

McLean County Museum of History

Bloomington Photographers Collection

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Collection Information

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| VOLUME OF COLLECTION: | 1 Box |
| COLLECTION DATES: | 1850-2018 |
| RESTRICTIONS: | None |
| PROVENANCE: | |
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| ALTERNATIVE FORMATS: | None |
| OTHER FINDING AIDS: | None |
| LOCATION: | Archives |
| NOTES: | |

Scope

This brief collection identifies the early photographers of Bloomington and McLean County beginning in 1849-1940 and has copies of various newspaper advertisements and articles related to photographers and/or galleries.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Photo Types & History

- 1.1 "Photo Types 1840-1920," 8 listed on 1 page.
- 1.2 "Daguerreotyping in Bloomington – M. Custer" 2 pp, nd.

Folder 2: Lists of McLean County Photographers

- 2.1 "Photograph Collection: People (unidentified) – McLean County Photographers, January 4, 1996, 2 pages.
- 2.2 "Bloomington and McLean County Photographers 1849-1940," 4 pp. nd.
- 2.3 "Bloomington and McLean County Photographers 1849-1940," 4 pp. (expanded version) nd.
- 2.4 "Bloomington and McLean County Photographers 1849-1940," 2 pp. with photographs nd.
- 2.5 "International Museum of Photography Survey, February 22, 1979," 10 pp.
- 2.6 "19th & Early 20th Century Photographers of Mclean County, Illinois by Year, April 16, 1998, 6 pages.
- 2.7 "19th & Early 20th Century Photographers of Mclean County, Illinois by Photographer, April 16, 1998, 6 pages.
- 2.8 "19th & Early 20th Century Photographers of Mclean County, Illinois by Address, April 16, 1998, 6 pages.
- 2.9 Information and July 1937 obituary (1 p.) on Giles Rounds, Bloomington photographer in the 1890s.

Folder 3: Newspaper Articles (*Pantagraph*, unless noted)

- 3.1 Note on the several-day visit of H.S. Stipp, *Weekly Western Whig*, December 18, 1850, p. 2.
- 3.2 "Daguerreotypes, with or without colors," *The Western Whig*, January 29, 1851, p. 3.
- 3.3 "H. S Stipp, Daguerrean Artist, *The Western Whig*, January 29, 1851, p.3.
- 3.4 "Daguerreotypes," December 7, 1853, p. 2.
- 3.5 "Ambrotypes!" June 17, 1859, p. 2.
- 3.6 "New Photographic Firm," September 23, 1864, p. 4.
- 3.7 "New Photograph Gallery," November 22, 1865, p. 4.
- 3.8 "Our Bloomington Artists Abroad," July 26, 1869, p. 3.
- 3.9 "An Artistic Photographer," June 13, 1885, p. 4.
- 3.10 "An Interesting Picture," March 24, 1886, p. 4.

- 3.11 "An Art Display," June 21, 1886, p. 4.
- 3.12 "Jumped His Partner," *Daily Bulletin*, November 12, 1890, p. 4.
- 3.13 "Mayes, Photographer," January 23, 1893, p. 5.
- 3.14 "Handley's work to be displayed nationally," *Saybrook Gazette*, August 12, 1976.

Folder 4: Newspaper Advertisements (*Pantagraph*, unless noted)

- 4.1 "Palace Photograph Emporium," August 31, 1870, p. 4.
- 4.2 "Artistic Photography," October 5, 1870, p. 4.
- 4.3 "Palace Photograph Emporium," October 25, 1870, p. 1.
- 4.4 "The Only Photographic Gallery, December 25, 1872, p. 4.
- 4.5 "Gray's New Photo Studio," *Daily Leader*, January 2, 1873, p. 6.
- 4.6 "Prof. Swick, The Champion Photographer of the City," *Daily Leader*, January 3, 1873, p. 1.
- 4.7 "Photographs For All. Prof. Swick," *Daily Leader*, January 9, 1875, p. 1.
- 4.8 Sheet music: "Shakespeare March", compliments of photographer O. Westerman, c 1875-1877. Photocopy, 4 pp.
- 4.9 "Photographs of Every Description" *Daily Leader*, January 19, 1878, p. 4.
- 4.10 "Garrett & Bell, Photographs," *Daily Leader*, January 8, 1880, p. 3.
- 4.11 "Artists' Studio, T. P. Garrett's Art Studio," *Daily Bulletin*, July 3, 1881, p. 4.
- 4.12 "Photographs, T. P. Garrett" August 11, 1883, p. 3.
- 4.13 "Photographs, R. Fenwick," July 16, 1886, p. 3.
- 4.14 "R. Fenwick. Photographer," April 25, 1890, p. 3.
- 4.15 "O'Neill's Big Studio," January 31, 1898.
- 4.16 "Simmons Bros., Photographers," June 1, 1899, p. 3.
- 4.17 "New Complete Photographic Studio," Souvenir Program of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the City of Bloomington, May 10, 1900.
- 4.18 "Vincent's Studio," 401 North Main St., *Bloomington Record and The Trades Review*, April 12, 1902.
- 4.19 "Wishing You a Merry Christmas," Ken-Way Commercial Photographers, *McLean County Courier*, Dec 22, 1949.

Folder 5: Marketing

- 5.1 Photocopy of front & back of carte de visite by Sim. Neff Studio in Bloomington, c 1880-1885.
- 5.2 Price list and info for Paul's Photography, undated.
- 5.3 Order forms for The Camera Mart, Bloomington, undated. 2 forms.
- 5.4 Film processing envelope from Lyle Hopper of Fire Dept for Smith's Rexall Drug Store in downtown Bloomington, Aug 1950.
- 5.5 Promotional brochure *Pictures: The Snapshot Magazine*, Feb 1952, courtesy of Fried's Book Store & Camera Shop in downtown Bloomington.
- 5.6 Film envelope for Star Studio in Bloomington with price list, etc., undated
- 5.7 Film envelope with return address for Kally Studio in Bloomington.
- 5.8 Large envelope with return address for Ken-Way Commercial Photographers, nd.

- 5.9 Small envelope for Ken-Way Commercial Photographers, from envelope holding 11 x 14" Normal Community High School Class of 1951 Portrait Collage.
- 5.10 Flier for Jerry Druhan Photography offers photos for online real estate listings, nd.
- 5.11 Marton's Photographic Studio, Bloomington, Illinois. Booklet regarding rebuilt studio at 220 N. Center Street, nd.

Folder 6: Miscellaneous

- 6.1 Email from Brent Wielert regarding photographs taken by H.W. (Harvey) Scibird in Decatur, IL, 2018.
- 6.2 Email regarding Fullerton's Art Union Gallery, October 6, 2025.