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Elwood Babbitt Papers

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Scope of collection

The collection consists of proofs of publications, lectures, some correspondence, film reels, press, and documentation of appearances Babbitt made. It also contains many transcripts of spiritual communications for which Babbitt was the medium.

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Babbitt, Elwood and Charles Hapgood: The God Within odd manuscripts
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Babbitt, Elwood and Charles Hapgood: The God Within p.i-viii
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Babbitt, Elwood and Charles Hapgood: The God Within p.241-260
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Correspondance
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Csere, Thomas: He Channels the Great Ones
undated
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1992 Oct. 9
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Haroldine: The Ultimate Compound -- Litium
1984
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Reason for Living
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Trances: Channeling Jim Cole, Dr. James Porter Mills, Krishna
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Trances: Channeling Nostradamus, Patrick Henry, Dr. Fischer, Dr. Wilhelm Reich
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Workshops and appearances
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undated
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Yeadon, William: Spirits Thru Trance
undated
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1977 Oct. 27-1977 Nov. 11, undated
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16mm films by reporter Jack Borden, many of which are of healing priest Father Ralph DiOrio.

Association of Universal Light Volunteers Lifetime Service Award to Elwood Babbitt
1993 Sep. 4
Box 3

Administrative information

Access

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Provenance

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- Channeling (Spiritualism)
- Mediums--Massachusetts
- Spiritualists--Massachusetts
- Trance

Contributors

- Babbitt, Elwood, 1922-. [main entry]
- Haggood, Charles H.

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- Manuscripts
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