

**Title:** Bubbert, Walter Papers

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**Historical Note:** Bubbert was a longtime landscape architect in Milwaukee, who also served as county surveyor in the 1940s. An avid history buff, Bubbert was a lifetime member of the Wisconsin Historical Society, a secretary of the Wisconsin Archaeological Society, and vice-president of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, & Letters. He also organized bus tours for other history buffs to historic sites around the state. He passed away in 1971.

**Scope and Content:** The records consist of diaries, correspondence, minutes, reports, photos, school notes, receipts and other ephemera that document his landscaping practice, his running controversy with the Milwaukee Public Museum, his activities with the Museums Group and the Wisconsin Archaeological Society, his interest in railroads, and his years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. There is also miscellaneous material from various relatives.

**Note:** The collection was reprocessed March 27, 2003 by Kevin Abing.

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<i>What Progress Costs Milwaukee</i> by C. B. Whitnall, 1935 (2 copies)	6
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