

## Albert G. Bastis Collection

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**Collection Repository:** Hennepin History Museum  
2303 Third Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55402

**Creator:** Albert G. Bastis

**Dates:** 1920-1955

**Extent:** 4 boxes, 1 half Hollinger, 1 small grey box and one scrapbook box (3.35 linear feet)

**Language of Materials:** English and Modern Greek

### ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Albert Bastis was a city council member in Minneapolis. He died on September 8, 1956 at age 72 from a heart attack. He was born in 1884. Albert retired at age 47 after serving over 32 years in city council. He was chairman of the MPLS-St. Paul Sanitary District Board of Trustees from 1933-1949. He helped establish the sanitary district that is most likely relevant to today's waste needs. He married Holda R. Bastis and had children His funeral at the Scottish Rites Temple and was buried at Lakewood Cemetery.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Archivist series contains research, related documents and the finding aid.

The second series is correspondence and ranges from 1929-1960. Albert seems like a man who wrote many letters and the dearth of correspondence was noted by the archivist.

The third series is Minutes and ranges from 1930-1950s. Since Albert was so involved in the city council for over 32 years, the minutes seem sparse on his achievements.

The fourth series is personal and ranges from 1920-2003. This series encapsulates his life as a worker, land owner, law student and husband. This series was a joy to process because of the complexity of his life.

The fifth series is publication and ranges from 1920-1992. The most interesting pieces in this series are airport reports, a presidential inauguration invitation, an invitation for an event with Harry S. Truman and socialist/communist literature.

The sixth series is reelection and ranges from 1932-1935. Most of the pamphlets are undated.

The seventh series is the Sister Kenny Foundation and ranges from 1944-1955. Albert was a board member.

The eighth series is newspapers that are in a scrapbook box. It contains very old newspapers that need to be digitized.

The ninth series is photographs and contains early pictures of Minneapolis before development occurred. These were separated. There was another box of pictures that are mainly portraits. This collection seemed picked over because Albert was a man who kept everything. The archivist suspects either papers were lost or distributed to his family.

The tenth series is notebooks. The notebooks were in a small grey box.

The collection is arranged in 10 series with no subseries. The series includes:

- Series 1: Archivist Notes
- Series 2: Correspondence
- Series 3: Minutes
- Series 4: Personal
- Series 5: Publication
- Series 6: Reelection
- Series 7: Sister Kenny Foundation
- Series 8: Newspapers
- Series 9: Photographs
- Series 10: Notebooks and Literature

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## **RELATED MATERIALS**

- Minnesota Historical Society- Elizabeth Kenny Collection
- Hennepin Public Library-Digitized photographs

## **ACQUISITION**

This collection was donated by his son Charles Bastis.

## COLLECTION INVENTORY

### Series 1: Archivist Notes

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
1	1	Archivist Notes

### Series 2: Correspondence

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
1	2	1929
1	3	1930-1934
1	4	1935-1936
1	5	1937-1939
1	6	1940s
1	7	1950
1	8	Modern Greek
1	9	Sanitary District 1935
1	10	Undated

### Series 3: Minutes

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
1	11	1948 Charter Commission
1	12	City Council Welfare board
1	13	Police Commission
1	14	Public Works
1	15	Soltis
1	16	Twin Cities Sanitary District

### Series 4: Personal

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
1	17	36 <sup>th</sup> & 34 <sup>th</sup> St. Property
1	18	Bastis, Hulda (wife)
1	19	Bastis, Mary
1	20	Book Binders
1	21	Christmas cards
1	22	Clippings
1	23	Family History
1	24	Finances
1	25	Legal Issues
1	26	Marriage certificate
1	27	Obituary
1	28	Ration book
1	29	Receipts
1	30	University of Minnesota Law School

### Series 5: Publication

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
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1	31	1925-1949 City Council
1	32	1943 Airport
1	33	Bi-plane blue prints
1	34	City Council Defense Report
1	35	City Council Franklin Center & Cedar Ave Report
1	36	City Council Milwaukee Railroad report
1	37	City Council Ordinance
1	38	City Council Report
1	39	City Council Taxi Cab Report
1	40	Communist F. 1
1	41	Communist F. 2
1	42	Congressional Record
1	43	FDR
1	44	Harry S. Truman
1	45	Hubert Humphrey Speech
1	46	I.W.W.
1	47	Legal
1	48	Minneapolis
1	49	MWCC Connection
1	50	Park Board
1	51	Sanitary Board Articles
1	52	Socialism
1	53	Traffic & Parking Report
3	1	Dearborn
3	2	Jefferson=Jackson Day Dinner
3	3	Washington D.C.

**Series 6: Re-election**

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
1	54	6 <sup>th</sup> Ward
1	55	Alderman Political Candidates
1	56	Congressional Political Candidates
1	57	Political Candidates
1	58	Sheriff Political Candidates

**Series 7: Sister Kenny Foundation**

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
1	59	1944 Minutes
1	60	1945 Board Minutes
1	61	1946 Board Minutes
1	62	1953-1954 Annual Report
1	63	1954-1955 Annual Reports
1	64	Clippings
5	1	Lullaby
1	65	MPLS Public Welfare Board
1	66	State Commission Charter

**Series 8: Newspapers**

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
4		1920s scrapbook

**Series 9: Notebooks & Literature**

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
2		See Inventory

**Series 10: Photographs**

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
		Separated-See form in Archivist Notes



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