

**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>The Importance of County Governments and the State Planning Board in Wisconsin</i> by C. B. Whitnall, n.d.	6	
<i>Land Economic Inventory of the State of Wisconsin</i> , 1936	6	
<i>Landscape Architecture</i> , October 1920 & July 1921	6	
<i>Little Waters: A Study of Headwater Streams &amp; Other Little Waters, Their Use and Relations to the Land</i> by H. S. Person, 1936	6	
<i>Luther Burbank: A Short Review of his Work in Plant Hybridization and Brief Comparison with Other Hybridizers</i> by Patrick O'Mara, n.d.	6	
<i>National Municipal Review</i> , January 1921	6	
<i>Our Native Landscape</i> , 1927-1931 (8 issues)	6	
<i>Planning and Civic Comment</i> , January-March 1938	6	
<i>Preliminary Reports of the City Planning Commission of the City of Milwaukee</i> , 1911	6	
<i>Regional Planning Theory: A Reply to the British Challenge</i> by Arthur C. Comey, 1923	6	

Regional and Rural Planning Conference Program, 1930 (2 copies)	6
<i>Report of the School Garden Committee of the Society of American Florists and Ornamental Horticulturists</i> , 1913	6
<i>Subject Index of Reports by the National Planning Board, National Resources Board, and National Resources Committee</i> , 1940	6
<i>Vehicular Traffic Congestion and Retail Business</i> , 1926	6
<i>Wisconsin Lake and Stream Shore Platting and Sanitation Code</i> , 1928	6
<i>What Progress Costs Milwaukee</i> by C. B. Whitnall, 1935 (2 copies)	6
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<i>The Bolsheviki and the Soviets</i> by Albert Rhys Williams, 1919	6
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<i>The Data of Ethics</i> by Herbert Spencer	7	
<i>Dells of the Wisconsin on the Line of the Chicago Milwaukee &amp; St. Paul R. R.</i> , n.d.	7	
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<i>Indians of the Southwest</i> by George A. Dorsey, 1903	7	
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"John Ruskin and His Works," by William Sloane Kennedy. <i>The Library Magazine</i> . September 1885	7	
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"Six Lectures on Light," by John Tyndall. <i>Humboldt Library of Popular Science Literature</i> . October 1882	7	
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Illustrated Series of Comics, “Speaking of Museums...” (Re: Wisconsin Centennial Committee of Museums Bus Tour) [6 items], ca. 1948	OS SM “B”
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