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Eugene Davenport
Correspondence, 1913-14.

On November 19, 1913, Dean Eugene Davenport sent a circulating letter to several prominent persons in Illinois requesting information on the herbs, treatments and other remedies used by pioneers; also 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:

Folder I:

1. J. F. Ammann, Edwardsville, Ill., November 21, 1913
2. Omar P. Wagner, Pontiac, Ill., November 21, 1913
3. H. J. Sconce, Sidell, Ill., November 25, 1913
4. Chas. Gilkerson, Marengo, Ill., November 27, 1913
5. Clifford V. Gregory, Chicago, Ill., November 28, 1913
6. C. A. Rowe, Jacksonville, Ill., December 13, 1913
7. A. N. Abbott, Morrison, Ill., December 14, 1913
8. A. P. Grout, Winchester, Ill., December 27, 1913
9. W. S. Corsa, White Hall, Ill., January 2, 1914
10. J. C. Vaughan, Chicago, Ill., January 2, 1914
11. J. H. McDougal, Athens, Ill., March 8, 1914

Davenport often sent acknowledgements to those individuals who sent information. This collection includes the following:

- 3A. Davenport to Sconce, [Urbana, Ill.], November 26, 1913
- 9A. Davenport to Corsa, Urbana, Ill., January 6, 1914

Folder II:

On April 4, 1914, Dean Davenport sent another circulating letter:

12. Davenport, Univ. of Ill. College of Ag., Apr. 4, 1914

He received the following replies:

13. Geo. W. Brown, Paris, Ill., April 6, 1914

14. D. P. McCracken, Paxton, Ill., April 6, 1914
15. Geo. Williams, Petersburg, Ill., April 7, 1914
16. J. M. Robbins, Petersburg, Ill., April 8, 1914
17. John P. Doyle, Mt. Vernon, Ill., April 8, 1914
18. L. D. Seass, Arthur, Ill., April 9, 1914
19. Geo. Williams, Petersburg, Ill., April 11, 1914
20. F. H. Whitney, Athens, Ill., April 13, 1914
21. John W. Cook, DeKalb, Ill., April 16, 1914
22. W. E. Hostetter, Mt. Carroll, Ill., April 20, 1914
23. Ensley Moore, Jacksonville, Ill., August 27, 1914
24. Geo. Williams, n.p., n.d.
25. Geo. Williams, n.p. n.d.
26. L. A. Spies, St. Louis, n.d.

The following acknowledgements from Dean Davenport are included in this collection:

27. Davenport to Williams, [Urbana, Ill.], April 23, 1914
28. Davenport to Williams, Urbana, [Ill.], May 4, 1914

Folder III:

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

29. Davenport to McCarty, [Urbana, Ill.], December 22, 1914
30. D. K. McCarty to Davenport, Literberry, Ill., Jan. 1, 1914
31. Davenport to McCarty, [Urbana, Ill.], January 9, 1914
32. Davenport to Watson, [Urbana, Ill.], December 17, 1913
33. Mrs. Wm. Watson to Davenport, Tustin, Cal., Jan. 15, 1914
34. Davenport to Watson, [Urbana, Ill.], January 21, 1914

Also included in this collection is a three-page, handwritten manuscript concerning signs:

35. Signs--26 signs are listed. There is no author or date.