

## Guide to the Plumb Family Collection 1 – 2016.34

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### Collection Summary

<b>Dates</b>	1850-1971
<b>Bulk dates</b>	1896-1932
<b>Level of description</b>	Series
<b>Extent</b>	4.46 cubic feet
<b>Creator(s)</b>	Plumb Family

### Administrative/Biographical History

#### **Biographical note of Charles Ovid Plumb**

Charles Ovid Plumb was born on August 14, 1895 in Greeley, Colorado to Emily Forster White Plumb and Augustus Miles Plumb. He graduated from Greeley High School in 1912. Charles then graduated from State Agricultural College in 1916. He married Isabella Huffsmith on December 28, 1918. The couple had six daughters: Charlotte Mundy, Marjorie O'Farrell, Barbara Hansen, Frances Dunleavy, Annabel Glenn, and Agnes Weinstein. During his life, Charles was a farmer, county commissioner, a World War I veteran, 4-H leader, Weld County Health Department Advisory Board member, and was the Weld County Agricultural Advisory Council founder and chairman. Charles died on March 17, 1997 in Greeley.

#### **Brief History of the Plumb Family or Plumb Farms**

Congress enacted the Timber Culture Act of 1873, a follow up to the Homestead Act. Through the Timber Culture Act, homesteaders could qualify for an additional 160 acres of land if they planted at least 1/4th of the property with trees. By the time Charles A. White established his tree claim in 1881, only ten acres of trees were required to be planted. White planted ash and

cottonwood trees bordering each side of his property. The home originally cost \$2,500 and was designed by Bessie Smith, Greeley's first female architect. The family raised farm animals and grew alfalfa, sugar beets, seed potatoes and beans, and other vegetables on the farm. Upon Col. C.A. White's death in 1922, Charles Ovid Plumb, White's grandson, purchased a quarter interest in the farm and eventually purchased the property. In 1983, the descendants of Charles Plumb donated 2.5 acres of the original tree claim to the City of Greeley for historical, cultural and museum use. Today, the property is used for community gardens, event rentals, and as a learning center.

### **Scope and Content**

This collection consists of various books and a map from the Plumb family. There are a variety of books including bibles, yearbooks, novels, books on spelling, grammar, and how to read, historical fiction and nonfiction, poetry, and drill books for soldiers, and farm manuals.

<b>System of arrangement</b>	No original order. Order imposed by book size and condition.
<b>Conditions governing access</b>	There are no restrictions on the access of this collection.
<b>Conditions governing reproduction and use</b>	There are no restrictions on the use or reproduction of this collection.
<b>Languages and scripts of the materials</b>	English
<b>Immediate source of acquisition</b>	This collection was donated by the Plumb Family.
<b>Notes</b>	Preferred citation: City of Greeley Museum's Permanent Collection, #2016.34.
<b>Names</b>	Ahlstrand, C.T. Clark, Max Hansen, Barbara Plumb Mundy, Charlotte Plumb O'Farrell, Marjorie Plumb, 1922-2002 Plumb, C.O. (Charles Ovid), 1895-1997

Plumb, Dorothy  
Sims, Homer, 1872-1959  
Weinstein, Agnes Plumb  
White, Almira C.  
White, C. A. (Charles Augustine), 1836-1922

**Places** Evans (Colo.)  
Greeley (Colo.)  
Greenfield (Mass.)

**Subjects** Bibles  
Books about government  
Children's books (juvenile fiction)  
Yearbooks  
Drill books for soldiers  
Books of poetry  
Historical fiction  
Historical nonfiction  
Spelling  
Grammar  
Farm Manuals

**Document forms** Bibles  
Books  
Map

## **Contents**

### **Series I: Bibles**

Consists of bibles owned by Charles Plumb and the Plumb family.

### **Series II: Military**

Consists of various books the Plumb family owned about the United States military; includes drill manuals, battles, laws and regulations.

### **Series III: Yearbooks**

Consists of various Greeley High School yearbooks owned by the Plumb family.

### **Series IV: Fiction**

Consists of several books that are works of fiction; there are both children and adult fiction.

## **Series V: Education**

Consists of several books aimed to help children improve their spelling, grammar, and reading skills.

## **Series VI: History**

Consists of several books about United States history.

## **Series VII: Farming**

Consists of several books related to farming and farm animal care.

## **Series VIII: Poetry**

Consists of a few books of poetry.

## **Series IX: Map**

Consists of one map.

## **Container List**

### **Series I: Bibles**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1	NA
Rehoused with books	

### **Series II: Military**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1	NA
2	NA
4	NA
Rehoused with books	

### **Series III: Yearbooks**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1	NA
2	NA

### **Series IV: Fiction**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
3	NA
4	NA
5	NA

**Series V: Education**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1	NA
3	NA
5	NA

**Series VI: History**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Rehoused with books	

**Series VII: Farming**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
3	NA
Rehoused with books	

**Series VIII: Poetry**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
3	NA
Rehoused with books	

**Series IX: Map**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1	NA