

# **William H. Dunwoody Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
<b>Creator - Author</b>	Dunwoody, William H. , 1841-1914
<b>Title</b>	William H. Dunwoody Collection
<b>Date</b>	1878-1914
<b>Extent</b>	1.0 boxes
<b>Language</b>	English

## Biography

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William H. Dunwoody, banker and flour manufacturer, was born in Chester Co., Pa. in 1841. He was educated in Philadelphia and began an active career by working in a grain and flour store of his uncle's in Philadelphia in 1859. He entered the same business a few years later as a member of the firm of Dunwoody & Robertson. He and his wife, Kate Dunwoody, came to Minneapolis in September 1869 as a buyer of flour for Eastern investing firms. Later he became a member of the firm of Tiffany, Dunwoody & Co., operating Artic Flour Mills and also of H. Darrow & Co., operating Union Flour Mill in 1871. He organized the Millers' Association and became its manager and general agent. He was the first to introduce a new process for milling wheat and also the first to engage in exportation of Minneapolis flour direct to Europe, at the solicitation of Governor Washburn in November 1877. He was one of the organizers and members of firm of Washburn, Crosby & Co., operating the Washburn Mills, commencing business February, 1879. The firm later introduced the roller process of making flour into its plants. Dunwoody was president of Northwestern National Bank, St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Co., and the Barnum Grain Co., vice president of St. Anthony Elevator Co., the Washburn Crosby Co., and director of Minneapolis Trust Co.

William H. Dunwoody died February 8, 1914. In his will, he left a provision that requested the establishment of the Dunwoody Industrial Institute, because he believed it was important to give young men a solid training in the trades so they could be successful in life. After Kate died in 1915, the Dunwoody estate left another large endowment to the school to ensure it continued to operate.

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## Collection Description

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The William H. Dunwoody Collection includes scattered correspondence 1897-1913 together with leaflets or pamphlets relating to businesses, as well as four letterpress correspondence books dating January-June, 1878. It also contains his will, biographical information, newspaper clippings, and the description of the holdings of the Minnesota Historical Society.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

For more information on Dunwoody Institute, see the following manuscript collection in the Special Collections:

SCMC VF: Schools: Dunwoody Institute

See also the Dunwoody Institute newspapers: *Dunwoody News* **1939:09-1978:04** and *News (Dunwoody Industrial Institute)* **1978:04-1983:04**.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Subject(s)

- Banks and banking -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.
- Grain -- Milling -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.
- Schools -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Box</b>
Biographical notes including information on Kate Dunwoody 1896-1960	1	1
Correspondence July 1893-December 1905	2	1
Correspondence August 1906-December 1913	3	1
Last Will and Testament November 19, 1913	4	1
Letter Book January 8-January 30, 1878	5	1
Letter Book January 31-February 22, 1878	6	1
Letter Book February 23-March 13, 1878	7	1
Letter Book March 14-June 29, 1878	8	1
Minnesota Historical Society holdings 1958, 1961	9	1
Miscellaneous Publications n.d., 1897-1910	10	1
Newspaper Clippings 1896-1950	11	1