

McLean County Museum of History

Bloomington Public Schools Collection

Collection Information

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NOTES:	See also the much larger Bloomington School District 87 Collection.

Scope

The collection includes sorority histories, anniversary programs, bylaws, membership booklets, convention booklets, minutes, etc.

Box and Folder Inventory

This collection includes directories, commencement programs, report cards, reports and statistics for the public, teachers' salary schedules, miscellaneous publications and newsletters, etc.

Box 1

Folder 1: Commencement Programs

Bloomington Public Schools

- 1.1.1. June 11, 1896, Grand Opera House.
- 1.1.2. June 10, 1897, Grand Opera House
- 1.1.3. June 3, 1898, Grand Opera House.
- 1.1.4. June 7, 1900, Grand Opera House.
- 1.1.5. June 4, 1914, Chatterton Opera House (photocopy).
- 1.1.6. June 4, 1915, Chatterton Opera House.
- 1.1.7. June 1, 1917, High School Auditorium (3 copies).
- 1.1.8. June 6, 1919 (3 copies).
- 1.1.9. June 3, 1921 (photocopy).
- 1.1.10. January 20, 1922 original with corner missing & photocopy.

Bloomington Grammar Schools

- 1.1.10. June 2, 1927, High School Auditorium.
- 1.1.11. January 19, 1928, High School Auditorium.
- 1.1.12. May 31, 1928, High School Auditorium.
- 1.1.13. June 11, 1943, unspecified.

Folder 2: Report Cards & Diplomas

Folder 3: Reports

- 1.3.1. "We Grow," 1944-1945.
- 1.3.2. "These Are Your Schools," 1949 (2 copies).
- 1.3.3. "We're Proud of Our Schools," 1959-1960.

Folder 4: Teacher Salaries

- 1.4.1. 1935-1936, 4 pgs., typed.
- 1.4.2. 1967-68, 3 pp.

Folder 5: Teachers' Recognition Dinners

- 1.5.1. 1965 (2 copies)
- 1.5.2. 1966
- 1.5.3. 1967
- 1.5.4. 1968 (2 copies)
- 1.5.5. 1969 (2 copies)
- 1.5.6. 1972
- 1.5.7. 1973 (2 copies)

Folder 6: Facts and Figures

- 1.6.1. 1973-1974.
- 1.6.2. 1974-1975. 2 copies.
- 1.6.3. 1975-1976.

Folder 7: Miscellaneous

- 1.7.1. Rules and Regulations of the Board of Education, adopted Set 1, 1934. 34 pgs.
- 1.7.2. Rules and Regulations of the Board of Education, adopted April 18, 1945, 31 pgs.
- 1.7.3. Brochure by Blm Association of Commerce, with photos and teacher thank-you for B-E Day, Nov 13, 1950.
- 1.7.4. "Why Additional Schools and Teachers for Bloomington?" by Blm Board of Education October 1954. Promoting upcoming bond referendum. 12pp.
- 1.7.5. Kindergarten Handbook, 1960.
- 1.7.6. "Living and Teaching in Bloomington," 1961 (2 copies).
- 1.7.7. "Teacher's Coloring book" 1963, 32 pp.
- 1.7.8. George N. Wells (superintendent) Appreciation Dinner booklet, May 5, 1966. 2 copies.
- 1.7.9. "Analysis of Teacher Response to Intermediate Reporting System – March 1974"
- 1.7.10. Includes unused Rbt Knight Fund certificate of appreciation.
- 1.7.11. "Excel" newsletter, published for residents and neighbors of District 87, Spring/Summer 2003, 8 pgs.
- 1.7.12. Superintendent's Annual Report to the Board of Education Year ending June 30, 1936.
- 1.7.13. A Suggested Plan for the Improvement of the Curriculum Offerings of the Bloomington, Illinois Public School, undated but likely from mid 1930s.
- 1.7.14. Response to the Suggested Plan by Teachers, likely 1936.
- 1.7.15. Postcard: "Chicago Tribune's top student is BHS' too," 2001. Student Lisa Hutmacher.

Folder 8: 1911 Petition to Annex 1911

- 1.8.1. Petition to annex territory of Dist 84 to Dist 85 for Apr 3, 1911, meeting of trustees. Filed Jan 4, 1911
- 1.8.2. Letter from Chas Weidinger & Wm Shermer(?) To Clerk of Board of Trustees of Bloomington Township W. Milton Reeves about petition, Mar 2, 1911. Torn.
- 1.8.3. Protest from directors of District 84 to trustees of Schools of Bloomington Township from directors of District 84, filed Apr 3, 1911. 3 pp.
- 1.8.4. Transcript from Minute Book of Bloomington Township Trustees, 4 pp.

- 1.8.5. Letter from Town of Bloomington to Trustees of Bloomington Township Schools notifying them of upcoming appeal, Apr 7, 1911
- 1.8.6. Scrap of paper with note son petition not being signed by enough legal voters. Nd.
- 1.8.7. Typed letter from County Supt of Schools Moore to Bloomington Township Treasurer reversing the trustee's decision upon appeal, Aug 24, 1911. Torn.

Folder 9: Bloomington Junior High School (BJHS)

- 1.9.1 Newsletter: "Jr. High News," Vol.2 Copy No 7, October 26, 1931.6 pp. Fragile
- 1.9.2 Study Skills Handbook 29 pp., nd
- 1.9.3 Fact Sheet, Nov 7, 1966, mimeographed, 2 pp. Origin, physical facilities, enrollment, etc.
- 1.9.4 "Student Historian Central Regional Meeting," program, held at BJHS, May 11, 1968, by Illinois State Historical Society.
- 1.9.5 "An Illinois Sesquicentennial Remembrance for you," map of historic sites within classtime walk of BJHS, c1967.
- 1.9.6 1973-74 Pupil Handbook, 10 pp. 2 copies.
- 1.9.7 "1984-1984 A Guide to Success at BJHS" 16 pp
- 1.9.8 "Bloomington Junior High today" 40 pp student handbook, 1984.
- 1.9.9 "BJHS Teen Club 1985-1986" co-sponsored with Bloomington Park & Recreation Department, 8 pp
- 1.9.10 BJHS Open House, program, May 20, 1990, at 510 E. Washington 3 copies.
- 1.9.11 BJHS Dedication and Open House program brochure, Oct 21, 1990, 3 copies.
- 1.9.12 Blm Junior High School newsletter, pp 3-4 only. No year specified.

Folder 10: Bent School

- 1.10.1 "Horatio G. Bent – Public Benefactor," *Pantagraph*, Nov 13, 1915.
- 1.10.2 Photocopy of minutes from special Board of Education meeting naming new grade school building Horatio G. Bent School. October 25, 1923. 2 pp.
- 1.10.3 Photocopy of invoice from builder Simmons-Dick to architect A.L. Pillsbury regarding pricing with changes, etc. September 23, 1925.
- 1.10.4 Photocopy of contract with Simmons-Dick Company of Bloomington and Board of Education for construction of Hawthorne School (later named Bent), October 4, 1923. 4 pp.
- 1.10.5 Photocopies of two checks, January and October 1926.
- 1.10.6 Program for Eight Grade party, Jun 2, 1950.
- 1.10.7 Program for *Red Candles*, a Christmas Operetta, December 19, 1968.

Folder 11: Centennial School

- 1.11.1 Handbook, 18 pp. 1983-1984

Folder 12: Edwards School

- 1.12.1 January 1910 Graduating Class
- 1.12.2 June 1910 Graduating Class
- 1.12.3 January 1914 Graduating Class
- 1.12.4 1938-1939 Parent-Teacher Association program schedule

Folder 13: Emerson School

- 1.13.1 June 1913 Graduating Class
- 1.13.2 1930-1931 P.T.A. program yearbook
- 1.13.3 Program: P.T.A. Barn Dance Show, May 19, 1939
- 1.13.4 Print of photo of Mrs. Brining's class with names identified, c. 1945

Folder 14: Franklin School

- 1.14.1 Photocopy of program for Junior Red Cross Benefit, May 24, 1918
- 1.14.2 Photocopy of eighth grade class photo, 1923. Names on verso
- 1.14.3 1968-1969 Parent-Teacher Association program yearbook

Folder 15: Irving School

- 1.15.1 Program for the play *Ye Deestrick Skule*, March 7, 1907
- 1.15.2 Program for February 22, 1935 variety event featuring students and separately adults
- 1.15.3 Program for January 1940 graduating class banquet
- 1.15.4 "Among the Numerous January Eight Grade Graduates," captioned photo from *Pantagraph*, January 24, 1940
- 1.15.5 Diploma for June Mandler, January 1940
- 1.15.6 Class Prophecy, January 1940 by June Mandler, 2 pp
- 1.15.7 "American Dream" binder of essays from students via teacher Robert N Knight, 1955
- 1.15.8 "History of Irving School" written and compiled for the Centennial Year 1957 by Ruby M. Hundley, Irving School librarian. Feb 7, 1957. 16 pp typescript.
- 1.15.9 Photocopy of PTA Open House announcement, November 1, 1962
- 1.15.10 Email from Ruthie Cobb, 2019, with transcriptions of *Pantagraph* articles about General Harbord's gift of earth and ivy from the European World War I battlefields, 6 pp

Folder 16: Jefferson School

- 1.16.1 Photocopy of contract with J.L. Simmons Company of Bloomington to construct school building, Jun 25, 1932, 4 pp plus 1 p bond plus 1 p notice of readiness to occupy in January 1933.
- 1.16.2 PTA program yearbook, 1945-1946
- 1.16.3 PTA program yearbook, 1946-1947
- 1.16.4 PTA program yearbook, 1947-1948
- 1.16.5 "Jefferson News" newsletter, Feb 14, 1962. 8 pp.

Folder 17: Oakland School

- 1.17.1 Oakland School Dedication booklet, October 1951, 8 pp. Architect A. Richard Williams of Lundeen and Hilfinger, Bloomington.
- 1.17.2 "Contracts for Three School Buildings Let," *Pantagraph*, January 31, 1950. Includes architect's rendering.
- 1.17.3 Construction Costs, n.d.
- 1.17.4 Oakland School building history – from a 2000 or 2001 Oakland Annual.
- 1.17.5 Twelve black-and-white scan prints of photo of features of the building with commentary, nd.
- 1.17.6 "Winnetka's Crow Island School" pp2-3 &10-11 in *Historic Illinois*, April 1990
- 1.17.7 Color scan of school building from *The Community of McLean County*, c. 1977
- 1.17.8 Email from Jack Keefe in 2012 with scan of Grade 6A class photo (Ken-Way), 1958. Students identified.
- 1.17.9 Email from Dotty Mitchell sharing reminiscence of attending Oakland for a year while the building was yet under construction, 2012, 2 pp

Folder 18: Stevenson School

- 1.18.1 Dedication brochure, November 9, 1969
- 1.18.2 Parent Teacher Organization program yearbook, 1976-1977

Folder 19: Washington School

- 1.19.1 "A Chronological History of Washington School" by (long time teacher) Jack Schroeder, 1996. 10 pp plus explanatory note from Principal Jeffrey Lockenvitz.
- 1.19.2 "The Proposed New Ward Building" *Pantagraph*, January 23, 1896. Captioned image.
- 1.19.3 "Washington School Enlarged," *Pantagraph*, November 29, 1905
- 1.19.4 "Washington School to be Converted into One of the Most Attractive in the City," *Pantagraph*, August 2, 1926. 2 pp

- 1.19.5 Parent Teacher Club program, May 23, 1919
- 1.19.6 Parent-Teacher Association program for 1977-1978
- 1.19.7 "Washington Buzz" newsletter, March 31, 1941. 8 pp
- 1.19.8 Program for Junior Mardi Gras, April 4, 1950

Folder 20: Sheridan School

- 1.20.1 "Poetry Place" Project proposal submitted by Patsy Bowles, speech therapist, nd, 3 pp
- 1.20.2 Financial Contributions and Pledges to Date, nd
- 1.20.3 Conceptual Site Plan, by architect Russell Francois, nd. Plus photocopy.
- 1.20.4 Editorial from *Pantagraph*, "Sheridan's outdoor area can yield love of learning," May 13 1996.
- 1.20.5 "Perfect place to read," *Pantagraph*, nd.
- 1.20.6 Invitation to ceremony featuring Awadagin Pratt, Oct 11, 1996.

Folder 21: Irving School "Newspeeper"

Newspaper written and prepared by Irving Junior High School students, 1950s.

- 1.21.1 May 19, 1954 v2; no 12
- 1.21.2 Oct 7, 1954 no v or no listed
- 1.21.3 Feb 10, 1955 v3; no 7. 2 copies
- 1.21.4 Feb 23, 1955 v3; no 8
- 1.21.5 Mar 16, 1955 v3; no 9
- 1.21.6 Mar 30, 1955 v3; no 10
- 1.21.7 Oct 31, 1955 v4; no 2
- 1.21.8 Nov 14, 1955 v4; no 3
- 1.21.9 Jan 17, 1956 v4; no 5
- 1.21.10 Jan 31, 1956 v3[sic]; no 6
- 1.21.11 Feb 15, 1956 v4; no 7
- 1.21.12 Feb 29, 1956 v4; no 8
- 1.21.13 Mar 14, 1945 v4; no 9

Box 2

Folder 1: Directories 1946-1946 to 1954-1955

- 2.1.1. 1925-1926
- 2.1.2. 1934-1935
- 2.1.3. 1935-1936
- 2.1.4. 1936-1937
- 2.1.5. 1945-1946
- 2.1.6. 1946-1947
- 2.1.7. 1947-1948
- 2.1.8. 1948-1949

- 2.1.9. 1949-1950
- 2.1.10. 1950-1951
- 2.1.11. 1951-1952
- 2.1.12. 1952-1953
- 2.1.13. 1953-1954
- 2.1.14. 1954-1955

Folder 2: Directories

- 2.2.1. 1955-1956.
- 2.2.2. 1956-1957.
- 2.2.3. 1957-1958
- 2.2.4. 1958-1959.
- 2.2.5. 1959-1960.
- 2.2.6. 1960-1961.
- 2.2.7. 1961-1962.
- 2.2.8. 1962-1963
- 2.2.9. 1963-1964
- 2.2.10. 1964-1965

Folder 3: Directories

- 2.3.1. 1965-1966
- 2.3.2. 1966-1967.
- 2.3.3. 1967-1968.
- 2.3.4. 1968-1969.
- 2.3.5. 1969-1970
- 2.3.6. 1970-1971
- 2.3.7. 1971-1972
- 2.3.8. 1973-1974
- 2.3.9. 1974-1975

Folder 4: Directories

- 2.4.1. 1975-1976
- 2.4.2. 1976-1977
- 2.4.3. 1977-1978
- 2.4.4. 1978-1979
- 2.4.5. 1979-1980
- 2.4.6. 1980-1981
- 2.4.7. 1981-1982
- 2.4.8. 1982-1983

Folder 5: Directories

- 2.5.1. 1983-1984

- 2.5.2. 1984-1985
- 2.5.3. 1985-1986
- 2.5.4. 1986-1987
- 2.5.5. 1988-1989
- 2.5.6. 1991-1992
- 2.5.7. 1992-1993
- 2.5.8. 1993-1994
- 2.5.9. 1994-1995
- 2.5.10. 1995-1996
- 2.5.11. 1996-1997
- 2.5.12. 1997-1998
- 2.5.13. 1998-1999
- 2.5.14. 1999-2000
- 2.5.15. 2001-2002
- 2.5.16. 2002-2003

Folder 6: Directories

- 2.6.1. 2003-2004
- 2.6.2. 2004-2005
- 2.6.3. 2005-2006
- 2.6.4. 2006-2007
- 2.6.5. 2007-2008