



## Archives Finding Aid *Grinnell Memorial Hall Records*

Accession. # 1977.141

Size: 2 linear feet

Condition: Good

Donation date: 1977

Donor: Grinnell Senior Center

Date Collection Committee Approved: 1977

Processing Level: Folder level

Processing following: Order of material type and date

Ownership: Beloit Historical Society

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### HISTORY

"The hall was built after Emma E. Grinnell, who was active in patriotic organizations, bequeathed \$100,000 to build a memorial for her husband, William, who died in 1925. The hall was to be used by all of Beloit's patriotic organizations. William H. Grinnell was a civil War veteran who was once a department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. He also was one of four young men who organized the Beloit Iron Works (Beloit Corp.) in the 1880s.

Unfortunately, veterans organizations struggled to operate the hall due to lack of funds. In 1975, the city acquired it with "consideration of mutual agreements." In 1977, the city acquired federal money to create Grinnell Senior Center."

From beloitrecreation.com

The items we have were donated by the senior center leaders, created during the time the building was run by the veterans organizations.

### Scope of Collection

Mostly loose pages, typewritten and handwritten. Also includes bank statements, receipts for payments, title information and a bound financial ledger.

### Container List

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CONTAINER	FOLDER	DATE	TITLE	SUBJECTS
Box 01	1		Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Rental Rules	
Box 01	2		Board Meeting Minutes	Record Book
Box 01	3		Correspondence: Hall Rentals	
Box 01	4		Employee Reports: Broderick, Harold	Employee Records Insurance
Box 01	5		Other Correspondence	Insurance

Box 01	6		Insurance Records	Insurance
Box 01	7		Army Corps of Engineers-Lease	Legal Documents
Box 01	8	1970s	Building Upkeep, Repairs	Financial Paperwork
Box 01	9		Financial Statements	Financial Paperwork
Box 01	10		Financial Record Books	Record Book Financial Paperwork
Box 01	11		Sale of Grinnell Hall to the city of Beloit	Beloit- City of Financial Paperwork
Box 02	1		Will and Trust - Emma Grinnell	Financial Paperwork
Box 02	2		Bank Statements	Bank Financial Paperwork
Box 02	3		Bank Statements	Bank Financial Paperwork
Box 02	0		Embosser and Stamps	
Box 03			Bound Ledger	Financial Paperwork Record Book