

OHRAB Grant Mid-Year Report
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Institution: Historical Society of Mount Pleasant

Project Title: Arrangement and Preservation of Genealogical Records

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Project Summary:

The Historical Society of Mount Pleasant has in its collections several filing cabinets filled with a tremendous amount of information relating to the early families and settlers of the Mount Pleasant region. These files include original letters, documents and photographs as well as historical records compiled by the historical society since its inception in the late 1940s. It is the goal of this project to remove the files from their filing cabinets and highly-acidic folders into acid-free folders and archival boxes. A Finding Aid will be created to compliment the collection and aid researchers in locating files of interest.

Approximately 60-65% of the collection has been refoldered and rehoused in acid-free boxes. Once the remainder of the collection has been refoldered and rehoused the boxes will be labeled and a finding aid will be completed. The project archivist has spent 30.5 hours on the project so far while a volunteer has spent 8 hours. Among the records preserved by the project is a first-hand account of a Mount Pleasant resident who served in World War II and a citizenship oath from 1807.