**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.


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.


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.

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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
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 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 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 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 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 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

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 75 Campbell, WB [?]-ND-handwritten note [possible draft of letter]
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, 12th 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 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 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 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—suvenir 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—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

XIV. United Aircraft & Transportation Corporation

FF 126 Annual Reports- 1929-1930 –1st & 2nd 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

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