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Correspondence, 1913-1914**

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First Circulating Letter and Responses

On November 19, 1913, Eugene Davenport, the dean of the College of Agriculture at the University of Illinois from 1895-1922, sent a circulating letter to several prominent persons in Illinois requesting information on the herbs, treatments and other remedies used by pioneers as well as the superstitions and signs generally held among the early settlers and their interpretations. The following letters were sent in reply to Dean Davenport's request. The two letters addressed from Davenport were sent as acknowledgement to those individuals who sent information.

- J. F. Ammann, Edwardsville, Illinois, November 21, 1913.
- Omar P. Wagner, Pontiac, Illinois, November 21, 1913.
- H. J. Sconce, Sidell, Illinois, November 25, 1913.
- Chas. Gilkerson, Marengo, Illinois, November 27, 1913.
- Clifford V. Gregory, Chicago, Illinois, November 28, 1913.
- C. A. Rowe, Jacksonville, Illinois, December 13, 1913.
- A. N. Abbott, Morrison, Illinois, December 14, 1913.
- A. P. Grout, Winchester, Illinois, December 27, 1913.
- W. S. Corsa, White Hall, Illinois, January 2, 1914.
- J. C. Vaughan, Chicago, Illinois, January 2, 1914.
- J. H. McDougal, Athens, Illinois, March 8, 1914.
- Davenport to Sconce, [Urbana, Illinois], November 26, 1913.
- Davenport to Corsa, Urbana, Illinois, January 6, 1914.

Folder 2

Second Circulating Letter and Responses

On April 4, 1914, Dean Davenport sent another circulating letter. This folder contains this letter as well as its subsequent responses and Davenport's acknowledgments.

- Davenport, University of Illinois College of Ag., Apr. 4, 1914
- D. P. McCracken, Paxton, Illinois, April 6, 1914.
- Geo. Williams, Petersburg, Illinois, April 7, 1914.
- J. M. Robbins, Petersburg, Illinois, April 8, 1914.
- John P. Doyle, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, April 8, 1914.

L. D. Seass, Arthur, Illinois, April 9, 1914.
 Geo. Williams, Petersburg, Illinois, April 11, 1914.
 F. H. Whitney, Athens, Illinois, April 13, 1914.
 John W. Cook, DeKalb, Illinois, April 16, 1914.
 W. E. Hostetter, Mt. Carroll, Illinois, April 20, 1914.
 Ensley Moore, Jacksonville, Illinois, August 27, 1914.
 Geo. Williams, [location not noted], undated.
 Geo. Williams, [location not noted], undated.
 L. A. Spies, St. Louis, n.d.
 Davenport to Williams, [Urbana, Illinois], April 23, 1914.
 Davenport to Williams, Urbana, [Illinois], May 4, 1914.

Folder 3

Davenport and Watson Correspondence

Dean Davenport also sent the following requests to D. K. McCarty and Mrs. William Watson.

Davenport to McCarty, [Urbana, Illinois], December 22, 1914.
 D. K. McCarty to Davenport, Literberry, Illinois, Jan. 1, 1914.
 Davenport to McCarty, [Urbana, Illinois], January 9, 1914.
 Davenport to Watson, [Urbana, Illinois], December 17, 1913.
 Mrs. Wm. Watson to Davenport, Tustin, Cal., Jan. 15, 1914.
 Davenport to Watson, [Urbana, Illinois], January 21, 1914.

Signs Manuscript

A three-page, handwritten manuscript, titled "Signs", listing signs of "bad luck" and "good luck". 26 signs are listed. There is no author and the document is undated.