

**Title:** Plankinton, William Woods Papers

**Call Number:** Mss-2515

**Inclusive Dates:** 1934 – 1962

**Bulk:** 13.03 cu. ft.

**Location:** BV, Sh. 261 (2.0 cu. ft.)  
WH, Sh. E186, E192, E198 (11.0 cu. ft.)  
MV, F12 (0.03 cu. ft.)

**Historical Note:** William Woods Plankinton was born in Milwaukee and died in the same city in 1972 at the age of 65. His great-grandfather, John Plankinton, founded the Plankinton Packing Company and left a seven million dollar estate that became part of the Plankinton Trust Company. William worked as a free-lance photographer for the *New York Journal American* from 1936-1941. In that time he became a noted part of New York's social scene and had several photographs published on the paper's society pages. Returning to Milwaukee, he worked as chief of the State Tire Rationing Office at 110 E. Wisconsin Avenue for the Civil Defense Committee. He joined the Civil Air Patrol in 1941 and later rose to the rank of Colonel.

Plankinton's interest in travelling led him to purchase a luxury trailer from the "Flxible" Company of Loudonville, Ohio. His interest in the Civil Air Patrol, Civil Defense Committee, and the Flxible Company continued through the 1950s and 1960s. In 1958 he wed Eileen Twomey, who had worked for him as his secretary since 1938. In the decades after World War II, William lived at 3000 W. Brown Deer Road., River Hills. He died at Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Hospital of a heart ailment.

**Administrative Note:** The collection was processed on April 14, 1998 by Jules Gehrke (Mss processing) and Steve Daily (photographs).

Contents	Box #	Folder #
Correspondence to and from (1931-1937)	1	1
Correspondence to and from (1952-1956)	1	2
Correspondence from Countess A. de Pulaski, mother (1953-1961)	1	3
Correspondence — cards (1934-1935)	1	4
Correspondence — cards, postcards (1952-1955)	1	5
Personal Business — New York (1934-1939)	1	6
Newspaper Clippings — Plankinton Photos, New York (1935)	1	7
Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings — (1934-1939)	1	8
Personal Business — Milwaukee (1952-1960)	1	9
Statements of Receipts and Disbursements — (1934) (1953-1958)	1	10
Investments — (1953-1955)	1	11
Plankinton Trust — (1930-1941)	1	12
Plankinton Trust and Building Co. — (1951-1953)	1	13

Plankinton Trust and Building Co. — (1954-1962)	1	14
Civil Air Patrol — Correspondence to and from (1952-1956)	1	15
Civil Air Patrol — Wisconsin Wing (1949-1954)	1	16
Civil Air Patrol — National Headquarters (1951-1955)	1	17
Civil Air Patrol — Publications (1952-1955)	1	18
Civil Air Patrol — Miscellaneous (1943-1957)	1	19
Civil Air Patrol – Certificates	1	19a
Badger Airway Beacon (1951-1954)	1	20
Civil Defense — Milwaukee Committee Minutes (1951-1955)	1	21
Civil Defense — Correspondence to and from (1951-1953)	1	22
Civil Defense — Miscellaneous (1951-1955)	1	23
Sports Car Club Membership — (1951-1955)	1	24
Flxible Company Cruiser — (1951-1954)	1	25
Miscellaneous Organizations — (1952-1953)	1	26
Miscellaneous Certificates	1	27
Cartoon Drawings	1	28
Miscellaneous	1	29
Baby Book, 1906	1	30
<b>Photographs</b>	<b>Box #</b>	
Diary/Address Book – William Woods Plankinton	2	
Address Book – William Woods Plankinton	2	
Envelope – unidentified people	2	
Envelope – William Woods Plankinton	2	
Envelope – identified people	2	
Loose – Plankinton Studios portrait of William Woods Plankinton	2	
Album 1. – unidentified photos of people	2	
Album 2. – unidentified photos of people	2	
Album 3. – unidentified photos of people	2	
**Glassine Envelope negative #16,883 stored in MV – unidentified negatives of women (possibly models from William Woods Plankinton’s studio) negatives only – no copy prints.		
<b>Photographs, Negatives, Albums, Film</b>	<b>Box #</b>	<b>Location</b>
Photos and Negatives	3	WH E 186; 192; 198
Albums	4	WH E 186; 192; 198
Negatives and reels of film	5	WH E 186; 192; 198
Reels of film	6	WH E 186; 192; 198
Reels of film	7	WH E 186; 192; 198
Reels of film	8	WH E 186; 192; 198
Reels of film	9	WH E 186; 192; 198
Reels of film	10	WH E 186; 192; 198
Reels of film	11	WH E 186; 192; 198
Albums and negatives	12	WH E 186; 192; 198
Albums and negatives	13	WH E 186; 192; 198

<b>Oversize Items</b>	<b>Location</b>
<i>Manhattan</i> magazine June 15, 1939 featuring cover photo by Plankinton Studios	MV F12
Catalogue of Library of Wm. Woods Plankinton	MV F12
Inventory of furnishings of residence of Wm. Woods Plankinton 1913	MV F12
<b>Also See:</b> Portrait of Mr. William Woods Plankinton, Jr. – Museum Division # M98.15.1	