

## DeKalb History Center

### H.H. Burgess and Ben F. Burgess Papers

**Scope and content:** The H.H. Burgess and Ben F. Burgess papers contain documents that cover 1880 until 1920. There are original receipts, small desk diaries and Civil War veteran ribbons. Both men were clerks for DeKalb Superior Court, so there are documents from the courts as well, such as tax receipts, cancelled checks payable to the court and executor documents.

**Provenance:** Gift of Whitfield Smith, clerk of DeKalb Superior Court, Accession # 1986.430.

**Access:** Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the Archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citations should be made as follows:

Description of specific item; Burgess Papers, DeKalb History Center Archives.

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**Size:** 1 document box.

**Biographical Sketch of Burgess Family members:** Henry Harrison Burgess was born in 1939 and married Elizabeth Wright. Burgess was clerk of DeKalb Superior court, and his son B.F. Burgess was also clerk. A note from the DeKalb New Era says that Ben B. Burgess, perhaps another son of Henry, also served as clerk.

**Description:** The Burgess Collection contains diaries, receipts, superior court records and some original Civil War veteran items, including the pension document for A.C. Burgess. There are original receipts from local businesses and diaries of notes. There are estate records for George W. Wright; H.H. Burgess was executor of his estate. There are also receipts for Decatur Academy and Donald Fraser high school for W.H. Wright, for whom H.H. Burgess was guardian.

**Subject Headings:** Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entries: Burgess, Henry Harrison (1939-1903)  
Burgess, B.F.  
Burgess, Ben B.

Subject/Added Entries: DeKalb County (Ga.)  
Decatur (Ga.)  
City Court of Decatur (Ga.)  
DeKalb County Superior Court  
Wright, W.H.  
Wright, George W.

Burgess, A.C.  
 Pythagoras Lodge  
 Decatur Academy  
 Donald Fraser High School

**Folder List**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1	1	Pension information for A.C. Burgess	1900
	2	Misc. Civil War items	
	3	Correspondence	
	4	Original receipts from Decatur Academy and Donald Fraser High School	1889-1898
	5	Ledger Diaries, voucher book Empty envelopes	
	6	Xerox copies of letterheads dated late 1880s to early 1900s sent to Mr. Whit Smith upon request	
	7	Miscellaneous	
	8	Receipts of dues to Pythagoras Lodge #41 and Treasurer's Report	1898-1899
	9	Miscellaneous receipts, building materials	1880-1920
	10	Receipts for dry goods and groceries	
	11	Miscellaneous receipts	
	12	Receipts, pharmacy, doctor	
	13	Receipts, rent	
	14	Items removed to museum, ribbons	
	15	Superior Court Records, subpoenas, payment to witnesses 1 of 2	1880-1920
	16	Superior Court Records, subpoenas, payment to witnesses 2 of 2	1880-1920
	17	Estate records of George W. Wright	1889-1898
	18	Tax receipts of various Burgess family Members	1889-1904