

**Town and Country Public Library**  
**Historical Collection**  
**Elsie Lucile Meredith Capes Collection**  
**#2010-10**

**Scope and Content Note:** Elsie Lucile Meredith Capes (1913 – 1996) married Charles Sterling Capes (1908 – 1982) in 1933 in Elburn. This collection contains personal correspondence, scholastic, business, and governmental material pertaining to Blackberry (later Elburn) and its surrounding area from 1833 to 1963. Items of special note include the memory book of Elsie Ann Burr, dated 1833, a hymnal from 1850, hand knitted garments from 1884, a cook book c. 1890, and personal mementos of Mrs. Capes's mother, Gertrude Mathewson Meredith. This collection is arranged chronologically. This collection is complete.

**Quantity:** 1 Letter Sized Box, 5 x 12 ¼ x 10 ¼  
5 Linear Inches .42 Linear Feet

**Box 1**

Autograph (Memory) Book of Elsie Ann Burr 1833

Correspondence to Elsie Ann Burr from Elvira E Dean 1843

Hymnal ~1850

Warranty Deed for purchase of land for school in Elburn 1863

Knitted baby sweater, shirt and socks, made for G.R. Meredith

Invitation to 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary party of Mr. & Mrs. John Warne 1897 (addressed to E. E. Gray)

Cook Book c 1890

Invitation to 'Hard Times Soshel' to Mr. & Mrs. John Warne; play program

Envelope only addressed to Miss Gertrude Mathewson from Monrovia, CA May 17, 1898 arrived at Elburn May 21, 1898

Course of Study, Regulations & History of the Elburn Public Schools 1901

Gertrude Mathewson Meredith 11<sup>th</sup> grade Report Card 1902-1903; Ella Pattee Teacher

Elburn High School 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement Program 1903

Valentine post card to Gertrude Mathewson, 1911

Receipt for eyeglass repair at Marshall Field's Store, A.T. Mathewson March 19, 1925

Lucile Meredith Elburn High School Year Book 1930

Wedding Announcement 1933

Acknowledgement/Resolution from Elburn High School Alumni Association to Mrs. Sterling Capes (Lucille Meredith) on the death of her mother Gertrude Mathewson Meredith 1963

Photographs – Elburn High School Stage c. 1900; Gertrude and Rick Morris's home n.d.; unidentified group at Lowe Mountain January 1905