in the Museum and they are seeking a monetary appraisal, thanking Miss Hodge as well, 19 Jan 1966.
- 2.2 Postcard from Denzell [Denzell Funk Heil] to Kate Lee at Bloomington about being in southern California, 22 Feb 1966.
- 2.3 Envelope with commemoration of dedication ceremonies on Illinois Wesleyan University campus in Oct 1965, 23 Feb 1966.
- 2.4 Seating plan and program for dignitaries and special guests at Adlai E Stevenson Commemorative Stamp Ceremonies held 1 Oct 1965. With handwritten notes.
- 2.5 Principia College at Elsah, IL, to Kate Lee about scheduling a visit, no date.
- 2.6 Principia College at Elsah, IL, to Kate Lee about her upcoming visit, 17 Mar 1966.
- 2.7 Wedding invitation for marriage of Georgette Morrison to Lewis Shupe, on 2 Apr 1966 in Bloomington. Plus holiday card from Georgette's mother Helen Morrison mentioning upcoming marriage, Dec 1965.
And, US Postal Service at Russell, KS, letter to Kate Lee about damage to picture, 31 Mar 1966.
- 2.8 Peoples Bank of Bloomington to Mrs. Ralph Ewing at Bloomington enclosing receipt for delivery of cloisonne vases (and while Julia was alive, a Japanese Lacquer Box) to Principia College for their museum based on will of Julia Hodge, both Apr 1966.
- 2.9 Dorothy Fagerburg at Normal to Kate Lee that accompanied Ted's first letter from Brazil and near impossibility of getting phone call through to there, 17 Jul 1966.
- 2.10 Clark & Vernie Brubaker at Bloomington to Ewing at Crivitz, WI, extolling the pleasures of the recent visit to the Ranch, Jim's adventures, future travels, 27 Aug 1966.
- 2.11 Thelma Breen to Mrs. Ralph Ewing thanking for the remembrance gift, sharing how Hazle had assisted her husband Frank "Kim" Breen, Nov 1967.
- 2.12 Ann S. Whitney of Evanston to M/M Ewing thanking for contribution to nursing scholarship fund in memory of her mother, 26 Jan 1967.
- 2.13 E.M. "Ed" Stevenson to Kate Lee & Ralph appreciating their holiday message, reporting on Sally's medical condition and Mac's holiday visit, 4 Jan 1967. Also in envelope: *Pantagraph* clipping on marriage of E.M. Stevenson to Mrs. Chas A Stephenson, 5 Feb 1968.
- 2.14 "Edith" to Kate Lee expressing pleasure at hearing from Kate Lee, challenges of moving her household, Virginia Husted being hospitalized, Ann Laughlin, etc. 27 Jun 1967.
Handwritten person notes about Ann Laughlin tucked into envelope.
- 2.15 Ethel Sinclair to Mrs. Ewing thanking for opportunity to read Mr. Ewing's book, 16 May 1967. Pearl Patterson of Jacksonville, FL to Mrs. Ewing with details about her new elder home in FL, hoping they will visit FL, local activities, etc. 21 Sep 1967.

Pearl Patterson to Mrs. Ewing mentioning Herman's death, Ruby's future, local activities and illnesses, 24 Nov 1967.

- 2.16 Maeotta Funk to Kate Lee about clipping from Monmouth newspaper and sorority house, upcoming trip to England, etc., 15 Oct 1967.
- 2.17 Illinois State University (ISU) to Mrs. Ewing thanking her for clipping about tornado preparedness, enjoying meeting her and Ralph, 1 Apr 1968.
- 2.18 ISU to M/M Ralph Ewing inviting them to annual Stevenson Lecture and reception, 6 Sep 1968. With handwritten notations.
- 2.19 ISU to "Guests at Stevenson Lecture" about change in location, 19 Sep 1968.
- 2.20 "Alvin" at Russell, KS, to Kate Lee & Ralph in Bloomington expressing pleasure at their attending the exhibit for Hubert's prints and their donation of a print to local public library, 7 Oct 1968.
- 2.21 McLean County Historical Society curator to Mrs. Ralph Ewing about rare old Illinois history book she donated, Ewing references in historical newspapers for genealogy research, 4 Feb 1969.
- 2.22 George McBurney of Chicago to Kate Lee about Illinois history pamphlet she sent, regrettably unable to visit them in Bloomington, 10 Apr 1969.
- 2.23 Press release from Adlai Stevenson Institute of International Affairs in Chicago on fund raising drive progress, 10 Sep 1969. Plus attached note from the President.
- 2.24 Program for and invitation to dedication of new Campus Religious Center in Normal, 21 Sep 1969.
- 2.25 Adlai Stevenson Institute to Mrs. Ralph Ewing at Bloomington thanking for advising them of death of Hazle Buck Ewing and sending obituary, 26 Sep 1969.

Folder 3: Ralph & Kate Lee Ewing, 1970-1971

- 3.1 Beth Braden to Ralph & Kate, about soon being enroute to western Europe, details recently entertaining large University Council at Ewing Museum, renovations to the apartment at the Sunset Hill, location of Hazle's diaries, 9 Jan 1970.
- 3.2 ISU Development Office to Ralph & Kate Lee acknowledging recent letter and photos, locating diary, etc., 19 Jan 1970.
- 3.3 ISU Development Office to Ralph & Kate Lee about what was found in west attic of Sunset Hill, etc., 21 Jan 1970.
- 3.4 ISU Development Office to Ralph & Kate Lee enclosing diary items found in trunk in attic, plus University of Chicago diploma, etc., 10 Feb 1970.
- 3.5 ISU Development Office to Ralph & Kate Lee enclosing *Pantagraph* article, 17 Feb 1970. (article not present)
- 3.6 ISU Foundation to Ralph & Kate Lee about recent Linkins Memorial Fund meeting, plans for Ewing School of Nations Museum, upcoming guided tours, etc., 2 Apr 1970.

- 3.7 Eula Gertsch at Normal to Kate Lee about attending upcoming tour of Sunset Hill as a university facility, requesting a key from a room of the Castle for her key collection of which Hazle was aware, etc., 27 Apr 1970.
- 3.8 Eula Gertsch at Normal to Kate Lee & Ralph thanking for the key, commenting on contents of her key collection and on visitors of the Castle, etc., 7 May 1970.
- 3.9 Copy of Mrs. S.E. "Beth" Braden to ISU Museum Director Cecelia Bunny about sending box of 1,00 or so unused picture postcards c.1914-1915 collected by Mrs. Probasco and originally given to Cindy Ewing, 31 May 1970.
- 3.10 Ann [Ringler] to Kate Lee & Ralph offering accommodations for them in Bloomington, events of recent Pan meeting including upcoming protest marches, her fear of violence from protests, personal craft activities, spring in the Castle grounds and tours, family travels and visits, news from Ingrid and Stephen via visitors, etc., 8 May 1970.
- 3.11 Beth Braden to Kate Lee on progress on renovation of Museum garage, children's art to display, sculpture previously in garden, upcoming International Tea, etc., 6 Apr 1970.
- 3.12 ISU Development Office to Ralph & Kate Lee accompanying article on Ewing estate from ISU newspaper, tours beginning, etc., 29 Apr 1970.
- 3.13 Postcard from K. Westbrook to Mrs. Ralph Ewing thanking for her reply, recalling her visit, Hazle's bluebells in bloom, etc. 10 May 1970.
- 3.14 Ann [Ringler] to Kate Lee & Ralph about recent and upcoming trips and family visits, reading, etc., 16 Jul 1970.
- 3.15 Postcard: Nan Evans to Kate Lee about Lincoln Fannie McCullough letter, etc., 15 Jul 1970.
- 3.16 Katharine Westbrook to Kate Lee about recent visit to Bloomington, Dorothy's circumstances and activities, visit to Castle with Dorothy and the house's condition, vegetation at home, visit with Nan Evans, etc., 5 May 1970.
- 3.17 ISU Development Office to Kate Lee asking if Mrs. Robert Empson was a potential donor to cultivate, 28 May 1970.
- 3.18 James Bicket of Scottish Rite to Mrs. Ralph Ewing about delivering a copy of Passion Play book to Clark Brubaker's home, connections to the castle/museum, 8 Jun 1970.
- 3.19 ISU Development Office to Ralph & Kate Lee accompanying six folios from Dr. Hoover related to International Collection of Child Art, status of sofa, 23 Jul 1970.
- 3.20 ISU Development Office to Ralph & Kate Lee thanking for donation of Tapa Cloth and enclosing a receipt for gift in kind, 11 Aug 1970.
- 3.21 ISU Development Office to Ralph & Kate Lee upon receiving the sofa, 17 Aug 1970.
- 3.22 Buffie [Ives] to Kate Lee on E's failing health, death of Aunt Letitia Stevenson, plans to head south for the winter, trips to Wyoming and Italy, 2 Sep 1970.
- 3.23 ISU Development Office to Kate Lee returning postcard, reporting on sofa publicity, summer progress at Ewing Museum, 4 Sep 1970.
- 3.24 Postcard: Ann [Ringler] to M/M Ralph Ewing about travels in CA, OR, etc., 18 Sep 1970.

- 3.25 Postcard: Ann [Ringler] to Kate Lee about Stephen & Ingrid in Venezuela, David & Marion's trip to Russia, etc., 30 Nov 1970.
- 3.26 Ann [Ringler] to Kate Lee noting that Lloyd will retire next year, medical challenges over the holidays, Stephen & Ingrid's new baby, David's job future, news of other Bloomington friends, recent readings, January travels, etc., 14 Jan 1971.
- 3.27 Kate's note on heavy metal picture frame, 27 Feb 1971.
- 3.28 ISU Development Office to Kate Lee about easel picture frame potentially for Louis Hoover, 4 Mar 1971.
- 3.29 Photograph of picture frame, nd.
- 3.30 ISU Development Office to Kate Lee about picture frame, silver sippers, etc., 16 Mar 1971.
- 3.31 Ann Ringler to Kate Lee & Ralph about Lloyd's trap shooting and health, Ann's youth in Trenton MO, trips to FL & Las Vegas, upcoming visit from Stephen & family, visit from Becky Leach, etc., 28 Mar 1971.
- 3.32 Ann [Ringler] to Kate Lee & Ralph about Vernie's visit to Russell, Stephen & Family's visit to Bloomington, Chicago visit with David & Marion and David's job search, changes in Bloomington, readings, news on Virginia, 15 Jun 1971.
- 3.33 ISU Development Office to Ralph & Kate Lee about picking up the frame and sippers, date of Foundation Board meeting, 15 Apr 1971.
- 3.34 Letty Whitmer to Kate Lee about Davis Ewing's whereabouts, Art Association activities, Morgan-Washington Home, etc., 6 Aug 1971.
- 3.35 Penciled letter to Mr. & Mrs. Stark of Victory Hall about upcoming 25th anniversary of the Stark's tenure at Victory Hall, expressing admiration for their work at "universal parents" and mother Hazle's devotion to the Hall, nd.
- 3.36 Helen & Cliff Stark to "Friends" acknowledging silver bowl gift & letter rec'd at Victory Hall, dinner & gift of trip to CA from Board, medical events, etc., 17 Oct 1971.
- 3.37 Unknown to Kate Lee about giving letter and package (silver bowl) to the Starks who brought them to board meeting; dinner event; birthday dinner & gift from Hilfingers plus other birthday recognitions; Dick's new sail boat; updates on Nan, Lucia, and relatives; Art Alliance Golden Anniversary; upcoming social events; nd.

Folder 4: Ralph & Kate Lee Ewing, 1972-1981 & undated.

- 4.1 Billee Kesler of Birmingham, MI to Kate Lee & Ralph wondering if they will meet in FL this winter, Pete's retirement and health, holiday illness and visits, family, etc., 11 Jan 1972.
- 4.2 Billee Kesler to Kate Lee & Ralph about meeting in FL, Mother's 100th birthday, 12 Feb 1972.
- 4.3 Augusta Boykin of Bloomington to Mrs. Ewing about Mrs. Harwood's recent death, 20 Feb 1972.
Plus *Pantagraph* obituary for Mrs. Jean Harwood, 18 Feb 1972.

Plus Emma Soper Campbell note to Kate Lee & Ralph expressing Harry's thanks for their letter and contribution to Brokaw Service League in Jean's memory.

- 4.4 ISU Development Office to Kate Lee about Louis Hoover's interest in her silver bowl and other ornamental household items, need for independent appraisals for donations, Louis Hoover now head of ISU museums, 10 Apr 1972.
- 4.5 ISU Development Office to Ralph & Kate Lee appreciating their recent visit, Hoover's anticipated visit to KN early next year, 15 Aug 1972.
- 4.6 Marjorie Merwin to Kate Lee & Ralph thanking for contribution to Parklands in Loring's honor, recounting recent challenges, etc., c. Sep 1972.
- 4.7 The Bradens to "Dear Friends" as a holiday letter updating on family matters, Dec 1972.
- 4.8 Louis Hoover to Ralph & Kate Lee about their recent visit and plans for Ewing Castle, requesting a brief note to ISU President Berlo on the museum plans, possibility of his visit to KN to examine items of potential use in Ewing Museum of Nations, outdoor bronze sculpture replacement, nd.
- 4.9 Attorney Thomas N. Jacob of Bloomington to Ralph & Kate Lee expressing interest in Mr. Heyl's antique law books, Cindy for Ewing Zoo Foundation meeting, visits to the Castle, 22 Mar 1972.
Attached *Pantagraph* clippings: "Attorney Jacob named to council," 27 Oct 1971, and "Foundation changes structure in move for independence," 31 May 1973.
- 4.10 Louis Hoover of University Museums to Kate Lee expressing interest in doll found in the Ewing Castle attic, progress at the museum including high attendance, hopes of visiting with her after his African trip, 30 Apr 1973.
- 4.11 Arne Hansen of University Museums desiring addition of the doll to the collection and ability to repair the doll, 8 May 1973.
- 4.12 Director of Libraries at ISU to M/M Ewing thanking for \$25 donation to Friends of Milner library, 16 May 1973.
- 4.13 Billee & Pete Kesler to Kate Lee & Ralph about having enjoyed their visit despite circumstances, ready to return when notified, Florida winter plans, 23 May 1973.
- 4.14 Arne Hansen at University Museums to M/M Ewing about their recent visit, thanks for gift of doll and wooden photo album, providing info on the doll, 29 May 1973.
- 4.15 ISU to Ralph & Kate Lee on assorted foundation and museum matters, 21 Jun 1973.
- 4.16 Louis Hoover of University Museum to Ralph & Kate Lee reporting his retirement from ISU; his new role as liaison between the Ewing Museum, the Cultural Center, and the University; ISU's intent to sell some older non-relevant furnishing, 1 Sep 1973.
- 4.17 "Museum director to retire at ISU," *Pantagraph*, 25 Aug 1973.
- 4.18 "Hoover announces retirement" from University Report 20 Aug 1973.
- 4.19 Buffie [Ives] to Kate Lee requesting that Kate Lee keep in touch with Ewing House Museum as "many of use feel it is a long way from what Hazle wanted or the will stated," using Tim [Ives] as conduit for suggestions/criticisms, glad that Hoover has departed, etc. 22 Sep 1973.

- 4.20 E.M."Ed" Stevenson to Kate Lee & Ralph acknowledging Christmas card, his recent residential move, etc. 28 Dec 1973.
- 4.21 ISU Development Office to Ralph & Kate Lee about having shipped them the books requested (Kate lists then by hand), 1 Nov 1977.
- 4.22 Barb Evans in CO to Kate Lee thanking for donation to Center for Human Service, recalling kindnesses (to Orme & Mother Evans) and civic activities from "Aunt Hazle" and Kate Lee, comments on Mark's sudden death, etc., 2 Apr 1981.
- 4.23 Memo from ISU Development Office to Ralph & Kate Lee about aerial views sent to Mrs. Brubaker, high attendance, nd.
- 4.24 McLean County Center for Human Services to M/M Ewing thanking for contribution on behalf of Mark Evans and enclosing brochure, 11 Mar 1981. Plus brochure "Life Can Get Tough."
- 4.25 Vernie Brubaker of Bloomington to Kate Lee & Ralph sending newspaper clippings, Jim's athletic pursuits and university intents, etc., "Thursday"
- 4.26 Diane Miller to Mrs. Ewing thanking for Funk's Grove book via her aunt, nd.
- 4.27 Gertrude [perhaps Williams?] to Kate Lee appreciating the remembrance at Asheville; social events especially card games; Nan [Evans] activities; request from Jayshees to use Ewing House in a fund raiser; Buffie & Ernest [Ives] return; will update on Historical Society and Victory Hall in person some day; nd.

Folder 5: Ralph & Kate Lee Ewing Miscellaneous

- 5.1 Three table tents from two ISU events, nd.
- 5.2 Program for 48th Annual Meeting of Bloomington Assn of Commerce, 11 Jan 1949.
- 5.3 Program for 50th Annual University Men's Club Stunt Show, May 1969. Plus 2 admission tickets.
- 5.4 Letter to M/M Ewing about their judging responsibilities at the upcoming Stunt Show, 28 Apr 1969.
- 5.5 Program for ISU Spring Faculty Dinner, 23 Apr 1970. Dorothy Fagerburg's name hand highlighted.
- 5.6 ISU president's office invitation to M/M Ralph Ewing for pre-game lunch, 7 Nov 1970.
- 5.7 Wedding and reception invitation for Celeste Rubling and James Brubaker, 16 Jan 1971.
- 5.8 Handwritten notes, primarily names, nd. 3 sheets.
- 5.9 Mrs. Ralph Ewing's Pencil written "To Whom It May Concern" recommendation on Ethel Murray's service in household staff at Sunset Hill, 17 Mar 1970.
- 5.10 Handwritten notes on Art Assn formed Mar 1922 with HBE's roles. Presumably Kate Lee's handwriting.
- 5.11 Handwritten notes on Jesse Fell, family genealogy, nd. Some on Kate Lee's notepad.

Folder 6: Hazle Buck Ewing (HBE)

- 6.1 Hazel Funk Holmes typed note about poem she & Harry composed while driving in NH in May 1937 with poem on verso, d. 1938.
- 6.2 Buffie [Ives] in NC to Cousin Hazel Ewing about plans to come to Bloomington in June; Tim's year away at school; blueprint of Fell strip and data from Cousin E. Richardson; wants no association with Mr. Breen due to lack of confidence in him; etc., 15 May 1943.
- 6.3 Hazel [Funk Holmes] in MA about sending her manuscript on 307 E. Grove for review before submitting to *Home Town In the Corn Belt*; upcoming visit to Bloomington; rec'd no reply to recent letters to HBE; 28 Sep [52?]
- 6.4 Invitation to inauguration of ISNU president Robert Bone for Julia Hodge & HBE, 4 Oct 1957.
- 6.5 Frank Breen at East Bay Camp about her letter of resignation from the board and her many contributions to the community, 13 Jan 1961.
- 6.6 Postcard of United Nations in NYC: Florence [?], 17 Aug 1963.
- 6.7 Principia College in Elsah, IL, sending book of photos of the four Nationality Rooms with thanks, 19 May 1964.
- 6.8 [? ?] Pollock declining invitation for dinner, 27 Jul 1964.
- 6.9 Acknowledgement of expression of sympathy upon death of Hazel Laughlin, 2 Jan 1965. Also in envelope: Photo of Laughlin family, May 1941, and obituary for Hazel Stoddard Laughlin, 4 Jan 1965.
- 6.10 United Nations Assn in Chicago to "Member" enclosing Adlai Stevenson's address upon the 20th Anniversary of signing of United Nations charter, 14 Jul 1965. Plus 4pp statement by Stevenson, c. Jun 1965.
- 6.11 Western Union telegram inviting Hazle to Adlai Stevenson memorial service at Illinois Capitol, 16 Jul 1965.
- 6.12 Proclamation from ISU on death of Adlai Stevenson, 16 Jul 1965.
- 6.13 Two small tickets to memorial service at state capitol on 17 Jul 1965.
- 6.14 Larry Rust of Rust Cadillac thanking HBE for use of her car during funeral service for Adlai Stevenson, 28 Jul 1965.
- 6.15 Resolution of City of Bloomington upon death of Adlai Stevenson, 9 Aug 1965.
- 6.16 Governor Otto Kerner to HBE regretting that she was unable to attend the state ceremonies for Adlai Stevenson and enclosing itinerary for the Return to Illinois, 27 Jul 1965.
- 6.17 McLean County Branch of United Nations Assn acknowledging gift in memory of Adlai Stevenson, nd.
- 6.18 Invitation from Illinois Wesleyan University dedication ceremony for Stevenson Hall (School of Nursing named for E.M. Stevenson), 9 Oct 1965. Two copies.
- 6.19 Printed invitation from Buffie Ives for tea celebrating the 20th Anniversary of United Nations, 31 Oct 1965. With handwritten notes.
- 6.20 "At Home" notice from M/M Ernest L. Ives in honor of Adlai E. Stevenson. Handwritten note says "1966?"

- 6.21 Principia College at Elsah, IL, sending separately a set of photos of the Musuem and Nationality Rooms to be added to the book of photos furnished previously, 9 Mar 1966.
- 6.22 Mimeographed letter from Dorothy [Fagerburg] about Ted's return statewide and transcriptions of Ted's letters from Brazil in Jul-Aug 1966.
- 6.23 ISU Board of Director of Adlai E. Stevenson Lectures on International Affairs inviting to the annual lecture for Paul Henri Spaak and reception afterwards, 8 Feb 1968. With handwritten notes.
- 6.24 Glenn Dodds at Bloomington appreciating her sending "Descriptive Sketch of Illinois in 1837" for use in his talks, 4 Feb 1969.
- 6.25 Invitation to Adlai Steveson Memorial Lecture and reception, 10 Apr 1969.
- 6.26 Invitation to small "Dutch treat" dinner preceding the above lecture, 10 Apr 1969.
- 6.27 Holiday card with handwritten message from Buffie & Ernest, 1969.
- 6.28 Holiday card with handwritten from Hazel & Harry Holmes, nd.
- 6.29 "Handmade paper sample by K.L.E." 1969. A salute to St. Lon and Johann Gutenberg with hand-set & hand-pressed printing as an ISU class project.

Folder 7: Hazle Ewing – Adlai E. Stephenson

- 7.1 AES to HBE advising he has not seen the folders on School of Nations at Principia but would like to do so, 11 Jan 1941 (Typed note: "12 Jul 1951: Sent new folder")
- 7.2 AES to HBE on brochure for School of Nations, 14 Jul 1951.
- 7.3 AES Holiday greeting card, 1952.
- 7.4 Typed draft? of note to AES from unknown [perhaps HBE] expressing delight at his decision to run again and enclosing clipping from Alabama newspaper, 18 Apr 1952. On back of Ranch stationery.
- 7.5 Governor Stevenson's Administrative Assistant to HBE thanking for \$20 gift to United Nations Central Fountain project, 26 May 1952.
- 7.6 [HBE] to AES saluting his motivations in accepting a presidential nomination and citing scripture passages for guidance, 1 Aug 1952.
- 7.7 AES to HBE heartened by her grasp of the "sore trial. . . of seeking the right path" regarding pursuing the presidency, 19 Aug 1952.
- 7.8 AES to HBE & Julia thanking for telegram, 26 Aug 1956.
- 7.9 HBE to AES hoping that her son Nelson and Grandson Ted could persuade AES to give a talk in St. Louis area; and hoping to learn of his South American trip soon, 6 Mar 1960.
- 7.10 Carbon copy of [HBE?] to Ted about news that Stevenson is not available, etc. 18 Mar 1960.
- 7.11 Postcard: "Frances H." to HBE on board airplane en route to Rome with brief addendum from Adlai, 29 Jun 1960.
- 7.12 AES to HBE & Julia acknowledging their encouraging telegram, 14 Dec 1960.
- 7.13 AES to HBE & Julia acknowledging his distress at not being able to see them while in Bloomington brief, 24 Jan 1962.

- 7.14 AES to HBE appreciating their holiday remembrance and mentioning his fundraising for Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation, 1963. Note card includes quote from Eleanor on universal human rights.

Folder 8: Julia Hodge

- 8.1 Julia in Paris to HBE thanking for her letter and clippings; asks about various relatives/friends back home; travel in the mountains, winter sporting, and adventures; much appreciates HBE's quiet generosity; glad of Nelson's successful surgery; 8 Jan 1928.
- 8.2 Ewing [DeMange] at Lake Forest Academy to Julia thanking for her generosity, involvements and activities at school, nd.
- 8.3 Ewing DeMange at Princeton: Christmas card with note about receiving package and waiting for Christmas to open it, nd. Inside: newspaper obituary for Ewing DeMange who was KIA on Iwo Jima in March 1945.
- 8.4 Principia College at Elsah, IL, to Julia thanking her for donating the Japanese box for their School of Nations Museum and seeking a valuation for her, 19 Jan 1966.
- 8.5 Principia College at Elsah, IL, to Julia about inability to get appraisal of the Japanese box, 3 Feb 1966.

Folder 9: Linkins Memorial Fund

ISU biology teacher Ralph H. Linkins was best known on campus as the dean of men and actively engaged in a variety of endeavors for the betterment of the students. He died in 1968 and a committee solicited for a memorial, including M/M Ralph Ewing.

This file contains correspondence with the university and a few from individuals whom M/M Ewing solicited for donations; the proposal for the memorial fund prepared for Ralph Ewing; solicitation brochure; biography newspaper obituary; etc.

Folder 10: Greeting Cards, etc.

- 10.1 Six holiday cards, nd. Senders include Helen Marshall, Adlai E Stevenson, Florence Bohrer, et al.
- 10.2 Sympathy card from "Sally," nd.
- 10.3 Birthday card from Laughlins, nd.
- 10.4 Mrs. Edw. Kirkpatrick acknowledging contribution to memorial fund for Limberlost, Camp, nd.
- 10.5 Florence Bohrer announcing daughter Gertrude's marriage to Phil Hooton, 17 Sep 1938.
- 10.6 Gertrude N. Williams' invitation to Sesquicentennial in Review, 8 Dec, no year.
- 10.7 Handwritten invitation from Dean & Avis Hilfinger for 80th Birthday Slute to Gertrude Williams, 5 Oct 1969.

Folder 11: Miscellaneous

- 11.1 Stevenson Genealogy, one page photocopy.
- 11.2 "The Rail-Splitter" handwritten poem on A. Lincoln, nd.
- 11.3 "Lincoln Drama is Unfolded in Bloomington," photocopy of 1926 newspaper article (partial).
- 11.4 Typescript recollections on various A. Lincoln episodes, nd & no author. Authors note : "These bits are taken from the memories of my cousin Mrs. Gassette" 4pp. And this handwritten notation on verso: "Found among papers of Hazle B. Ewing, Nov 63"
- 11.5 "An American Woman in Paris from a letter written by Amelia L. Gassette," *Bloomington Daily Bulletin*, 4 Apr 1915. Identifies Amelia as cousin to Julia Hodge. Photocopy of Amelia's 1920 death record added by staff in 2025
- 11.6 Amelia L. Gassette death certificate, Paris, France, 29 Jan 1840. Added by staff in 2025.
- 11.7 "Scenic, Historical Illinois Calls," by Hazle Buck Ewing. Feature article in *Motor News*, Oct 1938.