

McLean County Museum of History

Bloomington School (Randolph Township) Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1864-1948
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	1 ledger book in Archive Annex (Oversized)

Brief History

Bloomington School began in 1856 when a roughly built house was located at the southwest corner of Section 17. This building was moved one-half mile south and one-fourth mile east to the south side of J. S. Bishop's farm in 1865. Plastered, repaired, and new benches constructed, it was called School No. 12. The recent site forty rods east of the southwest corner of Section 20 was obtained from Ira Munson for \$25; and a new house was built by George Stevenson. Double seats were bought in 1886. The beautiful surrounding landscape suggested the name, Bloomington. In 1948 this school was included in the Heyworth Unit District. (Adapted from William B. Bringham's *The Story of McLean County and Its Schools*)

Scope Note

This collection contains three ledger books, and 1 folder of miscellaneous items

Box and Folder Inventory

Loose Items:

Ledger 1: 1865-1918

Names of Directors, 1864-1865

Receipts and Expenses, 1865-1867, 1874-1887, 1895-1902, 1907-1918

Annual Election, 1908-1918

School Tax Levies, 1975-1908

Ledger 2: 1918-1927

Record of Annual District Election, 1919-1927

Register of School Officers, 1918-1927

Teachers' School Contract 1919, 1920, 1923-1926

Organization of the District Board, 1920-1927

Special School Tax, 1919

Receipts and Expenses, 1919-1926

Folder 1

- 1.1.1 April 25, 1927 (date on letter). Letter is from Nettie B. Dement, County Superintendent of McLean County Schools. Letter is regarding pension reports and budget reports.
- 1.1.2 June 22, 1928 (Postmarked). Letter from F. E. Compton & Company Publishers 1000 North Dearborn Street Chicago, Illinois to School Dist Bloomingdale #200 Randolph, Illinois Attn: E. E. Rust, Clerk. Enclosed is a bill for \$27.50 for a set of Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia.
- 1.1.3 July 2, 1928 (postmarked). Letter from Wm. Brigham (McLean County Superintendent of Schools), to Mr. E.E. Rust in Randolph, Illinois. Letter regarding preparations for next school year and appropriate costs of school supplies.
- 1.1.4 July 12, 1928 (postmarked). Envelope addressed to Everett E. Rust, Clerk School Dist. #20, Randolph, Illinois from Heyworth State Bank. Inside is "Township Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement to Directors"
- 1.1.5 September 20, 1943 (date on letter). Envelope addressed to Mrs. Dona E. McClure of Heyworth Illinois. Letter from Ralph F. Arends, County Superintendent of Schools regarding the Tax Payment Act of 1943. Also included is a list of minimum-maximum salaries for high schools, elementary schools, and rural schools 1943-1944 by county.

- 1.1.6 August 20, 1946 (date on letter). Letter from Dr. O.L. Abbott (517 Griesheim Building) to “who it may concern” regarding Loretta Powell, age 5, being given an eye exam. Her vision was found to be 20/20.
- 1.1.7 September-December 1900 School Schedule
- 1.1.8 March-April 1928 School Schedule and list of attendees
- 1.1.9 Receipt for coal from H. W. Williams General Merchandise & Hardware
- 1.1.10 Receipts (2) one for \$.28 and one for \$2.78
- 1.1.11 State of Illinois Rural School Annual Report for 1943-1944
- 1.1.12 October 7, 1943. Illinois Pupils Reading Circle book list receipt for Miss Dora E. McClure of Heyworth, total \$8.42.
- 1.1.13 5 Illinois Pupils Reading Circle Diploma
- 1.1.14 Communicable Disease Information wall chart 1945-19464
- 1.1.15 October 26, 1945. Public School Achievement Test Individual Survey Chart for Arlie Crutchley
- 1.1.16 October 26, 1945. Public School Achievement Test Individual Survey Chart for James White
- 1.1.17 October 26, 1945. Public School Achievement Test Individual Survey Chart for Donald Lee
- 1.1.18 April 17, 1946. Public School Achievement Test Individual Survey Chart for Arlie Crutchley
- 1.1.19 April 17, 1946. Public School Achievement Test Individual Survey Chart for James White
- 1.1.20 April 17, 1946. Public School Achievement Test Individual Survey Chart for Donald Lee
- 1.1.21 State of Illinois Rural School Annual Report and Application for Recognition, 1945-1946
- 1.1.22 State of Illinois Rural School Annual Report and Application for Recognition, 1946-1947
- 1.1.23 September 1, 1947. McLean County Public School Report for Arlie Crutchley
- 1.1.24 September 1, 1947. McLean County Public School Report for James White
- 1.1.25 November 12, 1947. McLean County Health Department Hearing Survey for 12 students
- 1.1.26 Calendar for School Officers
- 1.1.27 blank School Schedule form
- 1.1.28 list of names and grades on an undated note card
- 1.1.29 2 blank school reports
- 1.1.30 blank hearing survey
- 1.1.31 4 pages of notes

Archives Annex

Ledger Book

The Daily and Classification School Register, 1943-1948
 Listing of Students and Attendance Records of Bloomingdale School)