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The Bracero Program 1942-1964



Braceros Subject of Museum Talk

The Museum is pleased to welcome Dr. Mireya Loza, assistant professor in the Department of Latina/o Studies and History at the University of Illinois. Dr. Loza will present *Braceros on the Boundaries: Activism, Race, Masculinity, and the Legacies of the Bracero Program*. Her talk explores the impact of the bracero program, a controversial Mexican guest worker initiative of the 1940s. The program will be held on Tuesday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Museum's Governor Fifer Courtroom. Free and open to the public, this event is being held in conjunction with the Museum's current exhibit *¡Fiesta! A Celebration of Mexican Popular Arts*.

Millions of Mexican workers crossed the border to work in more than half of the states in the U.S., including Illinois. Loza will discuss the bracero program, its impact on the history of this region, and its lasting legacy.

Dr. Loza earned her Ph.D. in American Studies from Brown University. Her dissertation and talk are based on her work with the National Museum of American History's Bracero History Project.

This program is made possible in part by a grant from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Illinois General Assembly, and support from COUNTRY Financial.

Christmas at the Courthouse Just Around the Corner

The Museum's 23rd Annual *Christmas at the Courthouse*, will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. In keeping with the December 7 (Pearl Harbor) date, activities will focus on crafts and games popular during the World War II era.

Bring your family and friends for some food, fun, and holiday cheer. Visit with Santa, listen to holiday music, try a craft, play a game, and enjoy hot cider, punch, and cookies. The Museum will also be collecting nonperishable food donations for the Clare House.



This event is brought to you by State Farm and is free and open to the public.

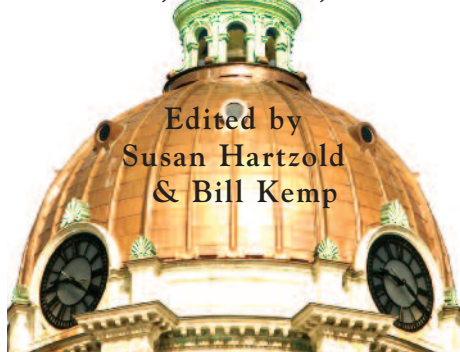
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History Reads 2014 Picks Offer Something for Everyone

Do you enjoy reading historical fiction, nonfiction, biographies, or local history? If you do, join our *History Reads* book club, a joint program offered by the Museum and Bloomington Public Library. This free program is open to the public and held in the Museum's Governor Fifer Courtroom.

Each book discussion begins at 7:00 p.m. and lasts approximately one hour. Participants are welcome to explore the Museum before or after each meeting. The 2014 schedule features *Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism* by James Loewen (February 4), *Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927* by John M. Barry (May 6), *Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic and Madness at the Fair that Changed America* by Erik Larson (August 5), and *Reading with Lincoln* by Robert Bray (November 4).

Copies of each book are available for checkout at Bloomington Public Library or can be interlibrary loaned through your local public library.

2013 Cemetery Walk a Huge Success

The Museum has heard from many visitors that this year's *Cemetery Walk* was "the best ever." Over 8 days, 8 actors shared their stories 130-plus times before 1,882 students and 1,601 adults.

Thanks belong to our dedicated and hard-working volunteer tour guides who were all well prepared and did a fabulous job. The script-writing and acting were also first-rate. We would also like to thank those members who donated additional funds this season to help hundreds of students attend the walk. Without this additional support, these students would not have

been able to experience this award-winning educational program.

Next year we will be celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the *Cemetery Walk* by bringing back favorite characters from past years. There will also be one "Fan Favorite" character chosen by you, the public. Please visit the Museum's website at www.mchistory.org to cast your vote today.



This year's *Cemetery Walk* cast and crew (back row left to right): Danny Rice, Rick Jensen, Lyuda Kizer, Gregory Hicks, Julie Kistler, Rhys Lovell, Gabrielle Lott-Rogers, Kevin Wickart; (front row left to right): Rachael Kramp, Candace Summers, Deb Van Antwerp, Donna Anhalt, Judy Brown.

Find Great Stocking Stuffers at the Museum

Find the perfect gift(s) for that history lover in your life. Visit the Museum's On the Square gift shop for a wide variety of history items for young and old alike.

Choose from a variety of gifts such as posters from past exhibits, "I Heart History" t-shirts, mugs, tote bags, notepads, pen sets, cookbooks, books on local history topics (many by local authors), books on Abraham Lincoln, and more.

One of the Museum's best-selling books and a popular gift last Christmas was *Pages from the Past* by Museum Librarian Bill Kemp. The soft cover book is still available for \$10.

New local history books include *The Bloomington-Normal Circus Legacy: The Golden Age of Aerialists* by Maureen Brunsdale and Mark Schmitt. This book introduces readers to some of the performers who called Bloomington-Normal home from the 1870s to the 1950s. The soft cover book sells for \$19.99. Some of our favorite books include: *Abraham Lincoln Traveled this Way: The America Lincoln Knew* (\$36); *Fifty-Nine in '84: Old Hoss Radbourn, Barehanded Baseball, and the Greatest Season a Pitcher Ever Had* (\$25.99); *Sears Homes of Illinois* (\$26.99); *Lincoln's Ladder to the Presidency: The Eighth Judicial Circuit* (\$34.95); *Hazle Buck Ewing: Promoter of Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward Men* (\$24.95); and *Lincoln's Forgotten Friend: Leonard Swett* (\$34.95).

We also have stocking stuffers, including a large selection of postcards and note cards featuring the Museum (also known as the Old Courthouse), the Lincoln Bench, Miller Park, the David Davis Mansion, Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, the Barn Quilt Heritage Trail, and more. Prices range from 50 cents to \$1 each. Not sure what gift to give for Christmas? On the Square gift certificates



are available for purchase. And don't forget, membership to the Museum also makes a great gift! Finally, a 50 percent discount on any clearance items purchased in the gift shop is being offered from now until December 31.

For more information or any questions, please contact the Museum's Education Department at education@mchistory.org or by phone at 309-827-0428.

Championship Hat Sales to Benefit Museum

History, Hollywood, and sports heroes have inspired a unique fund raiser for the Museum. Local sports history fans have a chance to own a unique piece of baseball memorabilia that also benefits the Museum.

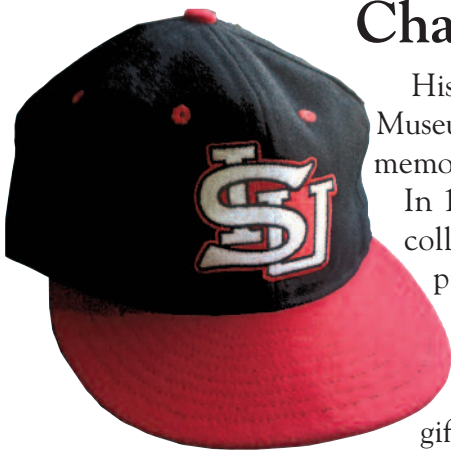
In 1969, the Illinois State University baseball team won the school's only national collegiate sports title in Redbird history. Coach Duffy Bass and future Atlanta Braves pitcher, Buzz Capra, led the team to the NCAA College World Series, defeating Southwest Missouri State University 12-0 in Springfield, Missouri.

Today, ISU is offering a replica hat from the 1969 NCAA College Division National Championship team exclusively through the Museum's On the Square gift shop in downtown Bloomington. This limited-edition baseball hat was created by Ebbets Field Flannels, the same company that designed and produced the handmade replica Negro League and Minor League uniforms featured in the Jackie Robinson biopic "42."

"Given the fine work the McLean County Museum of History does to keep our local story safe, alive and accessible, it's a natural place to offer this exciting piece of the Illinois State University story," said R.C. McBride, director of trademark and licensing at ISU.

The 1969 Redbird hat will be sold for in the Museum's gift shop for \$40 plus tax. It won't be available anywhere else. Proceeds from the sales benefit Museum programs. The cap features the team's rarely used ISU logo on black and red wool baseball fabric, an adjustable leather hatband and vintage green satin trim under the hat bill. Each hat is embroidered with "1969 Illinois State" inside its band.

The replica hats are expected to be delivered by Christmas. Interested baseball history fans can reserve their hat by contacting the Museum at 309-827-0428 or by emailing Director of Development Beth Whisman at bwhisman@mchistory.org.



A Trio of Fall Museum Interns

Jared Logan is a senior at Illinois State University majoring in political science and history with a focus on civic engagement and responsibility. Jared has been preparing for the transition from college to law school, which he plans to attend next year.

Bringing his passion for history from his home in Rock Island, Jared is a public programming intern working with the Education team. He helped implement this year's *Evergreen Cemetery Discovery Walk* and is working with the Museum's program coordinators to provide educational opportunities to visitors of every age. Through this experience Jared is honing his program facilitation skills and is working to instill a passion and respect for history in the community. When not busy at the Museum, running, reading, and talking politics are his favorite pastimes.

Kenny Tymick, a senior at Illinois Wesleyan University, is currently working in the Museum's Library as an archival processing intern. A history major with a minor in Russian language and literature, he is prepared to graduate early in December 2013. Kenny has been processing some of the Museum's collections to create more in-depth and efficient finding aids. He hopes to develop a further understanding of a typical archive's work environment while contributing with skills he has already learned from prior experiences.

The experiences Kenny brings to the Museum include a summer working with the David Davis Mansion and IWU's Tate Archives to coordinate the Sarah Davis Letters project, which involved the uploading of hundreds of Davis family letters to an online archive for the public to view.

While working for the Tate Archives, he was tasked with processing new donations, updating finding aids, and designing exhibits for the first-floor display case at Ames Library. With these experiences, Kenny is already knowledgeable on a variety of aspects of McLean County's rich history and is excited to put his experience and talents to use at the Museum.

Merry Thomas is a senior at Illinois State University with a major in history. She has always enjoyed visiting museums. After finishing school she would like to work for one, or for another not-for-profit organization.

Merry considered this internship an opportunity to see if working for a museum would be a good career choice for her. So far she likes it a lot.

Merry works in Collections with Susan Hartzold, curator of collections and exhibits. Her project entails creating a small display featuring local women's clothing

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Kenny Tymick



Jared Logan



Merry Thomas

Kids Corner

Historic Landmarks



What state is each historic landmark below located in?



1. Mount Rushmore



2. Statue of Liberty



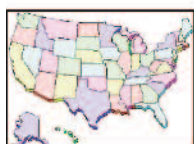
3. Golden Gate Bridge



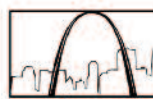
4. Lincoln's Tomb



5. Liberty Bell



6. Jefferson Memorial



7. The Arch



Answers: 1. South Dakota 2. New York 3. California 4. Illinois 5. Pennsylvania 6. Washington D.C. 7. Missouri

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Meet Board Member Dr. Nancy Flanagan

How did you get involved in the Museum? My husband [Illinois State University President Timothy J. Flanagan] and I recently moved to Normal and I contacted Greg Koos to request a tour. In our previous town, I volunteered for the Framingham History Center in Framingham, Massachusetts and found it to be a wonderful way to get to learn about our new hometown.

Where were you born and raised? I was born in Erie, Pennsylvania and lived there with my parents and siblings for 21 years.

Where did you go to college? My baccalaureate degree is from Villa Maria College, now part of Gannon University in Erie, PA. I also have a master's degree from Russell Sage College in Troy, NY and a PhD from Texas Woman's University.

What special qualities do you bring to the Board? I hope to bring enthusiasm, willingness to work, and a desire to learn about McLean County.

What are your impressions of McLean County? The community is friendly and welcoming, and has an

abundance of opportunities in many areas.

What role do you think museums can play in the digital era? Museums serve as a repository for information which is not unlike the role of libraries. All museums, therefore, are positioned perfectly for disseminating information in the latest format as long as the funding is available. Museums help us to see our past so that we understand the present and better plan for the future.

What is your "day job?" I am a retired nurse and nursing professor. I now volunteer at Illinois State University where my husband is the president.

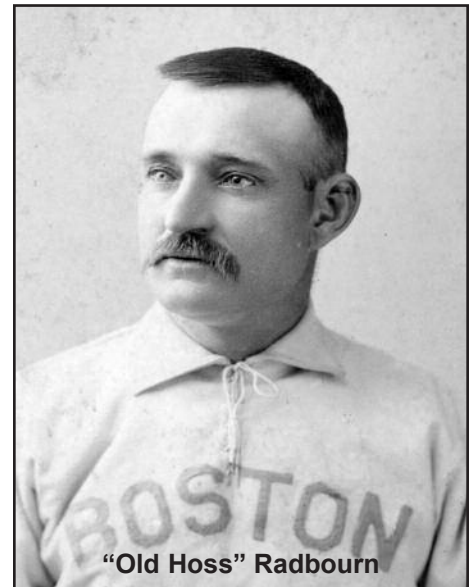
What is the last good movie you've seen? We just moved within the last three months and things have been a bit busy so I do not remember the last movie we saw.

What do you like to do for relaxation? I like to walk our dog, read, kayak, play golf, visit local areas of interest (such as museums, theaters, parks, historic sites and buildings, art galleries, athletic venues, etc.) and visit with our family which includes four grandchildren.

Old Hoss Coming to the Museum

The Museum, in collaboration with Illinois Voices Theatre, will present the original play *Old Hoss* by Jared Brown this coming March. During the play, Bloomington's hot-tempered Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher is forced to come face to face with his past. Rhys Lovell returns as Old Hoss (his first performance nearly stole the show during the 2004 Cemetery Walk). The cast will also include John Bowen and Danny Rice.

Performances will be March 7 and 8, at 7:00 p.m., and March 9 at 1:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale Monday, February 3, and can be purchased in advance at the Museum by phone, 309-827-0428, or at the door the day of each performance. Seating is limited to 112 per performance so buy your tickets early. Watch for more information in the Museum's February monthly mailer and on the Museum's Facebook page.



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from the 1910s, a period in which she has great interest. The collection of clothes at the Museum is extensive, and she had to find those that spoke of the time period as well as the McLean County community. Through looking at the clothes and

the business labels attached to them, Merry found that many came from local shops across the street from the Museum. Also, because of the Museum's records, she was able to discover who wore these items and for what occasion, whether for a wedding or a graduation, or even just for everyday.

Merry hopes that the experience she gains with this project will help her in a future career, but mostly she is glad to have the opportunity to get a glimpse of what it would be like to work for a museum.

Tax Planning Goes Year-round

Upper-income taxpayers have many new levies to worry about and plan for this year. Some of these arose from the compromise over the expiration of the “Bush tax cuts”; others were enacted with the Affordable Care Act, but were given delayed effective dates. Taken together, these provisions could greatly raise the reward for effective tax planning.

When the stakes are this high, it's better not to wait until year-end to start your tax planning moves. Here we look at just one issue.

Net investment income

This year there is a new 3.8% tax on net investment income above \$200,000 (\$250,000 for marrieds filing jointly). The tax applies to the lesser of net investment income or the amount by which modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) exceeds the threshold amount. Here's how it works for three singles.

Example 1. Bob has \$100,000 in salary and \$75,000 of net investment income. No tax is due, as his MAGI didn't cross the threshold.

Example 2. Carol has \$350,000 in salary, no net investment income. The 3.8% tax does not apply if there is no investment income.

Example 3. Ted has \$300,000 of net investment income, no salary. The amount over the threshold, \$100,000, is subject to the new tax, so he'll owe \$3,800 on the excess, in addition to any other taxes on the investment income.

What's in and what's out

What is net investment income anyway? Here's the breakdown:

Net investment income includes:

- interest;
- dividends;
- rents;
- royalties;
- capital gains (long- and short-term);
- annuity income; and
- passive activity income.

Net investment income does not include:

- IRA distributions;
- pension income;
- qualified plan distributions, such as 401(k) plans;
- tax-exempt municipal bonds;
- veterans' benefits; and
- the excluded portion of gain from the sale of a principal residence

Income sources that aren't subject to the new tax may push a taxpayer into the taxable area. For example, a major IRA distribution in a single year might move a taxpayer over the threshold.

Example 4. Alice has \$200,000 of net investment income. So far, no 3.8% tax, because she's below the taxable threshold. Now Alice decides to withdraw \$50,000 from her traditional IRA. The withdrawal itself isn't taxed, but it does push \$50,000 of her net investment income into the taxable area.

Tax planners have come up with a number of strategies to keep exposure to the tax on net investment income under some control. For example, investing for growth instead of income gives the taxpayer a measure of control over timing the realization of income. Distributions from Roth IRAs are exempt from the tax, as is municipal bond income. Most important, spot check for exposure to the tax throughout the year, so as to avoid painful surprises at tax filing time.

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Indoor Farmers' Market Begins December 21

The Museum, in partnership with the Downtown Bloomington Association, will kick off the third season of the Indoor Farmers' Market beginning Saturday, December 21 from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The Museum will host the inside Market every third Saturday of the month through April, and will offer fresh produce, meat, and live music. This year's dates include December 21, January 18, February 15, March 15, and April 19.

The December 21 Holiday Market will include 24 vendors offering homegrown produce, baked goods, hand-crafted art, and more. The Museum's On the Square gift shop will also be open.

Plan some down time and keep it fresh with the Indoor Farmers' Market. Free parking is available as well as free admission to all Museum exhibits during Market hours.



Focus on Volunteers

Because Deb Amdor's family moved to Bloomington-Normal from Iowa when she was two-and-a-half years old, she is, for all intents, a McLean County native. Downtown Bloomington played a large role in her childhood. Deb has many fond memories of the department stores, dime stores, and other businesses that lined the Square and the many weekends she and her friends would meet there to share a fountain Coke and pass the time.

Being able to sit at the reception desk today and look out on the Square is only one of the reasons Deb has volunteered at the Museum for the past three years. Our beautiful interior was another draw for her. "I love to sit at the desk and look at the building's interior. It's an amazing space," she says.

Deb came to us through RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) shortly after retiring from her job in research at State Farm. She enjoys history and old homes. She has served as a docent at the David Davis Mansion as well as the Moore Home in Clinton, so working at the Museum seemed like a good fit for her.

Deb says that volunteering at the Museum has increased her knowledge of our area. "I've read all of the cemetery walk biographies and have learned so much about the people of McLean County," she remarks. "Many ordinary people had what I think were extraordinary lives. It was through their efforts that we are where we are today."

When Deb is not working at our Museum she can frequently be found at Advocate BroMenn, another place that is close to her heart. Deb believes in giving back and urges all newly-retired residents to find an avocation soon after they retire, and to give back to the community which has given so much to them and their families during their working lives. As for herself, Deb says, "I like to be busy and help where I can. If I'm a part of an organization, I feel I need to support it however I can, with my time and with my money."

Deb leads a well-rounded life. Aside from volunteering she loves to travel, and she spends part of every year in Florida. She enjoys time at home baking, reading, and playing on her computer. Deb is also active in her church choir, participates in a Ladies' Night Out group, and hosts what she calls "domino play dates." Deb says the women involved keep the competitive nature of their domino tournaments to a minimum, focusing instead on enjoying their time with each other.

This focus on enjoying her time as a retiree is what led Deb to choose the Museum as one of her volunteer activities. We're certainly glad that she did!



Deb Amdor

New to the Collections

Objects

- ❑ Steak 'n Shake toy semi-truck and trailer, c. 1970; donated by Susan Smart
- ❑ Merna Grain Co. advertising yardstick, c. 1948; donated by David Tannahill
- ❑ Citizens Defense Corps armband, c. 1943; donated by Robert Erdman
- ❑ Grandmother's Flower Garden quilt made by Lena Nafziger, c. 1932; donated by Jeanette Hayslip
- ❑ C&A Shops alarm bell, c. 1949; donated by Ron Prewitt
- ❑ Macintosh 512K Computer, keyboard, mouse, cables, dust covers, and ZIP disks, c. 1985; donated by Kay Ramseyer
- ❑ Children's Theatre of Bloomington-Normal *Hobbit is Coming* advertisement pinback button, c. 1985; donated by Susan Guess-Hanson
- ❑ "Butler's Best" coffee can, c. 1920, and "Bloomington Quality Ice Cream" serving tray, c. 1930; donated by Amy Miller
- ❑ Ensenberger's miniature sofa furniture sample and doll, c. 1945; donated by Mary Doenitz Messamore
- ❑ Rock climbing rope, shoes, hold, carabiner, belay device, and harness with bag; donated by Nick Flatley and Upper Limits Indoor Rock Climbing Gym
- ❑ "Bloomington Arena Ground Breaking" shovel, "Judy Tours" fan, "Judy for Mayor" denim shirt, and "Mayor Judy Markowitz" jacket; donated by Judy Markowitz

Archives

- ❑ Various, including flier for Knollcrest Court (Normal) block party, September 4, 2006; donated by Robert Neuleib
- ❑ Collection of Billy Sunday, an early twentieth-century evangelist, postcards, items relating to Adlai E. Stevenson Memorial Lecture Series, Lincoln Savings and Loan calendar, and other items; donated by Judy Brown
- ❑ Family papers and miscellany of Robert Streid of Chenoa; donated by Paul J. Johnson
- ❑ *Two Hours Wasn't Enough*, vinyl record by Bob Poulsen, a local singer-

- songwriter, 1976; donated by Jim Wilson of North Street Records
- ❑ Souvenir booklet, Miss Mclean County Pageant, May 22, 1965; donated by Dorothy Myers
- ❑ Klemm's Department Store business papers; donated by Paul Vertin
- ❑ Booklet, Holy Trinity Parish open house, May 3, 1965; donated by Nancy J. Miller
- ❑ Three LPs, "World of Sound" (1968, 1972, and 1980) by Associated Press, which aired on WJBC AM 1230; donated by Don Munson
- ❑ Items relating to the life and statistics career of Gary C. Ramseyer; donated by Kay Ramseyer
- ❑ Three compact disc set, *Grateful Dead Live at Illinois State University*, Horton Fieldhouse, April 24, 1978; and two compact disc set, Phish (rock and roll

- band) concert at Redbird Arena, October 4, 1999; donated by Tod Eagleton
- ❑ Poster, first annual Corn Bowl football game, November 27, 1947, Carlton Field, Bloomington; donated by Brian Simpson, Babbitt's Books
- ❑ Travel Club of Bloomington materials, including membership books, minutes, treasurer reports, scrapbooks and miscellany; donated by Marilyn Freedlund on behalf of the Travel Club
- ❑ *Time* magazine mockup cover for 1956 presidential election in the event of a Democratic Party / Adlai E. Stevenson II victory; donated by Peter Berking
- ❑ GTE items, including several newsletters; donated by Sandra Voyles
- ❑ Various booklets and other publications

Kay Ramseyer recently donated a Macintosh 512K computer that belonged to her husband Gary Ramseyer. Though not the oldest object in the museum's collection, this donation is a great reminder of just how far we've come technologically in a short amount of time. Gary Ramseyer grew up in Iowa and received his PhD in educational and psychological statistics at the University of Iowa in 1965. In August of that year, he accepted a position with Illinois State University as professor of statistics, holding that position until his retirement in 1998. He would have spent many hours at this computer creating lesson plans and statistical scenarios for his students to solve.

The Macintosh 512K is a significant piece of technological history, and was released to the general public in 1984. It was the second personal computer produced in a long line of Apple Macintosh products. Apart from an increase in built-in, random-access memory (or RAM), the 512K was identical to its Macintosh 128K predecessor, Apple's first affordable personal computer with a graphical user interface.

The 512K was discontinued in 1986, replaced by the 512K Enhanced model which introduced the 800kB floppy disk drive.



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- relating to McLean County History, including architectural tour booklets for downtown Bloomington, Franklin Park and Victorian Bloomington; donated by Eula Patzer
- ☐ Bloomington Junior High School orchestra LP, spring 1966, Bonzie M. Gilbert, director, and other items; donated by Amy Miller
- ☐ Nine Civil War letters from Frank Leeper, Company A, Eighth Illinois Infantry, 1861-1863; donated by Richard T. Roberts
- ☐ Correspondence, campaign materials, speeches and miscellany related to Judy Markowitz's political career; donated by Judy Markowitz
- ☐ Binder related to the Adlai E. Stevenson Lecture Series, including treasurer reports; donated by Dick Johnson
- ☐ American War Mothers material, including convention booklets (1954 and 1956) and newspaper clippings; donated by Velma Nordine
- ☐ *Illinois Railroads Then and Now—2012*, CD researched and developed by Dale Jenkins; donated by Mike Matejka

Books

- ☐ Frankenbger family history, 1717-2004; donated by Randy Frankenberger
- ☐ *Trinitas*, Trinity High School year-book, 1949; donated by Nancy J. Miller
- ☐ *Cardiff: Ghost Town on the Prairie* (2006); donated by Amy Miller
- ☐ *Our Heritage: The Darrington Family Story 1854-1929*, published in 2006; donated by Ruth McCroskey
- ☐ *Mission Hymns* (published by the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America, 1921), used at West Olive Church (Swedish Lutheran); donated by Anita Wagner
- ☐ *Escaping Hitler: A Jewish Haven In Chile* by Eva Goldschmidt Wyman (University of Alabama Press, 2013); donated by Eva Goldschmidt Wyman
- ☐ Two genealogies, including one on the John Morgan and Mary Flynn family; donated by Barbara McTygue Scanlon
- ☐ *Bodies of Work*, catalogue for Harold

Stevenson Captures Presidency in 1956?

Confused? We are too! Of course, history tells us that President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice President Richard M. Nixon won re-election in 1956. So what are their Democratic challengers, Adlai E. Stevenson and running mate U.S. Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, doing on the November 12, 1956, *Time* magazine cover with the words "The Winners" below their portraits?

This curious item was donated to the Museum by Peter Berking, whose father Max Berking was an advertising executive and a Democratic Party leader from Westchester County, New York. Somehow, Berking, who worked on behalf of the Stevenson-Kefauver campaign, received this planned *Time* cover, created in the event (however unlikely, given the popularity of "Ike") of a Democratic victory. How he received it and by whom has been lost to time. Max Berking passed away in 1997 at the age of 80.

This cover was the work of Boris Chaliapin, who created more than 400 such images for *Time* between 1942 and 1970. Note that this donation is not the original Chaliapin painting, but a print on glossy paper. This spring, the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. opened the exhibit *Mr. TIME: Portraits by Boris Chaliapin*. It runs through January 5, 2014.



Boyd exhibition at University Galleries, Illinois State University, 2002, and *The Movement to Americanize the Immigrant* by Edward George Hartmann (AMS Press, 1967 reprint); donated by Greg Koos

Photographs

- ☐ Horatio Bent home, 1882, 401 West Graham Street, Bloomington; donated by Amy Miller
- ☐ Price School (Bloomington Township) students; donated by Bud Alsmann
- ☐ Ancient Order of Hibernians banquet and meeting, 1914, held at the

Bloomington Club; donated by Mark Dunn

- ☐ Girls basketball team, Normal Community High School, 1903; donated by Steve Young
- ☐ Halloween party, no date, individuals identified; donated by Jim White, Gridley Antique Shop

To make donations of photographs, books or archival materials call the Museum's Librarian, Bill Kemp. If you have objects you wish to donate to the collection call the Museum's Curator of Collections, Susan Hartzold. Both can be reached at 309-827-0428.

McLean County Museum of History

Calendar of Events

Through January 16, 2016

The Greening of the Prairie: Irish Immigration and Settlement in McLean County

For the past 200 years, Irish people have made their way to Central Illinois. This exhibit tells their story through historic objects, photographs, maps and more.

Through January 16, 2015

¡Fiesta! A Celebration of Mexican Popular Arts

Travel through time to learn about the rich history of Mexican culture and folk arts.

Through February 22, 2014

The Asian Indian Experience in McLean County

Asian Indian immigrants began arriving in McLean County in the 1960s. This exhibit explores the challenges they faced and explores the efforts made to maintain important traditions and practices while at the same time embracing American culture.

Third Saturday of every month through April 2014

Winter Farmers' Market

Get your meats, eggs, and produce, and explore the Museum at the Downtown Bloomington Association's Winter Farmers' Market at the Museum. This event is free and open to the public. Visit the DBA's website at www.downtownbloomington.org/farmersmarket to learn more.

Second Thursday of every month until May 2014

Lunch and Learn at the Museum

Bring your brown bag lunch to the Museum's Governor Fifer Courtroom from 12:10 to 12:40 p.m. the second Thursday of every month through May for a new topic to explore and discuss. These programs are free and open to the public and sponsored by Illinois Wesleyan University, the McLean County Museum of History, and the Collaborative Solutions Institute.

December 6 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Once Upon A Holiday First Friday

Come and enjoy holiday music, a celebrity reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, homemade cookies, hot apple cider, adult egg nog, and more. For more information about this event and a list of participating locations, please visit the Downtown Bloomington Association's website at downtownbloomington.org/20/625.html.

December 7 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Christmas at the Courthouse

Come in from the cold immediately following the Jaycees Christmas parade. Enjoy holiday music, Christmas carols, homemade cookies, children's crafts and activities, and a visit with Santa Claus. See page 1 for details.

December 24 and 25

Museum Closed for Christmas Holiday

December 31 and January 1
Museum Closed for New Year's Holiday

February 4 7:00 p.m.

History Reads Book Club

Join the Museum and Bloomington Public Library for the first installment of the 2014 *History Reads* book club. The discussion will be held in the Museum's Governor Fifer Courtroom. See page 2 for details. This program is free and open to the public.

February 17 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Presidents' Day Open House

Our Presidents' Day 2014 Open House will feature a new set of patriotic educational activities and games. Watch for more information in the Museum's February monthly mailer and on the Museum's Facebook page.

February 22 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Under the Dome Knit-In

Grab your friends, needles, hooks and yarn and stop by the Museum to "knit for a bit!" This program is free and open to the public.

February 25 7:00 p.m.

Braceros on the Boundaries: Activism, Race, Masculinity, and the Legacies of the Bracero Program

Join the Museum for an evening with Dr. Mireya Loza, who will explore the history and impact of the Bracero program, a controversial Mexican guest worker initiative from 1942 to 1946. This program is free and open to the public. Please see page 1 for details.

March 7 through March 9

Old Hoss

Mark your calendars for this upcoming play to be presented at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. See page 5 for details.

For additional information on any Museum program, contact the Museum's Education Department at education@mchistory.org or call 309-827-0428. Free event parking is available on Saturdays and Tuesday evenings in the Lincoln Parking Deck one block south of the Museum on Front Street.

Salutations to New Members!

The Museum would like to welcome the following new members:

Nicholas J. Butzirus	Jim Grossman	Robert Parker
Julie and Bob Dobski	Peggy Heinz	Betty Phillips
Richard L. Folse	Danielle and Mr. John Kim	Karen Remsberg
Dennis and Janet Fries	John D. McIntyre	Ed and Sarah Riehl
Jim Fruin	Jan Meadows	Bonnie J. Schultz
Gary Faulk	Barbara Nafziger	Debra Wozniak
Steve and Kathy Gossard	Virginia J. Pace	Rachel Wickart

Thanks so much for your support!

Mystery History

Last issue's photograph, an aerial view of the September 28, 1952, fire at the Dodge-Dickinson Co. mattress factory on East Lincoln Street in Bloomington, was an easy one for many history sleuths.

Fed by mattress stuffing and other highly combustible material, the superheated blaze left seven firemen overcome by the extreme temperatures. The radiating heat even baked the apples hanging from a tree in John W. Behnke's yard (he lived at 702 East Lincoln). The fire gutted the factory, and management decided against rebuilding, ending the manufacturer's 75-plus years in operation.

Those who guessed correctly include Jim Armstrong, Ed Cronic, Arlin Ehrlich, Robert E. Handley, Jack Keefe, Dave Kraft, Dean Kunz, John Littlefield, Mike Matejka, Harry Stern, Michael Thompson, Carolyn Winterroth, and Jeanne Wroan. If we left anyone off this list, our apologies.

For Donna "Dede" Dodge-Bischoff, the photo brought back memories—to say the least! "In 1952," she writes, "my father, H.M. Dodge, was the CEO and my husband, Robert Bischoff, worked for him. It was a family tragedy which turned out to be a stepping stone to other worthwhile challenges."



For this issue, can you identify this scene—both the location and context? If you think you know the answer, contact Librarian Bill Kemp via email at library@mchistory.org, or by phone at 309-827-0428.