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4-H Federation / McLean County Fair Collection

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Collection Information

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Brief History

The 4-H Federation is an aggregate of 4-H members from clubs in McLean County, grouped into one representative body. The primary focus of Federation is the improvement of the 4-H program in McLean County. Members contribute by making general recommendations in regards to bettering everyone's 4-H experience. Members are expected to participate in 4-H promoting activities such as: fundraisers, volunteer work, community service, as well as conducting educational workshops and presentations. The group offers unique leadership opportunities not offered at standard 4-H clubs.

Federation is the place where 4-H members get to take their experience to the next level. 4-H members wishing to join Federation must be in 8th-12th grade, and have been a member of 4-H for a minimum of three years.

Scope

This collection includes Federation Board minutes (1970-1984), Constitution and By-laws, scripts for officer installation ceremonies, achievement programs (1959-1969), Youth Council minutes (1979-1990), and miscellaneous correspondence relating to the 4-H Federation. Box 2 contains McLean County Fair books (1920, 1933, 1939-2005).

Box and Folder Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1: Federation Board Minutes 1970-1975
Folder includes monthly Federation Minutes and Federation Board Minutes, as well as some agendas and relevant attachments.
January 12, 1970 – September 8, 1975

Folder 2: Federation Board Minutes 1976-1979
Folder includes monthly Federation Minutes and Federation Board Minutes, as well as some agendas and relevant attachments.
January 26, 1976 – November 1979

Folder 3: Federation Board Minutes 1980-1984
Folder includes monthly Federation Minutes and Federation Board Minutes, as well as some agendas and relevant attachments.
January 1980 – May 26, 1984

Folder 4: Attendance Sheets
Attendance sign-in sheets, mostly undated.

Folder 5: Constitution and Installation of Officers Ceremonies
5.1 Constitution for McLean County 4-H Federation, revised 1976; Policy statement;
5.2 Constitutional Amendment, undated, 5pp.
5.3 4-H Federation By-Laws, approved and adopted 10/18/76.
5.4 Constitution for McLean County 4-H Federation Council, revised January 1958, 2pp.
5.5 Federation Officer Duties, 1977-78.
5.6 Letter from Barbara Jurgens, Extension Adviser, Home Economics, McLean County, to 4-H Organizational Leaders, dated September 15, 1976, regarding information about officer election, 2pp.
5.7 The County 4-H Federation, description of purpose, membership, etc., undated, 3pp.
5.8 4-H Club Officers’ Installation Ceremony – description of how such ceremonies should be conducted and script, undated.
5.9 Officers’ Installation Ceremony, description of ceremony and script, undated, 3pp (note: different from 5.8
5.10 Officers’ Installation Ceremony, description and script, undated, 3pp.
5.11 4-H Candle Lighting Ceremony, undated, 2pp.
5.13 Script for installation ceremony, undated, 4pp.

Folder 6: Activities and Programs
6.1 McLean County 4-H Trip/Activity Guidelines.
6.2 1978 McLean County Ski Trip Guidelines.
6.3 Evaluation questionnaire for meetings.
6.4 4-H Skit, Rally 1967, 3pp.
6.5 Program used for McLean County 4-H Rally, 1962, 5pp.
6.6 1961-62 Federation Program, list of Board officers and dates for meetings, 2pp.
6.7 1959-60 Federation Program, list of Board officers and dates for meetings.
6.8 1959 Federation Program, list of Board officers and dates for meetings, 2pp.
6.9 1958 Federation Board, list of Board officers and dates for meetings.
6.10 1957 Federation Program, list of Board officers and dates for meetings.
6.11 McLean County 4-H Federation, 1956 Program, dates for meetings.
6.12 1955 McLean County 4-H Federation Program, list of Board officers and dates for meetings.
6.13 1954 McLean County 4-H Federation Program, list of Board officers and dates for meetings, 2pp.
6.14 McLean County 4-H Federation Program, list of meetings, 2pp.
6.15 McLean County 4-H Federation Program, 1952, list of meetings, 4pp.

Folder 7: Achievement Programs and Award Winners, 1959-1971
7.1 4-H Achievement Banquet, 1959
7.2 4-H Achievement Banquet, 1960
7.3 Achievement Program, 1962
7.4 Award Winners, 1963
7.5 Achievement Program, 1964
7.6 Award Winners, 1964
7.7 Award Winners, 1965
7.8 Achievement Program, 1966
7.9 Achievement Program, 1967
7.10 4-H Awards, 1968
7.11 Achievement Program, 1969
7.12 4-H Award Winners, 1970
7.13 Achievement Night, 1971

Folder 8: Achievement Programs and Award Winners, 1972-1978
8.1 4-H Achievement Night, 1972
8.2 4-H Achievement Night, 1973
8.3 4-H Achievement Night, 1974
8.4 4-H Achievement Night, 1975
8.5 4-H Achievement Night, 1976
8.6 4-H Achievement Night, 1977
8.7 Achievement Night, 1977
8.8 4-H Achievement Night, 1978
8.9 McLean County Achievement Night, 1978

Folder 9: Miscellaneous
9.1 Handwritten figures for East Gate and West Gate, possibly attendance figures, for an event on August 11 and 13, 1942.
9.2 Carbon copy of form that Notary Public would complete and sign indicating certification that the President and Secretary of the McLean County Farm Bureau had appeared before him/her. Carbon copy of trust agreement. None of these documents is filled in or signed and dated. 5pp.
9.3 Copy of Regulations Governing Livestock Exhibited at Illinois Fairs, May 1, 1944.
9.4 Two Form letters from Cooperative Extension Service notifying recipient he/she was nominated for an office by the McLean County 4-H Federation, undated and May 16, 1977.
9.6 Letter to 4-H Club Federation from Jesse Smart expressing appreciation from the Mosbacher 4-H Scholarship Fund for $200 contribution, January 25, 1974.
9.9 Thank you card from family of Charles Fink for expression of sympathy, 1978.
9.10 Letter from Easter Seal Society of McLean County in thanks for funds raised for McLean County Crippled Children’s Camp, April 21, 1978.
9.11 Letter from Rhonda and Randy Fry of thanks for presentation gifts, November 2, 1979.
9.12 Note to Council of thanks for plant Valerie Dick received while in the hospital, December 14, 1979.
Folder 10: Youth Council Minutes 1979-1981
Folder includes monthly meeting minutes for Expansion and Review Committee, the 4-H Youth Council, and Adviser’s Report, as well as some agendas and relevant attachments.
January 3, 1979 – December 17, 1981

Folder 11: Youth Council Minutes 1982-1983
Folder includes monthly meeting minutes for Expansion and Review Committee, the 4-H Youth Council, and Adviser’s Report, as well as some agendas and relevant attachments.
January 14, 1982 – December 1, 1983

Folder 12: Youth Council Minutes 1984-1985
Folder includes monthly meeting minutes for Expansion and Review Committee, the 4-H Youth Council, and Adviser’s Report, as well as some agendas and relevant attachments.
January 3, 1984 – November 13, 1985

Folder 13: Youth Council Minutes 1986-1987
Folder includes monthly meeting minutes for Expansion and Review Committee, the 4-H Youth Council, and Adviser’s Report, as well as some agendas and relevant attachments.
January 2, 1986 – November 11, 1987

Folder 14: Youth Council Minutes 1988-1990
Folder includes monthly meeting minutes for Expansion and Review Committee, the 4-H Youth Council, and Adviser’s Report, as well as some agendas and relevant attachments.

Box 2 – McLean County Fair Books
1920*  1951*  1965  1979  1993
1933  1952  1966  1980  1994
1941  1955  1969  1983  1997*
1942  1956  1970  1984  2000*
1943  1957  1971  1985  2002*
1945  1959  1973  1987  2004*
1950*  1964  1978  1992
Box 3
Folder 1: Handicraft handbook

Folder 2: Miscellaneous Pamphlets
2.1 Illinois Girls’ Club Work: *Meal Planning and Preparation Project* by Grace B. Armstrong and Nathalie Varbold, typed manuscript of table setting and service etiquette, meal planning, and recipes. Undated.
2.2 *Secretary’s Record Book*, 1942. Provides advice for keeping minutes, attendance records, handwritten notes from meetings. Secretary: Richard Funk.
2.3 *Secretary’s Record Book*, 1954. Provides advice for keeping minutes, attendance records, handwritten notes from meetings. Secretary: Janet K. Moberly.
2.4 *Illinois Home Making Record Book: Clothing Project*. Notes regarding clothing items made and some newspaper clippings compiled by Beatrice Blagg, 1930. Photo (of Beatrice?) in one of her garments enclosed in booklet.
2.5 *Clothing Record Book for Illinois 4-H Club Members*. Notes regarding clothing items made and some newspaper clippings compiled by Beatrice Blagg, 1932. Photo enclosed in booklet, identifications: Clarice Wills Brooks, Beatrice Blagg Armstrong, Mary Manahan Tipsord, Mary Ruth Phipps Ricketts.
2.6 Illinois Home Making Record Book: Clothing Project. Notes regarding clothing items made and some newspaper clippings compiled by Beatrice Blagg, undated. Photo enclosed in booklet of Beatrice Blagg.

Folder 3: Miscellaneous
3.1 Accession Record for light blue, organdy formal dress with underslip made by Beatrice Blagg Armstrong for the 1932 McLean County 4-H Fair.
3.2 Handwritten description of Third Year Clothing suit and undergarment made by Beatrice Blagg, description and photo.
3.3 Handwritten description of Fourth Year Clothing informal party dress and slip made by Beatrice Blagg, description and two photos.
3.4 Typed list of 4-H Club organized in 1930, very poor copy.
3.5 List of Entries of the McLean Co. Fair from Saybrook, Illinois, August 22-25, 1899.
3.6 Jolly Twisters 4-H Club Program, 1942. Dates of meetings and topics discussed.

Folder 4: Joint Agriculture and Home Economics 4-H Committee

Folder 5: 4-H Achievement Night papers, 1979-1984
5.1 November 1, 1979.
5.2 November 6, 1980.
5.3 November 24, 1981.
5.4 November 4, 1982.
5.5 November 10, 1983.
5.6 November 1, 1984.
Folder 6: 4-H Achievement Night papers, 1985-1992
6.4 October 9, 1988.
6.5 October 9, 1989.
6.6 September 30, 1990.
6.7 October 11, 1992.

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*McLean County Boys and Girls 4H Club Report.* Contents are in two sections: (1) History from 1917-1933 of Boys and Girls Cub and 4-H Club with photos and newspaper clippings, and (2) 4-H Club Activities for 1934 which includes narrative and statistical report, newspaper clippings and photos. Green cloth boards with black leather at corner, metal bound, 11.5 x 9”.

*Illinois Country Living*, March 2002, includes article about 4-H.

2016 Program Guide McLean County 4-H.