

**HUGH CALDWELL EDMISTON**

**Collection No. 220**

Colorado Historical Society  
1300 Broadway  
Denver, CO 80203  
[www.coloradohistory.org](http://www.coloradohistory.org)

### **Biographical Sketch**

Hugh Caldwell Edmiston (1884-1971) was traveling auditor for the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company. The exact dates of his employment are not known. He married Elizabeth Horner in 1906. She died in 1955. They had no children. At the time of his death, he was a member of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral. However, earlier in his life, he was a member of the Twenty-third Avenue Presbyterian Church and active in the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

### **Provenance**

Unknown. While all collection materials belonged to Edmiston, it is not known who assembled the collection. It is also not known how, when and by whom the collection was donated to CHS.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection of Hugh C. Edmiston provides little insight into the life of Mr. Edmiston himself. However, the collection includes numerous items of interest in a variety of topics. Items range in date from 1902 to 1955, with the great majority of materials covering the 1910s and 1920s. The series have been arranged alphabetically by topic category and are as follows.

**Alexander Hamilton Institute:** 1911-1917. Mr. Edmiston took a correspondence business class from this organization. Materials include correspondence, pamphlets, promotional materials, bills and receipts.

**Church:** 1902-1955. Numerous materials related to Mr. Edmiston's church activities, mostly with the Twenty-Third Avenue Presbyterian Church and the Young People's Society for Christian Endeavor, an organization within the church. Materials include pamphlets, correspondence, notes and a church directory.

**Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company:** 1918-1954. Materials produced by or pertaining to the company for which Mr. Edmiston worked.

**Health:** 1908-1914. Pamphlets on tuberculosis from the International Typographical Union and one pamphlet from the National Jewish Hospital.

**Irrigation/Agriculture:** 1908-1922. Several pamphlets and booklets related to irrigation, agriculture and dry farming in Colorado. Some materials published by D & RG Railroad. Also some materials on purchasing land in Colorado for a summer home.

**Liberty Loans:** 1917. Information on purchasing United States Liberty Loans.

**Men's Clothing:** 1928-1929. Catalogs and advertisements for men's clothing from the 1920s.

**Military:** 1917-1919. Several materials from Mr. Edmiston's service in the National Guard. Includes official forms and reports.

**Miscellaneous:** 1906-1955. A variety of materials of various topics. Includes correspondence, newspapers, pamphlets and other materials.

**National and State Parks:** 1911-1938. Guidebooks from parks throughout Colorado.

**Political:** 1903-1927. Pamphlets, articles and correspondence, most related to elections. Several informational guides to upcoming elections. Several materials arguing in support of prohibition.

**Programs:** 1909-1928. Programs from plays as well as an art exhibit and cat fanciers' show.

**Road Maps and Guides:** 1911-1930. Road maps of Colorado.

**United Aircraft and Transportation Corporation:** 1929-1930. Annual reports.

**Weiss, Paul, Optician:** ND. Several pamphlets on photographic technology produced by optician Paul Weiss.

### **Annotation**

An examination of the contents of this collection provides very little, if any, information on the life of Hugh Edmiston, nor does it provide information on Edmiston's work for the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company. However, there are numerous items within the collection that could be of interest to a variety of researchers. The collection has been divided into series arranged by topic in order to call attention to these materials. Thus researchers can be directed to the specific series that best fits their needs, as it is unlikely one would be researching Edmiston himself.

The materials from the Twenty-Third Avenue Presbyterian Church, for example, will likely provide information on that institution. The collection of political and election related documents are historically significant, as are documents arguing in support of prohibition. The documents on irrigation and agriculture are relevant to those fields. Other series of the collection provide potentially relevant documents to their respective topics. By identifying these topics and materials, it is hoped that they will be discovered and used by future researchers.

### Series List

I.	Alexander Hamilton Institute, 1911-1917	FF 1-9
	A. Correspondence	FF 1-3
	B. Course Related Material	FF 4-9
II.	Church, 1902-1955	FF 10-41
	A. Athletic	FF 10-11
	B. Colorado Christian Endeavor Union	FF 12
	C. Denver Christian Citizenship Union	FF 13-18
	D. Presbytery of Denver	FF 19

	E. Religious Literature	FF 20-28
	F. St. John's Cathedral	FF 29
	G. Sunday School	FF 30-31
	H. Twenty-Third Ave. Presbyterian Church	FF 32-41
III.	Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Company, 1918-1954	FF 42-45
IV.	Health, 1908-1914	FF 46-47
V.	Irrigation/Agriculture, 1908-1922	FF 48-54
VI.	Liberty Loans, 1917	FF 55-57
VII.	Men's Clothing, 1928-1929	FF 58-60
VIII.	Military, 1917-1919	FF 61-72
IX.	Miscellaneous, 1906-1955	FF 73-84
X.	National and State Parks, 1911-1938	FF 85-94
XI.	Political, 1903-1927	FF 95-116
	A. Election Related Materials	FF 95-105
	B. General Political Materials	FF 106-116
XII.	Programs, 1909-1928	FF 117-121
XIII.	Road Maps and Guides, 1911-1930	FF 122-125
XIV.	United Aircraft and Transportation Corporation, 1929-1930	FF 126
XV.	Weiss, Paul, Optician, ND	FF 127-131

## Contents Inventory

### Box 1

FF 1-100

- I. Alexander Hamilton Institute
  - A. Correspondence
    - FF 1 Various items- 8/3/11-10/31/17 -2 items not dated, 3 envelopes containing letter & return card, 5 letters
    - FF 2 Envelope-3/7/14-Letter & pamphlet on establishment of research department
    - FF 3 Envelope-4/13/15-Letters, pamphlets, other materials related to continuing service after completion of course
  - B. Course Related Materials
    - FF 4 Administrative-7/25/11-Form to enroll in course with handwriting, signed by W. B. Campbell
    - FF 5 Administrative-1912, ND-10 promotional items-includes postcard, pamphlets and fliers
    - FF 6 Administrative-ND-Pamphlet-Confirmation of enrollment, description of services
    - FF 7 Course Work-1911-Pamphlet-Organized Business Knowledge by Joseph French Johnson, Dean, New York University School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance, and Chairman, Advisory Council, Alexander Hamilton Institute
    - FF 8 Course Work-ND-Course related papers-Model Solution to Problem IX & Model Solution to Problem XIII

- FF 9 Financial- 8/1/11-9/9/12 –Paper-clipped packet containing bills and receipts
- II. Church
- A. Athletic
- FF 10 Pamphlet-1910-Denver Sunday School Athletic Association events for the year
- FF 11 Rugby Class-7/31/16, ND-Envelope containing several papers, many handwritten, cards, newspaper clippings related to Church Rugby Club; also some general church materials
- B. Colorado Christian Endeavor Union
- FF 12 Various materials- 6/21/08-1/5/11 -Pamphlet from State Convention; Pamphlet, Report of the Year; newspaper clipping
- C. Denver Christian Citizenship Union
- FF 13 Annual Banquet-2/1/10-2 copies of banquet program
- FF 14 Annual Report-1908-1 booklet
- FF 15 Constitution & Schedule of Meetings- 1904-1905 –2 copies of booklet
- FF 16 Correspondence- 10/10/10-3/6/11 –3 letters related to regular meetings and dues
- FF 17 Financial-1/18/10-Bill from American Institute of Social Service
- FF 18 Public Statements-10/11/06, 5/4/08-2 pamphlets, handwritten notes on one
- D. Presbytery of Denver
- FF 19 Directory-4/11, 4/12, 4/14-Includes 2 copies of 4/12
- E. Religious Literature (arranged alphabetically by material format)
- FF 20 Booklet-ND-Militarism: Some Facts and Forecasts by Herbert Mackenzie, 33 pp.
- FF 21 Booklet-1/9/16-Present World Crises in the Light of Sacred Scripture by the Rev. M. D. Stone, 16 pp.
- FF 22 Booklet-ND-Revelation: Outline Studies by Matilda B. Horner
- FF 23 Booklet-1917-St. John: The Gospel According to, published by American Bible Society, 80pp.
- FF 24 Letter-ND-[possible notes for class]
- FF 25 Notes- 2/16/14-next 10 weeks –titled First Series, Nos. 1-10, [possible notes for class]
- FF 26 Notes-ND-Envelope titled Series No.1 Complete, papers titled First Series Nos. 1-10, [possible notes for class]
- FF 27 Notes-ND-Envelope titled Series No. 2 Complete, papers titled Second Series Nos. 1-10, [possible notes for class]
- FF 28 Pamphlets-ND-4 pamphlets from different organizations

F. St. John's Cathedral

FF 29 Booklet-2/15/55-Building Fund Campaign

G. Sunday School

FF 30 Envelope-9/26/15-letter, survey & return envelope; survey of Sunday school teachers from Brunswick Avenue Central Methodist Episcopal Bible School, Brooklyn, NY

FF 31 Pamphlet-ND-Summary of Recent Survey of Denver Sunday Schools

H. Twenty-Third Avenue Presbyterian Church

FF 32 Annual Meetings- 1910-1912, 1917 –Reports from annual business meetings

FF 33 Bible School-5/21/16-Order of Service booklet

FF 34 Directory-1917-Church directory with names and addresses of members

FF 35 Financial- 1911-1912 –4 letters soliciting donations

FF 36 Financial- 7/15-26/09 –6 cards documenting attempts to contact members, [most likely for fundraising], including name, business address and residence, 1 card blank

FF 37 Financial-3/12, ND-2 cards, Monthly Offering Pledge; 2 envelopes, Miscellaneous Benevolence and Special Offering

FF 38 Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor (YPSCE)-Constitution and By-Laws-1907-booklet with numerous handwritten notes; partial notes on torn paper [possible revisions]

FF 39 YPSCE-Prayer Meeting Topics- 7/02-2/08 –9 pamphlets and booklets

FF 40 YPSCE-Prayer Meeting Topics- 2/08-12/10 –8 pamphlets and booklets, some with handwritten notes

FF 41 YPSCE-Prayer Meeting Topics- 1/11-12/13, ND-6 booklets

III. Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Company

FF 42 Menus- 6/27-28/41 –envelope containing 2 luncheon, 1 dinner and 1 breakfast menus for Post Convention Trip, Accounting Division, Association of American Railroads, Denver, CO to Glenwood Springs, CO and return

FF 43 Moffat Tunnel-ND-informational pamphlet and booklet

FF 44 Palmer, General Wm. Jackson (1836-1909) and the D. & R.G.W. Railroad!-1954-biographical booklet written by Judge Wilson McCarthy, 28 pp.

FF 45 United States Railroad Administration-8/18/18, 9/18/18-General Orders No. 40 & Circular No. 56

#### IV. Health

- FF 46 International Typographical Union-1914, ND-2 booklets on Union Printers Home and Tuberculosis Sanatorium
- FF 47 National Jewish Hospital-1908-Jusiasm's Gift to the World, informational booklet on history of the hospital

#### V. Irrigation/Agriculture (arranged by publishing agency)

- FF 48 Colorado State Board of Immigration-ND-2 booklets; Dairying in Colorado by R. McCann, The Swine Industry in Colorado by W. T. Wasel & G. E. Morton, 13 pp.; Irrigated Farming in Colorado by Prof. Alvin Kezer, 20 pp.
- FF 49 Craftsman-3/08-booklet, reprint of article, From Desert to a Great Commonwealth: What Government Irrigation is Doing in Nevada by C. H. Forbes-Lindsay
- FF 50 Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, Agricultural Department- 3/15-6/16 –8 booklets; Denver & Rio Grande Agricultural Bulletin, Nos. 1-6, 2 copies of Nos. 1 & 4
- FF 51 U.S. Department of Agriculture-5/1/15-envelope with letter titled Instructions Term Occupancy Permits Act March 4, 1915, A. F. Potter, Acting Forester & D. F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture; pamphlet with same contents as letter
- FF 52 U.S. Department of Agriculture-ND-2 pamphlets, Summer Home Sites on the Colorado National Forest & Summer Home Sites on the Pike National Forest; printed note from Division of Publications
- FF 53 U.S. Department of the Interior-1922-Guidebook of the Western United States, Part E. The Denver & Rio Grande Western Route by Marius R. Campbell, 266 pp.; cover torn & detached from book
- FF 54 U.S. Department of Labor-ND-Farm Craft Lessons: Training the Boy for National Service, prepared and edited by Eugene Davenport, 22 pp.

#### VI. Liberty Loans

- FF 55 International Trust Company of Denver-11/7/17, ND-2 fliers
- FF 56 Liberty Loan Committee, Denver-ND-Newsprint pamphlet
- FF 57 U.S. Treasury Department-1917-Application for Bonds; Description of Bonds; Purchase Money Note

#### VII. Men's Clothing

- FF 58 Book of Styles-Fall & Winter, 1928-9 –Catalog, House of Kuppenheimer, Chicago from Powers-Bohen, Denver
- FF 59 Customized Clothes for Men-Fall, 1928-Catalog & card, Gano-Downs
- FF 60 Jefferay, 1635 Curtis-ND-3 newspaper clippings of advertisements

## VIII. Military

- FF 61 Consolidated Morning Reports-10/30/19, 11/1/19, ND-3 report booklets with handwritten notation
- FF 62 Daily Reports-ND-3 blank booklets; Daily Sick Report, 2 copies of Morning Reports
- FF 63 Enlistment & Status-ND-4 blank forms; Enlistment Paper, Change of Status, Monthly Company of Detachment Return, Record of Attendance at Drills
- FF 64 Individual Equipment Record-ND-form with handwriting
- FF 65 Passes-11/14/19, 11/25/19-2 passes; 11/14 signed by William H. [Dunith], 11/25 signed by P. I. Van Brunt
- FF 66 Payroll of National Guard of Colorado-ND-blank form
- FF 67 Property Loan Record, etc.-ND-5 blank forms; Property Loan Record, Charge Sheet, Post Property Account, Over Short & Damage Report, Requisition for Military Property
- FF 68 Psalms, Army & Navy Division-1918-booklet published by American Bible Society, 111 pp., handwritten inscription
- FF 69 Report of Survey-ND-7 blank forms related to report, some are duplicates
- FF 70 Rosters- 11/1-4/19, ND-13 pages, rosters of various companies, Colorado National Guard
- FF 71 Service Record-ND-2 blank booklets, 2 blank forms
- FF 72 Terms & Conditions of Soldiers' & Sailors' Insurance-10/15/17-pamphlet published by Treasury Dept.

## IX. Miscellaneous

- FF 73 Allen & Colburn-ND-envelope with pre-printed address, Allen & Colburn, 614 Ideal Building, Denver, Colo.
- FF 74 Books & Information for Home Builders-1911-booklet published by Sherwin-Williams Co., 12 pp.
- FF 75 Campbell, WB [?]-ND-handwritten note [possible draft of letter]
- FF 76 Colorado School of Mines-7/10/06-Quarterly, Vol. 1, No. 2, Catalogue Edition, 149 pp.
- FF 77 Delta Electric Lantern-ND-envelope with printed instructions
- FF 78 Founding of Durango, Colorado-3/14/55-booklet by Mary C. Ayers with handwritten inscription; date is of inscription, no publication date
- FF 79 Little Book of Old Favorites-1911-booklet with leather covering; quotations compiled by Louise E. M. Grace
- FF 80 NBC-1936-pamphlet entitled What NBC Means to You: A Decade of NBC Broadcasting
- FF 81 Pikes Peak Daily News-9/21/05, 8/17/13-2 newspapers
- FF 82 Successful Songs for Community Singing, 12<sup>th</sup> ed.-ND-booklet of song lyrics, "issued every once in a while" by Chas. E. Wells Music Co., 16 pp.
- FF 83 Tourist Soap Papers-ND
- FF 84 University of Denver-6/6/12-Commencement Program



X. National & State Parks

- FF 85 Bendemeer, Colorado-ND-2 brochures
- FF 86 Broadmoor, Colorado Springs-ND-postcard from hotel
- FF 87 Glenwood Springs, Hotel Colorado & Famous Hot Mineral Water Baths-ND-brochure
- FF 88 Lookout Mountain Park-ND-prospectus, 16 pp.
- FF 89 Manitou Springs-1913, ND-2 brochures
- FF 90 Mesa Verde National Park-ND-booklet published by Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Co.
- FF 91 Mesa Verde National Park-8/17/30-Denver Post, photograph montage
- FF 92 Mesa Verde National Park-1935, 1938, ND-3 booklets published by U.S. Department of Interior
- FF 93 Peaks of the Rockies-1911-booklet published by Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Co.
- FF 94 Rocky Mountain National Park-1917-pamphlet, Useful Hints to Motorists, includes map, published by U.S. Department of Interior

XI. Political

A. Election Related Material

- FF 95 Ballot-10/29/14-sample ballot published in Rocky Mountain News with handwritten "votes"
- FF 96 Ballot-ND-Sample Direct Primary Election Ballot, Republican Party
- FF 97 Candidates-Judges-ND-2 cards in support of Independent Candidates for District Judge
- FF 98 Candidates-Prohibition-9/7/22-bulletin, "Issued by the Board of Trustees of Colorado Anti-Saloon League, giving record and present attitude of State and National candidates toward Prohibition."
- FF 99 Candidates-Prohibition-ND-list of candidates supporting state-wide prohibition
- FF 100 Envelope-10/30/12, 11/5/12-envelope titled Election 11/5/12; contents include pamphlet, Information for Voters, 11/5/12 published by the Civic League of Denver, sample ballot published in Denver Republican, 10/30/12, pp. 1, 14 of paper on reverse

Box 2

FF 101-131

- FF 101 Information for Voters- 5/20/13-5/18/15 –6 pamphlets published by The Civic League of Denver, 2 copies each of 5/3/15 and 5/18/15
- FF 102 Information for Voters- 5/9/16-11/7/22 –5 pamphlets published by The Civic League of Denver, 2 copies of 5/20/19
- FF 103 Information for Voters- 5/15/23-5/17/27 –4 pamphlets published by The Civic League of Denver
- FF 104 Results-ND-2 newspaper clippings with results of election for auditor
- FF 105 State Voters' League-ND-postcard

## B. General Political Materials

- FF 106 Booklet-America's Favorite Sons-2/22/09-by H. G. Fisher, 4pp., 2 copies in envelope marked Mr. & Mrs. Edmiston
- FF 107 Booklet-National Reform Leaflets, Number 10: The Case of Mr. Smoot-ND-by T. P. Stevenson, 24 pp.
- FF 108 Booklet-Peace Treaty and League of Nations-7/29/19-speech of Hon. Charles S. Thomas of Colorado in U.S. Senate, 16 pp.
- FF 109 Booklet-The Rule of Plutocracy in Colorado: A Retrospect and a Warning-ND-by Ben B. Lindsey, 68 pp.
- FF 110 Booklet-The Second Liberty Loan and the Cause of Our War With Germany-9/29/17-by Hon. W. G. McAdo, Secretary of the Treasury, 16 pp.
- FF 111 Charter, City & County of Denver-1903-2 booklets, Proposed Charter of the City and County of Denver, 102 pp., 1 with stamps of Charter Campaign Headquarters; 1 pamphlet, A Last Word on the New Charter
- FF 112 Colorado General Assembly-ND-bill for an Act concerning nominations of candidates for public office...
- FF 113 Colorado General Assembly-ND-5 bills concerning juvenile delinquency
- FF 114 Congressional Records-1/16/14, 7/2/16-speeches of George J. Kindell and Benjamin C. Hilliard
- FF 115 Correspondence-Carlton M. Bliss, Judge-10/8/07-handwritten letter in envelope
- FF 116 Correspondence-Robt. G. Ingersell-ND-typed letter denouncing "this stuff called Alcohol."

## XII. Programs

- FF 117 Cat Show-1/30-31/??-souvenir program, All-Breed Cat Show of the Colorado Cat Fanciers
- FF 118 Collection-4/3/??-Catalogue of the Art Collection of Ella Wood Lowrie, handwritten note on title page
- FF 119 Play-Professor Napoleon- 5/3-5/09 –program of play produced by Denver Orphan's Home
- FF 120 Play-Within the Law-12/29/??, ND-2 programs, Eltinge Theater & American Play Company; 1 advertisement, Broadway Theatre
- FF 121 Playgoer-9/9/28-pamphlet from McBride's Theatre Ticket Offices

## XIII. Road Maps and Guides

- FF 122 Automobile Roads & Drives In & Around Colorado Springs-12/1/11-booklet, 64 pp.
- FF 123 Colorado Road Maps & Catalog of Camp Equipment-1919, 1923-2 booklets, published by Brooks Tent and Awning Company, 40 pp. each

- FF 124 Directory-Rocky Mountain Region-1930-covers Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona; published by Barrows, Inc., 96 pp.  
FF 125 One Thousand Miles Through Colorado-1912-by John P. Dods, reprinted from Motor Age, Chicago, Ill., 32 pp.

XIV. United Aircraft & Transportation Corporation

- FF 126 Annual Reports- 1929-1930 -1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Reports to Stockholders

XV. Weiss, Paul, Optician

- FF 127 Bausch & Lomb Balopticons-ND-2 informational booklets, 1 query sheets  
FF 128 Catalogue B-ND-Microscopes, Laboratory Requisites, Mounting Material, Glassware, Stains, Chemicals  
FF 129 Catalogue D-ND-Field Glasses, Binoculars, Telescopes, Opera Glasses  
FF 130 Catalogue E-ND-Compasses, Aneroids, Transits, Levels, Equipment for Engineering Camps  
FF 131 Lantern Slide Making & Projection Simplified-ND-pamphlet published by Eastman Kodak

The following file folder numbers contain oversize materials to be expanded and moved on a later date. They are currently unfolded as much as possible within the file folder.

19, 33, 42, 52, 56, 66, 72, 80, 81, 84, 85, 91, 95, 96, 98, 100, 111