

**Shilling Local History Collection  
Decatur Public Library  
Decatur, IL 62523**

**INVENTORY  
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Jane Hamand Correspondence Collection. 1.25 linear feet  
Dates: 1920-1951

**Biography**

Jane Hamand was raised in Decatur, IL, where she taught music in the public schools. Miss Hamand was an avid Lincoln historian, and the donor of the Lincoln Collection at the Decatur Public Library. She donated this collection in 1921, and it contained most of her valuable pieces. It also had a corner dedicated to her fascination with the family of Ann Rutledge. The Lincoln Collection was considered one of the finest in the country, and was visited annually by people from all over the country. After loaning it to the Decatur Public Library for many years, Miss Hamand sent the Kirkham's Grammar used by Abraham Lincoln to the Library of Congress, where it became their permanent property when she died.

She was also a student of the Esperanto language, and attended international conventions in America and Europe where she could converse freely with other Esperanto speakers. Miss Hamand was also an active civic worker who helped raise relief funds during World War I. After World War I, Miss Hamand adopted and supported 21 French war orphans, and would visit them during her travels to check on their welfare.

In February 1933, Miss Hamand died from severe burns received from a furnace explosion at her farm house in Schaller, IA. She had lived here for many years with her brother, who preceded her in death by a few years. She was 86.

**Scope and Content**

This collection contains the personal papers of Jane Hamand. The collection is 1.25 linear feet, and includes biographical information, correspondence, speeches, and information about the Decatur Lincoln Collection.

The collection was originally housed in three early 20<sup>th</sup> century file boxes. The first two had no discernible order to them. The third was organized by year. The third box's organization was kept intact and can be found in the "Correspondence with Minnie Dill" and "Correspondence with Alice Evans" subseries. The rest were arranged with the researcher's use in mind.

## Series Description

**Biographical Information:** contains information pertaining to the life of the individual, including obituaries.

**Speeches:** contains copies of speeches Jane Hamand gave.

**Correspondence:** contains letters to and from Jane Hamand to various people. This series has two subseries: "Correspondence with Minnie Dill" and "Correspondence with Alice Evans".

**Decatur Lincoln Memorial Collection:** contains information pertaining to the Decatur Lincoln Memorial Collection.

**Miscellaneous Lincoln Information:** contains information pertaining to Abraham Lincoln.

**Photographs:** contains a photograph of Abraham Lincoln and the log courthouse in Fairview Park.

**Miscellaneous:** contains information about the CSA.

**Oversized:** contains various documents that could not fit with the regular collection. This includes some biographical and collection information.

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