

Biographical Category

**Orton Rust Collection
Clark County Historical Society**

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Introduction

The collection consists of essays, poems, correspondence, speeches, photographs, and other material dating from 1901 to 1947. The bulk of the essays, poems, etc, are undated. The collection fills one large box and is comprised of 72 file folders. The collection is arranged into seven series as follows:

- Series 1 Biographical
- Series 2 Correspondence
- Series 3 Poetry
- Series 4 Essays; Scripts
- Series 5 Speeches
- Series 6 Miscellaneous
- Series 7 Photographs

Scope and Content

The collection spans the years 1901, which includes his one year teaching certificate, to a 1947 letter from the Wisconsin State Historical Society regarding an inquiry about William Ward. The bulk of the collection concerns his poetry which includes a bound typescript copy of eighty-seven of his poems copyrighted 1923, a sixty-three page poem entitled "The Birth of Poetry", and a typescript of "Sleep," a poem that was published by Antioch Press according to an undated letter under the Associated Press letterhead.

Also includes numerous undated essays, articles, and observations, many of which may have been published in the Springfield Daily News regarding a letter to the editor, Bert Teeters, by Orton Rust relative to contributing to a semi-weekly or weekly column and dated January 22, 1925.

Orton Rust was born August 14, 1882 in Dalton, Ohio. He was a historian, author, and former newspaper man. He was noted as a scholar and authority on literature. He served on many civic committees and was serving his second term as President of the Clark County Historical Society at the time of his death, November 4, 1951 at the age of 69. No further information regarding his tenure as President of the Historical Society is contained in this collection.

Box and Folder Listing

Series	Folder	Description
1	1	Biographical Information
	2	Necrology- Newspaper Death Notices
	3	Teaching Certificates
2	1	<i>Escalade</i> publication
	2	Historical Publishing Company
	3	John H. James
	4	John H. James re Lagonda Motor Car
	5	Gabe McCullough Boxing Promoter
	6	Sprigman, PA 1928
	7	Springfield Daily News re weekly column
	8	U. S. Senate
	9	Works Progress Administration 1935-36
	10	16 letters, assorted
	11	Letter concerning Columbus & Xenia RR
	12	Letter concerning Simon Kenton monument
	13	Miscellaneous Correspondence
3	1	Bound copy, typescript "Poetry" 111 pages
	2	Unbound manuscript "The Birth of Poetry"
	3	Manuscript: "Sleep"
	4	Early typescript poetry
	5	Miscellaneous poetry- 9
	6	Drawing of The Prophet
4	1	Aberfelda History
	2	Architecture, Springfield
	3	Brains in Horticulture
	4	Carpet Weavers
	5	Change Seat Mates
	6	Clark Co. Rural Schools
	7	Clark Co. Sanitation in the 19 th Century
	8	The Cold Days of 1883
	9	Country Roads
	10	Crime Magazine Acc'ts. in Clark County
	11	Cyclone Notes
	12	Death of Joe Rogers
	13	Dreams
	14	East St. Shop Fire
	15	Food & Feeding in Clark Co.
	16	Funerals in Clark County
	17	The Importance of Piqua & Vincennes
	18	Industrial Simplification/ Compared
	19	Industrial Springfield
	20	The New Home & Progress Edition
	21	The Not So Gay '90's

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Series	Folder	Description
4, cont.	22	History of Logan County's Manary's Block House
	23	Peddlers
	24	Photography, Early
	25	Scouring Day
	26	Springfield in 1852
	27	Two War Presidents Compared
	28	The Ship Tries to Find Herself
	29	Two Jacks & a Queen
	30	Misc. Essays, manuscripts, articles for Springfield News (2 folders)
	31	Misc. writings- some handwritten
	32	The Kenton Papers- Morning Sun, 1927-8
	33	Kenton-Ward stockade
	34	General Simon Kenton by Albert L. Slager
	35	Transcript of Kenton-Ward lawsuit
	36	What Went On Here- Kenton Farm
	37	Article concerning Rust's series on Simon Kenton
	38	Hardin Co. <i>Republic</i> - Kenton, OH; Simon Kenton
	39	Scrapbook of Rust's Kenton articles
5	1	Power Club
	2	Municipal Stadium
	3	B.P.O. Elks- Flag Day
	4	Kiwanis- Logan Co.
	5	Address on Simon Kenton
6	1	Pamphlet- "Who was Who in Springfield"
	2	Pamphlet- "People in the Public Eye ca. 1850"
	3	History of West Central Ohio 1933
	4	Forward to book: "Yesteryear"
	5	Map showing Kenton's 2 nd home
7	1	2 photographs ca. 1930
	2	Negatives- unknown men