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Acc. #2012-33 Davenport Police Department Research By Marvin Lee

Location: Range 41 Section 8
8 record center cartons
1 archive box
1 oversize flat folder

This is a collection of research compiled by Marvin Lee, who served on the Davenport Police Department from Apr. 1, 1958 – Jan 15, 1967. He utilized records from the Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Center and other facilities.

1844 – 2012 September

*The donor arranged most binders chronologically and there are no indexes. The lists created by the donor found in Box 9 can be of help in locating individuals when the date of death is not known.

The Davenport Iowa Police Department dates back to 1839 when a City Marshal was appointed. 1871 it was fairly well organized with its headquarters in a small back room on property located on the southeast corner of Second and Brady Streets. By 1873 the force was uniformed, and in 1877 they moved their headquarters to the “old market house” also called “Bridewell” on the northeast corner of Fifth and Main streets. When Davenport’s new City Hall was opened in 1896 the police station transferred there. The patrol wagon and house of detention remained at 5th and Main.

The House of Detention, established in 1889 at the urging of local Christian and social action organizations, was for female and child offenders while they were in custody or served short term sentences. The Police Matron lived and worked at 5th and Main and had the same power and authority as a policeman. She was directly responsible to the chief of police. The first matron was Miss Annie Davis from 1889-1893. Mrs. Sarah Hill served from July 1893 until 1920. She was followed by Tillie Boettscher who held the position from 1920 until at least 1931.

Police Department needed more space – old car dealership was to be temporary quarters...

2007 moved into new Police Department building on the corner of 4th and Harrison Streets.

OBITUARY BINDERS

This is a collection of biographical research on Davenport Police personnel and is organized chronologically by the year of death. Sources include newspaper obituaries, news clippings, city directory listings, death records, etc. When available the biographies include the date and place of birth, date appointed to the Davenport Police Department, the individual’s term of service, date and place of death and burial site.

Location:
Box 1 1844-1903
1904-1917

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Box 2 1918-1925
1926-1933

Box 3 1934-1942
1943-1950

Box 4 1951-1960
1961-1966

Box 5 1967-1969
1970-1980
1981-1997

Box 6 1998-2012
2013–present**Added on January 31, 2014 by SC staff as Mr. Lee continues to contribute obits to the collection.*

POLICE LISTING 1877-1921

Includes photocopied pages from city directories of police officers, city marshals, etc. and a list of donor's research on the individuals noted. Binder of information is arranged chronologically. Donor labeled this Binder 1 of 2.

Location: Box 7

SENIORITY LISTING 1959 Dec-2000 Aug

Includes lists obtained from different sources noting personnel names, rank, birth date, appointment date, address, phone, badge number, locker number and sometimes serial number. Information varies during different time periods. Binder is arranged chronologically. Donor labeled this Binder 2 of 2.

Location: Box 7

STORY BOOK Need dates

This binder includes images of individuals, groups, buildings, and a variety of photocopied newspaper clippings that pertain to the Davenport Police Department. It includes personal items from the donor's service in the department. It is arranged chronologically and there is no index. *As Mr. Lee continued to add to the collection to keep it up to date; a second Story Book was added on January 31, 2014. The second book starts November 2012.*

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MISCELLANEOUS BINDER 1

1897-1904

Variety of newspaper items, photographs, memorandums, personnel information, lists of names from Police Beneficiary Association, list of serials numbers, list of city marshals and Davenport mayors. Many are multiple duplicates of items donor used within the obituary binders.

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MISCELLANEOUS BINDER 2

1970-1975

Appears to be photocopies of a scrapbook containing news clippings related the Davenport Police Department. No index. Arranged chronologically.

Location: Box 8

YET TO FIND

Binder of research for individuals which the donor did not feel was complete. Organized alphabetically.

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE LOCATED IN BOX 9:

"Davenport Police Department 1965"

VHS tape

28 minutes long

"Compliments of Davenport Police Union"

Ride Along – Bill Gress

Gold DVD-R

Date unknown

Scott County Cemeteries by Brassard

Paperback book

Duplicate of SC 977.769 BRASS JOH

Donor notes page 94 re: Harry Hamilton; policeman turned robber

Police Department 1984 Davenport Iowa

Paperback book

Duplicate of SC 352.2 DAV

Iowa Police Journal

Serial – 4 issues

Vol. 41 No. 3 Autumn 2009

Vol. 42 No. 4 Winter 2009-2010

Vol. 43 No. 1 Spring 2010

No vol or no Spring 2011

Copies of Police and Seniority Lists and miscellaneous papers

[removed from manila envelope]

Collector Trading Card **Need dimensions**

1 colored card

Acc. #2012-33 Davenport Police Department Research By Marvin Lee
"Sgt. Jim Goodin & "Bristol" – image of officer mounted on horse on one side; biographical information regarding Goodin and safety tips on back

Manual Police Department Davenport, Iowa
Small blue binder with rules, ordinances, etc. **Need dimensions**
Copy #387
Issued to Stan Berger 12 August 1971

Information packet "Active Members of the Davenport Police Department during Marvin Lee's Tenure. My time period only Apr. 1, 1958 – Jan 15, 1967. Plus Political and Associated Personnel. Prepared August 20, 2012"
*A copy of this packet is included in "STORY BOOK"

Information packet "Active Members of the Davenport Police Department during Marvin Lee's Tenure. Back to Chief Ray Schieser. Plus Political and Associated Personnel. Prepared August 20, 2012"
*A copy of this packet is included in "STORY BOOK"

Information packet "Older Police Personnel Before My Time Period"
Alphabetical listing prepared October 9, 2012

Information packet "Davenport's Police Department Deaths starting with earliest year plus political and associated personnel prepared October 9, 2012"

OS FLAT FILE 10

Poster of collector trading cards of police personnel
December 1999
Plate 2
Need dimensions

Davenport Police Department October 16, 1934
Photographic print – copy; 6 x 16"
Group of police officers posed in front of building
Photographer: Fromader

Automobile accident 1918
Photographic print – original in brittle condition
Need dimensions

Police Roll Call Register – City of Davenport
January 1897 – January 1910 with special appointments, etc. in back.

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This is a compilation created by donor from original registers in Special Collections. Donor has transferred information to 11 x 17" format. This volume is to be photocopied, then both original and copy to be bound.

One copy will be cataloged SC 363.24 POL to join the volume from Oct. 1890-Dec. 1896 on public shelves. The other bound copy is to be given to donor, who will pay for the binding.

KMO'Connor
October 2012