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Bloomington School District 87 Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	6 Boxes and 120 Ledgers
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Brief History

Bloomington School District began on February 17, 1857, with “An Act to Establish and Regulate a System of Public Schools in the City of Bloomington” which was signed by the governor making it one of the “Charter School Districts” in Illinois.

Scope

This collection contains Bloomington School District 87 Annual Budgets for most of 1940-1970 as well as meeting minutes from Professional Cabinet Meetings, Advisory Council Meetings, and the Citizens’ Committee on Staffing Policies and Practices for various years. There are also Board of Education Audit reports from 1941-1952. Box 6 contains materials related to Washington School.

The collection also contains historical documents among which are official copies of the act that established the school district along with receipts from some of the initial school supply purchases and the grade books from primary school grade books. It also contains legal documents relating to the purchase and sale of various school buildings and documentation relating to construction and repair projects. The repairs occurring predominately in 1935.

Box and Folder Inventory

Box 1

(Note: Each item is in a separate binder.)

Folder 1: Gift Agreement

Minutes of Professional Cabinet Meetings – September 1, 1948 to March 28, 1949

Minutes of Professional Cabinet Meetings – August 29, 1950 to June 5, 1951

Minutes of Professional Cabinet Meetings – August 24, 1953 to May 18, 1954

Minutes of Professional Cabinet Meetings – August 23, 1954 to May 31, 1955

Annual Budget 1939 – 1940

Annual Budget 1940 – 1941

Annual Budget 1941 – 1942

Annual Budget 1942 – 1943

Annual Budget 1943 – 1944

Annual Budget 1944 – 1945

Annual Budget 1945 – 1946

Annual Budget 1946 – 1947

Annual Budget 1947 – 1948

Annual Budget 1948 – 1949

Annual Budget 1949 – 1950

Annual Budget 1950 – 1951

Annual Budget 1951 – 1952

Annual Budget 1952 – 1953

Annual Budget 1953 – 1954
Annual Budget 1954 – 1955
Annual Budget 1956 – 1957
Annual Budget 1957 – 1958
Annual Budget 1960 – 1961 (2 copies)
Bloomington Summer School Program Annual Budget 1967 – 1968
Bloomington-Normal Adult Education Program Annual Budget 1967 – 1968
Bloomington Adult Trade and Industrial Education Annual Budget 1967 – 1968
Bloomington School of Practical Nursing Annual Budget 1967 – 1968
Bloomington Summer School Program Annual Budget 1968 – 1969
Bloomington School of Practical Nursing Annual Budget 1969 – 1970
Bloomington-Normal Adult Education Program Annual Budget 1969 – 1970
Bloomington Summer School Program Annual Budget 1969 – 1970
Bloomington School of Adult Trade and Technical Education Annual Budget 1969 – 1970
Board of Education Audit Report 1946 – 1947
Board of Education Audit Report 1948 – 1949
Board of Education Audit Report 1949 – 1950
Board of Education Audit Report 1950 – 1951
Board of Education Audit Report 1951 – 1952
Advisory Council for the Bloomington, Illinois Schools Constitutions
Advisory Council to Bloomington Board of Education (Bloomington Public Schools) Minutes –
October 27, 1949 to May 27, 1953
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – May 2, 1950 to May 23, 1951
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – October 25, 1952 to May 11, 1954
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – September 25, 1954 to April 6, 1955
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – May 4, 1955 to May 2, 1957
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – August 26, 1957 to May 27, 1958
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – April 8, 1957 to April 28, 1959
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – May 27, 1958 to April 28, 1959
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – May 26, 1959 to May 24, 1960
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – September 19, 1960 to April 25, 1961
Citizens' Committee on Staffing Policies and Practices Meeting Minutes – August 5, 1958 to
March 3, 1959

Box 2

- Folder 1: An Act to Establish and Regulate a System of Public Schools in the City of Bloomington, official copies 1869 and 1919
- Folder 2: School supply purchasing, 1864 – 1888
- Folder 3: Search for Site of New High School, 1913-1914
- Folder 4: Purchase of Washington Street Site, 1914
- Folder 5: Edwards School Repairs, 1935
- Folder 6: Emerson School Construction, 1906-1907 and Repairs, 1935
- Folder 7: Franklin School Repairs, 1935
- Folder 8: Irving School Repairs, 1935
- Folder 9: Lincoln School Repairs, 1935
- Folder 10: Sheridan School Repairs, 1935

Folder 11: Washington School Repairs, 1935

Folder 12: Multiple School Repairs, 1934 – 1935

Folder 13: School District Property Sales, 1945 – 1976

Folder 14: School District Property Titles, 1871 – 1898

Folder 15: Sixth Annual Report of the Bloomington Public Schools for the Year Ending June 8, 1882

Folder 16: Twentieth Annual Report of the Public Schools of Bloomington Illinois 1895 – 1896

Folder 17: Twenty-Second Annual Report of the Public Schools of Bloomington, Ill. 1897-8

Folder 18: They Love To Learn - Bloomington Public Schools Kindergarten Handbook

Folder 19: Event Programs, 1907 – 1917

Folder 20: We Grow: A Report of Progress, Bloomington Public Schools, 1944 - 1955
Grade List Book For All Primary Schools 1923
Grade List Book For All Primary Schools 1927
Grade List Book For All Primary Schools 1939
Grade List Book For All Primary Schools 1940

Box 3

Centennial School PTA Scrapbook 1957 – 1963: contains PTA meeting notices, school newsletters, newspaper articles relating to PTA activities, staff, and other school matters. It also contains flyers from student programs.

Health and Physical Education Curriculum Guide for Junior and Senior High School Girls, 1955: Staff written curriculum guide for the Bloomington Public Schools regarding Girls' Physical Education.

Scrapbook

This scrapbook documents parent-public-teacher correspondence of Centennial School, a Bloomington public school, from the Fall 1963 to Spring 1967 school years. Relatively chronological, it contains the general flow of materials repeated throughout the years with a few additions of special events. Common themes include: a request to join the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) which then became the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) sometime in Fall 1964 or Spring 1965, cost of attendance and annual budgets, academic calendars, reminders of etiquette and instruction for Halloween, textbook flat fee reminders, details on an annual Scout (Boy and Girl) Uniform Exchange, daily school schedules, annual UNITED CAMPAIGN charity event details, PTA/PTO voting details and reminders, annual Christmas Tea party reminders, tuberculosis testing offers, and requests for payment to fund student school parties.

One of the breaks from this general trend includes three separate flyers for theatrical performances jointly between Illinois State University students and the Theatre for Performing Children for Rumpelstiltskin in Spring 1966, Pinocchio in Fall 1965, and Wizard of Oz in Spring 1964. Another outlier is a notice and permission slip for McLean County Medical Society and McLean County National Foundation to bring a Sabin Mobile Bus to give the Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine to school children in November 1963. Also noteworthy is a notice about a measles outbreak in Spring 1966. A monthly newsletter called *News from Centennial School* is also

featured; the newsletter varies in its content, though it generally focuses on parent information and new teachers in early Fall, shifting to annual events—like the book fair which started March 1964 and annual holiday activities—and student poetry and commentaries in later months, to a farewell letter and reminder of next year's academic calendar in late Spring.

The scrapbook also details a small bit of information on the November 1966 American Education Week (AEW) which would take place in many Bloomington public schools. One set of pages discusses the responsibilities of parents, staff, and children for Civil Defense alarms and tornado drills. One page also discusses the new Junior Great Books program starting Fall 1965 which had sixth grade students discuss age-appropriate classics among each other. One letter comes from then-superintendent George N. Wells who retired from his position in Spring 1966. Altogether, however, the scrapbook is homogenous and discusses the daily ins and outs of education at Centennial School.

Several *Pantagraph* photographs are included in the scrapbook, though there are some untraditional items, including napkins and bookmarks for special events. The original scrapbook itself is green with a golden-inlaid cover and green string affixing the pages.

Scrapbook

This scrapbook pertains to the Bloomington Centennial School from years 1958 to 1963 and regular correspondence between parents and faculty including Principal Dorothy Busbey and superintendent George N. Wells. As a relatively chronological system, it follows a reiterative cycle. These include a welcome letter with the academic calendar and scheduled Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) meetings with details of new families attending the school and new room mothers. Additionally, throughout the year, papers include PTA event reminders, reminders of the UNITED campaign drives in November (which started 1953) for students to bring money for charitable organizations, reminders to bring money for student parties, Centennial School newsletters reiterating on general subjects, annual Christmas Tea party reminders, reminders on the annual “nuclear attack” drills, notes reminding parents and citizens to vote on PTA officers and Board of Education members, updates on safety procedures for children driving around Empire Street on bicycles, reminders on orchestral instrument applications and rental fees, and newspaper clippings of incoming teachers for the new year.

Several papers go beyond this general scope. One example is leaflets and playbills for first grade theatre including *Five Little Peppers*, *Greensleeves*, *The Clown Who Ran Away*, and *Snow White* (for which a news clipping mentions only six dwarves were around due to a case of measles). A small pamphlet of a Kindergarten puppet show is among these. *Pantagraph* newspaper clippings additionally note changes in PTA presidents, from Mrs. Joseph Gauss in 1958, Bert Gash in 1959, to Maurice Barnum in 1960. Regarding the PTA, a card saying “best wishes” is addressed to an unnamed individual thanking them for their help with the PTA; a packet of bylaws, mission statement, and other organizational information is included. Voting referendums are also referenced through these papers outside of Board of Education or PTA members including a bond referendum in October 1958 for completing a school building (which passed almost 2 to 1 according to the papers) and a reminder to vote in a referendum from acting principal W. Earl Lee in April 1963. *Pantagraph* and potentially other newspapers also detail several issues and events. These include thieves who broke into the school and stole from the safe for a meager \$14

in 1958, the fireplace in the Centennial School lobby occasionally suffusing the area in smoke, and a student sending a receiving correspondence from Queen Elizabeth II over the birth of her son Prince Andrew, and a litany of child safety concerns in November 1961 detailed in *Pantagraph* clippings and meeting notes in 1961 (eventually addressed at a parent-board meeting).

Safety concerns likely also led to the November 1962 letter noting the change to policy allowing students from specific areas of the district over a mile away from school to bring packed lunch and the November 1961 note detailing that children now had to arrive on campus at two specific timeframes. A 1960 pamphlet also discusses safety concerns with strangers on campus and how parents should equip their child against the threat. A July 1963 proposal is on the final pages discussing changing transportation zones for the growing school, and a 1962 report detailing how parents and students should handle a nuclear attack.

Several *Centennial School Newsletters* reference changes to the school, such as May 1960 which mentions new signage above the school entrance. A meeting to discuss “the gifted” children in November 1960 is also included with following correspondence like in March 1961 on the summer school expanding and developing swimming classes and changing Institution Day to Evaluation Day in July 1963. Principal Dorothy Busbey retired in Spring 1963, and the scrapbook contains an invitation and newspaper clippings of her retirement tea party, as the position went to acting principal W. Earl Lee. Anachronous papers are also included, such as two 1983 newspaper snippets of a child with hearing difficulties and the 25th Anniversary celebration of the school.

There are no individual photographs in the scrapbook. Papers are loose and falling from the binding: a small green string looping through two holes. The cover is green with plain gold-embossed writing which says, “Scrap book” and two vertical gold lines halfway from the center to the spine.

Scrapbook

This scrapbook exclusively contains meeting notices, memos, reminders, and newspaper articles, and other materials on the Edwards Parent-Teacher Association (EPTA) of Edwards School from 1957 to 1961. While some memos or reminders are handwritten, most are typed. Several materials contain information of note including the annual EPTA fundraiser which changed most years—a Family Fun Night and Chili Supper in 1958, Chili & Vegetable Soup Supper in 1959, and Ice Cream Social in 1960 and 1961. Additionally, the Yule party and open house seems to repeat every year. The scrapbook also notes the change in EPTA officers every year, the presidents moving from Mr. and Mrs. William Fitzsimmons in 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Green in 1959 (which then became Mrs. Roy G. Anderson after zoning changes), and Mrs. Charles Barnes in 1961. It also details the annual EPTA potluck in November.

Two papers have fading ink, reducing legibility, which are as follows. A December 1958 note says, “The family is invited to an open house at Edwards School on Dec. 18th. Come anytime from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Join the Christmas tour to all the rooms, and please introduce yourself to the teachers. However, since this is an evening of fellowship, there will be no time for conference about your child. There will be greeters in the hall to direct you to the rooms. No

formal meeting is planned." A March 1960 note says, "We—Hear of Available Opportunities: Edwards School P.T.A. will meet at 7:30 PM in the school auditorium, Thursday, March 24, 1960. The topic of the evening will be discussed by a panel of speakers including Miss Kathleen Jarrett, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services, Mrs. Adeline Glenwright, Speech Correctionist, and Mrs. Sallie Fritsch, School Social Worker. A discussion will follow the presentation by the panel. We hope every parent will attend this meeting, It is not a meeting for children. A baby sitter [sic] will be provided. Hostesses will be Mrs. Harold Hill, Mrs. Henry Carlson, Mrs. Ralph Meeks, Mrs. Gilbert Brockway, Mrs. Fred Ronder (sp?), Mrs. David Deall (sp?). The Executive Board will meet in the office at 7:15 PM."

Additional handwriting can be found in other locations, for which the transcriptions are as follows. On the back of the front page, it says, "Assembled by L Spiers 6-1969," likely referring to LaVonne Spiers, one of two EPTA members to receive a lifetime membership in February 1959. On the first page, the writing says, "1957-1958 school year / Publicity Chairman Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pittner. / Edwards Parent-Teacher Association (E.P.T.A.) / All writings for photograph must be typewritten treble(?) spaced / Address all reports to: / Women's Desk / Second Floor / Pantagraph Bldg / For advertising or radio send to: / Mrs. Jean Smith / Talk of Town(?) / W.J.B.C. Radio." Written on a page with newspaper clippings of the 1959 EPTA presidents says, "Changes in boundary lines put the Greens in Irving School. Mrs. Ray Anderson became the new president."

The scrapbook has a green cover with curving script which says, "Scrap Book" and an embossed design. A tied green string binds the pages together.

Box 4

Scrapbook

This scrapbook details the activities and correspondence of the Edwards Schools Parent-Teacher Association (EPTA) between September 1964 and May 1968. Common documents include memos for monthly meetings throughout the school year, for which the EPTA designates a theme, such as the "Rivers of Knowledge" theme for the 1967-68 school year. Other common documents include the annual District 6 EPTA booklet with EPTA by-laws, objectives, officers, schedules, and mission statement; January Tuberculosis skin testing reminders for faculty and students with attached permission slips; reminders and guidelines on the November American Education Week (AEW) for parents wishing to attend student classes; semiannual reminders (around April and October) to join the EPTA with attached money slips; September and October memos asking for help and reminding parents of the EPTA annual fundraiser "Ice Cream Social" with assorted tickets, reminders, and letters of recognition and thanks; memos for Kindergarten registration reminding parents to provide a birth certificate, dental exam, and health exam; notes on changes to EPTA members and awards handwritten in the scrapbook; memos on the proposed annual budget; an April student group photograph fundraiser; handwritten pages listing the voted-in officials of the EPTA every year.

Several notable documents and notes are also included in the scrapbook detailing both changes to the district and other subjects. Documents which detail official changes to school policies are numerous. For example, an October 1966 newspaper clipping details the school's new crossing guard Mrs. Weaver on the corner of Market St. and Allin St. for children's safety, and a memo is

included which details information for parents on the changes this creates. Multiple documents from March 1967 discuss a major referendum for the region for an increased educational revenue tax and building bonds, including fact sheets, information on how to register and voting locations, and information sessions. The scrapbook also includes a letter from the Public Schools Advisory Council on the March 17 vote, thanking people for voting yea to increase the size of overcrowded schools.

Other documents divergent of the norm include those issuing emergency statements and special reminders for the school. Among these is Mrs. Larry Doss who wrote a 1965 memo making the district aware they would not have brownie scouts due to lack of interest. Also, a letter addressing an educational survey done in the region is included, which details splitting the parents into three different meetings to discuss the findings with the Board of Education. In an April 1967 memo, the EPTA made an “emergency” statement that the number of members was incredibly low for the year and asked for more members. A November 1967 memo also detailed the plans to decrease child molestation through “star emblems” on safe houses on routes to and from the school. Some 1968 correspondence details letters to EPTA members asking them to discuss safety with their kids, noting that there are students noted to be roughhousing near crosswalks and in streets, as well as throwing snowballs at passing cars and breaking windshields.

Some notable documents are outside these trends, however. These include a memo for February 10, 1966 noting an EPTA meeting with Glen Dodds, the president of the McLean County Historical Society, as speaker. One item of note is the final page in the scrapbook, which contains the handwritten note: “June 4, 1968: Board Meeting and Farewell for Miss Spiers Who is Retiring. ‘You have been a wonderful PTA group—all the years I’ve been here—But the last is best of all the game.’”

The scrapbook itself is many stacks of paper wedged between two padded green covers bound with a green string. The front has gold inlaid in a vertical line with “Scrap Book” written on the lower right and “III” in black marker.

Scrapbook

This scrapbook features newspaper clippings from the *Daily Bulletin* and *The Pantagraph*, as well as occasional regional newspaper clippings such as the *Chicago Tribune*, all dating between 1913 to 1926, with the occasional clipping from 1931 or '32. Average clippings for this scrapbook for District 87 detail the elections for Board of Education members, bids for coal to run the schools, property and education tax voting instructions, and Field Day exercises.

Most of the first pages focus on the new Bloomington High School (now Lydia’s Place and Rob Knight’s Swim America) to be erected late 1916, covering a flurry of topics, from the vote to construct it in March 1913, the outrage at the board deciding to build it at the popular East Grove Street nature area called the Oaks, a popular vote to construct it at its location on the Wakefield Block (the northeast corner of North McLean Street and East Washington Street) decided in January 1914, introducing Arthur L. Pillsbury as architect, and highlights of the main pushers for the school, Oscar Mandel and superintendent J.K. Stableton, and the first classes held February 1917. Numerous pictures of floor plans, placement on maps, and other subjects are included.

Additional outliers include instructions on proper growing of zinnias and grand pacific tomatoes, clippings on laws no longer enforced or followed such as a Curfew Law, some World War I clippings about Bloomingtonian German-American William Zierfuss's nephew being shot in Belgium in 1914, changes to the Board of Education including the first business manager Horatio G. Bent, a pamphlets from the Daughters of the American Revolution on proper etiquette toward the American flag, the decision to increase teacher salaries in March 1920, memos on the age and gender dispersions in local schools, the 1922 inclusion of continuation school for the area, commencement and other information on the first Bloomington High School graduates, the naming of the Horatio G. Bent School on the corner of Roosevelt Avenue and Walnut Street, and the voted-against tax levy to save music and kindergarten programs in the late '20s. Multiple obituaries are included, such as for Jefferson School principal Lucy Hyde, Oscar Mandel, Belle F. Goudy, lawyer Robert E. Williams, librarian Emma Onstott, janitor Jonathan W. Baldwin, and Horatio G. Bent.

The scrapbook itself is a dull gray with black-edging decorated covers, and a spine with "Invoices" printed on it, and two red tabs on either edge of the front and back.

Scrapbook

The Edwards School Scrapbook Collection was assembled at the closing of the school in June of 1969. The school was located at 801 W. Market Street on the west side of Bloomington. The PTA was active in recruiting members and maintaining a social agenda that raised funds as well as providing a sense of community.

The contents of this collection were taken from a single scrap book "assembled by LaVonne Spiers, 6-69, at the closing of Edwards School," as inscribed on the first page. A very active P.T.A. is reflected in their many activities. The war effort is acknowledged as well as correspondence, student photos of activities, teacher promotion and obit, ending with miscellaneous articles and activities:

PTA

An active PTA organization is represented on the first page by the Oak Tree Emblem of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. There are numerous undated *Pantagraph* newspaper clippings of PTA activities and photos. There are copies of Objects of the National Congress, Rules of the State Charter, and Parent-Teacher Prayer. Two certificates were awarded to the school in 1948 and 1949 by the National Congress PTA for a children's health project as well as Certificates for a Program Year-Book, and Membership Recognition. There are recruitment fliers for PTA membership, PTA Day, lists of members, Budget Reports, as well as events listed below:

Christmas Program, December 9, 1948

Edwards P.T.A. School Christmas, 1949

Family Fun Night, w/2 large glossy photos. March 31, 1950

PTA Christmas Program, December 13, 1951

Edwards School P.T.A Budget 1951 - 1952

Edwards P.T.A. Fun Night flier November 7, 1952, others undated.

Parent Night Education (P.T.A. sponsored) April 19, [year unknown]

P.T.A. Thursday Afternoon, 3:00, May 10th, Installation of Officers 1951-52.

Edwards Halloween Carnival, October 29, 1954.

EPTA, Vol. 1 – No. 1 through 4. 1954 (Sept.-Dec.)

EPTA, Vol. 1 – No. 5 and 8, 1955 (Jan. & Apr.)

EPTA, Vol. 2 – No. 1, Nov., 1955

Last Call for P.T.A., April 26, [year unknown]

Ice Cream Socials

“What Is A PTA? And What Does It Do?” by George N. Wells. Superintendent of Schools, *News Letter, Bloomington Public Schools*, December, 1963.

EDWARDS SCHOOL, PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION, booklet, 1967-1968, and 1968-1969, (2).

War Effort

Certificate of Merit was awarded for the collection of waste paper on 1944 and 1945.

Correspondence

To Students of 7th and 8th Grade, illegible handwritten mostly faded, April 16, 1915

To Miss Maude Lemen from Dudley Crafts Watson of The Art Institute of Chicago, May 2, 1931

Student Photos - newspaper, *Pantagraph* unless noted, snapshots and formal

Includes newspaper photo of Boy Scouts 1937, newspaper photos of various sports activities, students in class, as well as glossy formal photos and informal snapshots of student groups, undated and unidentified. A glossy formal class photo is dated 1937, Halloween Parade, no date

Teacher named Principal and Obits, *Pantagraph* unless noted

“Miss Hayden, Teacher, Dies – fails to rally after relapse of influenza,” w/photo, no date.

“LaVonne Spiers Named Edwards School Principal,” w/photo, September, 1957

Miscellaneous, *Pantagraph* newspaper articles unless noted

Newspaper articles regarding school administration, grade school basketball, textbooks, and payroll, no date.

“Sun Dial Is Gift to School,” w/photo.

Newspaper photos from 1907, 1909, 1911 of student activities.

Handwritten list for parents in preparation for an event, November 17, 1950

“Curriculum Change: Schools Improved During Early 1900s” w/photos, Feb. 4, 1952.

E.S. News, June 8, 1960.

Edwards School Christmas Open House, December 15, 1960.

Edwards School Christmas Open House, December 20, 1962.

Board Briefs, May 8, 1968

Ledgers

BS-001	Market Street School (Ward #2 addition)	Grade Record 1901-1907
BS-002	Ward #2(became Edwards School)	Grade Record 1893-1895
BS-003	Franklin School (former Ward #1)	Grade Record 1922-1924
BS-004	Franklin School (former Ward #1)	Grade Record 1914-1917
BS-005	Franklin School (former Ward #1)	Grade Record 1909-1913
BS-006	Franklin School (former Ward #1)	Grade Record 1905-1909
BS-007	Franklin School (former Ward #1)	Grade Record 1918-1921
BS-008	Franklin School (former Ward #1)	Grade Record 1918-1922
BS-009	Franklin School (former Ward #1)	Grade Record 1889-1901
BS-010	Franklin School (former Ward #1)	Grade Record 1882-1889
BS-011	Hawthorne School (former Ward#5 became Bent School)	

	Grade Record 1914-1920	
BS-012	Hawthorne School (former Ward#5 became Bent School)	
	Grade Record 1920-1924	
BS-013	Hawthorne School (former Ward#5 became Bent School)	
	Grade Record 1899-1913	
BS-014	Emerson School (former Ward #4)	Grade Record 1920-1923
BS-015	Emerson School (former Ward #4)	Grade Record 1891-1896
BS-016	Emerson School (former Ward #4)	Grade Record 1911-1914
BS-017	Emerson School (former Ward #4)	Grade Record 1915-1919
BS-018	Emerson School (former Ward #4)	Grade Record 1883-1891
BS-019	Lincoln School (former Ward #7)	Grade Record 1892-1897
BS-020	Lincoln School (former Ward #7)	Grade Record 1897-1911
BS-021	Lincoln School (former Ward #7)	Grade Record 1912-1917
BS-022	Lincoln School (former Ward #7)	Grade Record 1918-1922
BS-023	Irving School (former Ward #3)	Grade Record 1911-1914
BS-024	Irving School (former Ward #3)	Grade Record 1915-1921
BS-025	Jefferson School (former Jefferson Street School)	
	Grade Record 1915-1924	
BS-026	Edwards School (former Ward #2)	Grade Record 1916-1924
BS-027	Edwards School (former Ward #2)	Grade Record 1906-1915
BS-028	Raymond School (former Stevensonville School)	
	Grade Record 1897-1924	
BS-029	Sheridan School (former Ward #6)	Grade Record 1886-1897
BS-030	Sheridan School (former Ward #6)	Grade Record 1898-1914
BS-031	Sheridan School (former Ward #6)	Grade Record 1915-1923
BS-032	Washington School (former Ward #9)	Grade Record 1897-1916
BS-033	Washington School (former Ward #9)	Grade Record 1937-1944
BS-034	Bloomington High School	Record of Attendance 1905-1907
BS-035	Bloomington High School	Record of Attendance 1909-1910
BS-036	Bloomington High School	Record of Attendance 1910-1911 Fall semester
BS-037	Bloomington High School	Record of Attendance 1910-1911 Spring sem.
BS-038	Bloomington High School	Record of Attendance 1911-1912 Spring sem.
BS-039	Bloomington High School	Record of Attendance 1911-1912 Fall semester
BS-040	Bloomington High School	Record of Attendance 1912-1913 Spring sem.
BS-041	Bloomington High School	Record of Attendance 1913-1914 Fall semester
BS-042	Bloomington High School	1912-1913
BS-043	Bloomington High School	1913-1914 Spring sem.
BS-044	Bloomington High School	1914-1915 Fall semester
BS-045	Bloomington High School	1914-1915 Spring sem.
BS-046	Bloomington High School	1915-1916 Spring sem.
BS-047	Bloomington High School	1915-1916 Fall semester
BS-048	Bloomington High School	1916-1917 Fall semester
BS-049	Bloomington High School	1916-1917 Spring sem.
BS-050	Bloomington High School	1917-1918 Fall semester
BS-051	Bloomington High School	1917-1918 Spring sem.

BS-052	Bloomington Public Schools (All Schools) 1958-1960	Report of enrollment and Attendance
BS-053	Bloomington Public Schools (All Schools) 1950-1954 Note: No title on cover	Report of enrollment and Attendance
BS-054	Bloomington Public Schools (All Schools) 1954-1958 Note: No title on cover	Report of enrollment and Attendance
BS-055	Bloomington Public Schools (All Schools) 1960-1962 Note: No title on cover	Report of enrollment and Attendance
BS-056	Bloomington Public Schools (All Schools) 1944-1950 Note: No title on cover	Report of enrollment and Attendance
BS-057	Emerson School (former Ward #4) Note: includes some BHS info.	Grade Record 1897-1909
BS-058	Irving School (former Ward #3) Note: No title on cover	Grade Record 1899-1910
BS-059	Bloomington Public Schools (All Schools) 1962-1964	Report of enrollment and Attendance
BS-060	Edwards School (former Ward #2)	Grade Record 1899-1915
BS-061	Bloomington Public Schools (All Elementary Schools) grades, 1929 June	Class lists primary
BS-062	Bloomington Public Schools (All Elementary Schools) grades, 1929 January	Class lists primary
BS-063	Bloomington Public Schools (All Elementary Schools) grades, 1928 June	Class lists primary
BS-064	Bloomington Public Schools (All Elementary Schools) grades, 1926 June	Class lists primary
BS-065	Bloomington Public Schools (All Elementary Schools) grades, 1927 January	Class lists primary
BS-066	Bloomington Public Schools (All Elementary Schools) grades, 1926 January	Class lists primary
BS-067	Bloomington Public Schools (All Elementary Schools) grades, 1925 January	Class lists primary
BS-068	Bloomington Public Schools (All Elementary Schools) grades, 1925 June	Class lists primary
BS-069	Bloomington Public Schools (All Elementary Schools) grades, 1924 June	Class lists primary
BS-070	Bloomington Public Schools (All Elementary Schools) grades, 1924 January	Class lists primary
BS-071	Bloomington Public Schools (All Elementary Schools) grade, 1923 June	Class lists primary
BS-072	Bloomington Public Schools (All Elementary Schools) grades, 1922 January	Class lists primary
BS-073	Bloomington Public Schools (All Elementary Schools) grades, 1922 June	Class lists primary
BS-074	Bloomington Public Schools (All Elementary Schools) grades, 1921 June	Class lists primary

BS-075	Order Book Board of Education September	Record of payment	1903 January-1905
BS-076	Order Book Board of Education March	Record of payment	1908 March 27-1909
BS-077	Order Book Board of Education September	Record of payment	1888 July-1893
BS-078	Order Book Board of Education	Record of payment	1883 April-1888 June
BS-079	Order Book Board of Education March	Record of payment	1877 April-1878
BS-080	Order Book Board of Education February	Record of payment	1897 April-1900,
BS-081	Bloomington Public Schools (All Elementary Schools) 1939 January	Class Records	
BS-082	Financial Census Reports 1878-1879	Financial report	1857,1859- 1863,1866,1869,1875
BS-083	No title on cover	Salary list	1872 November-1874 August
BS-084	No title on cover	attendance, financial information	1922 January
BS-085	Emerson School (former Ward # 4)	No title on cover	Class lists 1876 January-1883 May
BS-086	No title on cover	Principal reports, student discipline, financial info. 1869-1871	
BS-087	Oregonian Society BHS Society	No title on cover	Organization, constitution 1875 May
BS-088	Manuscripts of Examinations	Student exams 1876	
BS-089	Record Examiner's Record	Bloomington Board of Education Examination questions 1875	
BS-090	Record of the Bloomington Teacher's Association	Minutes of meetings 1867-1881	
BS-091	Journal Board of Education Payments	Record of payment	1868-1908
BS-092	Ledger Board of Education	Record of payment	1868-1873
BS-093	Treasurer Book Board of Education	Record of payment, 1897-1919	
BS-094	Abstract Bloomington School District	Grade Record	1873-1881
BS-095	Ledger Board of Education	Record of Expenditures	Record of payment 1873-1909
BS-096	Ledger Board of Education	Record of Expenditures	Record of payment 1903-1906
BS-097	Payrolls	Record of payrolls	1909-1915
BS-098	Employee Payrolls	Record of payrolls	1872-1875
BS-099	Order Book Board of Education	Record of payment	1893-1896
BS-100	Payroll April 1879-1883	Bills April 1873-March 1883	Record of payment 1879-1883
BS-101	Order Book Board of Education	March 1900-Dec 1902 1900-1902	Record of payment
BS-102	Order Book Board of Education	Oct 1905-March 1908 1905-1908	Record of payment
BS-103	Edwards School (former Ward #2)	Grade Record	1897-1905

BS-104	Washington School (former Ward #9) Jul 1922-June 1924	Grade Record 1922-1924
BS-105	Washington School (former Ward #9) Jan 1917-June 1921	Grade Record 1917-1921
BS-106	Record of Minutes of the Board of Education	Minutes of meetings 1931, June 16 -1935 Nov 16
BS-107	Record of Minutes of the Board of Education	Minutes of meetings 1938 June 29-1944 June 8
BS-108	Record of Minutes of the Board of Education (name not on cover)	Minutes of meetings 1935 Nov 16-1938 June 24
BS-109	Payroll (No title on cover)	Record of payrolls 1948-1949
BS-110	Journal (Apr 1870-March 1878 on spine)	Record of payment 1870-1878
BS-111	Journal	Record of payment 1878-1897
BS-112	Board of Education Bloomington, Illinois	Record of payment and receipts, 1909-1948
BS-113	Policy Register	Insurance records 1905-1925
BS-114	McLean County Daily Classification School Register	Class Records 1936-1943
BS-115	Board of Education	Minutes of meetings 1857 April 8-1874 April 9
BS-116	Record (Board of Education)	Minutes of meetings 1874 Apr 11-1890 Oct 6
BS-117	Record (Board of Education)	June 30, 1899-Dec. 14, 1904 Minutes of meetings 1899-1904
BS-118	Board Minutes (Title is torn off)	Minutes of meetings 1890 Nov 3-1899 June 22
BS-119	Record (Board of Education)	Jan 27 1905-Apr 5, 1909 Minutes of meetings 1905-1909
BS-120	Record of Meetings 1909 Board of Education	Minutes of meetings 1909 Apr-1915 May

Box 5 (Copied from prior collection: Bloomington Public Schools Coll.)

Folder 1: Commencement Programs

Bloomington Public Schools

- 5.1.1 June 11, 1896, Grand Opera House.
- 5.1.2 June 10, 1897, Grand Opera House
- 5.1.3 June 3, 1898, Grand Opera House.
- 5.1.4 June 7, 1900, Grand Opera House.
- 5.1.5 June 4, 1914, Chatterton Opera House (photocopy).
- 5.1.6 June 4, 1915, Chatterton Opera House.
- 5.1.7 June 1, 1917, High School Auditorium (3 copies).
- 5.1.8 June 6, 1919 (3 copies).
- 5.1.9 June 3, 1921 (photocopy).
- 5.1.10 January 20, 1922 original with corner missing & photocopy.

Bloomington Grammar Schools

- 5.1.11 June 2, 1927, High School Auditorium.
- 5.1.12 January 19, 1928, High School Auditorium.
- 5.1.13 May 31, 1928, High School Auditorium.
- 5.1.14 June 11, 1943, unspecified.

Folder 2: Report Cards & Diplomas

Contains reports cards from 1879-1936.

Diplomas for Betty Mae Carruthers, 1938; diploma and final report card for Robert Frederick Miller, 1934; diploma for Nora Elizabeth Sylvester, 1942.

Folder 3: Reports

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

Folder 4: Teacher Salaries

- 5.4.1 1935-1936, 4 pgs., typed.
- 5.4.2 1967-68, 3 pp.

Folder 5: Teachers' Recognition Dinners

- 5.5.1 1965 (2 copies)
- 5.5.2 1966
- 5.5.3 1967
- 5.5.4 1968 (2 copies)
- 5.5.5 1969 (2 copies)
- 5.5.6 1972
- 5.5.7 1973 (2 copies)

Folder 6: Facts and Figures

- 5.6.1 1973-1974.
- 5.6.2 1974-1975. 2 copies.
- 5.6.3 1975-1976.

Folder 7: Miscellaneous

- 5.7.1 Rules and Regulations of the Board of Education, adopted Set 1, 1934, 34 pp; and Rules and Regulations of the Board of Education, adopted April 18, 1945, 31 pp.
- 5.7.2 Superintendent's Annual Report to the Board of Education Year ending June 30, 1936, 9pp.
- 5.7.3 A Suggested Plan for the Improvement of the Curriculum Offerings of the Bloomington, Illinois Public School, undated but likely from mid 1930s, 3pp.
- 5.7.4 Response to the Suggested Plan by Teachers, likely 1936, 2pp.
- 5.7.5 Brochure by Bloomington Association of Commerce, with photos and teacher thank-you for B-E Day, Nov 13, 1950.
- 5.7.6 "Why Additional Schools and Teachers for Bloomington?" by Bloomington Board of Education October 1954, promoting upcoming bond referendum, 12pp.
- 5.7.7 Kindergarten Handbook, 1960, and "Teacher's Coloring book" 1963, 32 pp.

- 5.7.8 "Living and Teaching in Bloomington," 1961 (2 copies).
- 5.7.9 George N. Wells (superintendent) Appreciation Dinner booklet, May 5, 1966, 2 copies.
- 5.7.10 "Analysis of Teacher Response to Intermediate Reporting System – March 1974." Includes unused Robert Knight Fund certificate of appreciation.
- 5.7.11 Band-O-Rama, featuring District 87's 5th & 6th & Junior high school bands, Apr 13, 1989.
- 5.7.12 Postcard: "Chicago Tribune's top student is BHS' too," 2001. Student Lisa Hutmacher.
- 5.7.13 "Excel" newsletter, published for residents and neighbors of District 87, Spring/Summer 2003, 8 pgs.

Folder 8: 1911 Petition to Annex

- 5.8.1 Petition to annex territory of Dist 84 to Dist 85 for Apr 3, 1911, meeting of trustees. Filed Jan 4, 1911.
- 5.8.2 Letter from Chas Weidinger & Wm Shermer(?) To Clerk of Board of Trustees of Bloomington Township W. Milton Reeves about petition, Mar 2, 1911. Torn.
- 5.8.3 Protest from directors of District 84 to trustees of Schools of Bloomington Township from directors of District 84, filed Apr 3, 1911, 3 pp.
- 5.8.4 Transcript from Minute Book of Bloomington Township Trustees, 4 pp.
- 5.8.5 Letter from Town of Bloomington to Trustees of Bloomington Township Schools notifying them of upcoming appeal, Apr 7, 1911.
- 5.8.6 Scrap of paper with note son petition not being signed by enough legal voters. Nd.
- 5.8.7 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)

- 5.9.1 Newsletter: "Jr. High News," Vol.2 Copy No 7, October 26, 1931.6 pp. Fragile
- 5.9.2 Study Skills Handbook 29 pp., nd.
- 5.9.3 Fact Sheet, Nov 7, 1966, mimeographed, 2 pp. Origin, physical facilities, enrollment, etc.
- 5.9.4 "Student Historian Central Regional Meeting," program, held at BJHS, May 11, 1968, by Illinois State Historical Society.
- 5.9.5 "An Illinois Sesquicentennial Remembrance for you," map of historic sites within class time walk of BJHS, c1967.
- 5.9.6 1973-74 Pupil Handbook, 10 pp. 2 copies.
- 5.9.7 Flier "October Sock Hop" held at Miller Park Pavillion, Oct 15, 1982. Handwritten note: "Dana's first dance" referring to Dana Berglund, daughter of donor Beverly Poole.
- 5.9.8 "1984-1985 A Guide to Success at BJHS" 16 pp
- 5.9.9 "Bloomington Junior High today" 40 pp student handbook, 1984.
- 5.9.10 "BJHS Teen Club 1985-1986" co-sponsored with Bloomington Park & Recreation Department, 8 pp
- 5.9.11 "Who's Who at Bloomington Junior High School" by 8th graders, Nov 1986. 7 pp.
- 5.9.12 BJHS Open House, program, May 20, 1990, at 510 E. Washington, 2 copies.
- 5.9.13 BJHS Dedication and Open House program brochure, Oct 21, 1990, 2 copies.

- 5.9.14 Bloomington Junior High School newsletter, pp 3-4 only. No year specified.
- 5.9.15 B.J.H.S. Knights composition book, nd. Unused.

Folder 10: Bent School

- 5.10.1 Celebrate With Us! Poster for Bent Elementary 100 Superstar Years, September 7, 2024.
- 5.10.2 Directions to rooms and campus, 2 copies.
- 5.10.3 Postcard with photo of original building, 2 copies.
- 5.10.4 Fun Facts About Bent Elementary School, 2 copies.
- 5.10.5 Two stickers for celebration.

Folder 11: Centennial School

- 5.11.1 Handbook, 18 pp. 1983-1984

Folder 12: Edwards School

- 5.12.1 January 1910 Graduating Class
- 5.12.2 June 1910 Graduating Class
- 5.12.3 January 1914 Graduating Class
- 5.12.4 1938-1939 Parent-Teacher Association program schedule

Folder 13: Emerson School

- 5.13.1 June 1913 Graduating Class
- 5.13.2 1930-1931 P.T.A. program yearbook
- 5.13.3 Program: P.T.A. Barn Dance Show, May 19, 1939
- 5.13.4 Print of photo of Mrs. Brining's class with names identified, c. 1945

Folder 14: Franklin School

- 5.14.1 Photocopy of program for Junior Red Cross Benefit, May 24, 1918
- 5.14.2 Photocopy of eighth grade class photo, 1923. Names on verso
- 5.14.3 1968-1969 Parent-Teacher Association program yearbook

Folder 15: Irving School

- 5.15.1 Program for the play *Ye Deestruck Skule*, March 7, 1907
- 5.15.2 Program for February 22, 1935 variety event featuring students and separately adults
- 5.15.3 Program for January 1940 graduating class banquet
- 5.15.4 "Among the Numerous January Eight Grade Graduates," captioned photo from *Pantagraph*, January 24, 1940
- 5.15.5 Diploma for June Mandler, January 1940
- 5.15.6 Class Prophecy, January 1940 by June Mandler, 2 pp
- 5.15.7 Photo scan print of master clock & bell scheduling device with scan of 1946 packing ticket for Gray Trimble Electric Co in Bloomington plus 2023 email from donor of scans.
- 5.15.8 "American Dream" binder of essays from students via teacher Robert N Knight, 1955
- 5.15.9 "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.

- 5.15.10 Photocopy of PTA Open House announcement, November 1, 1962
- 5.15.11 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: Irving School “Newspaper”

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

- 5.16.1 May 19, 1954
- 5.16.2 Oct 7, 1954
- 5.16.3 Feb 10, 1955
- 5.16.4 Feb 23, 1955
- 5.16.5 Mar 16, 1955
- 5.16.6 Mar 30, 1955
- 5.16.7 Oct 31, 1955
- 5.16.8 Nov 14, 1955
- 5.16.9 Jan 17, 1956
- 5.16.10 Jan 31, 1956
- 5.16.11 Feb 15, 1956
- 5.16.12 Feb 29, 1956
- 5.16.13 Mar 14, 1945

Folder 17: Jefferson School

- 5.17.1 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.
- 5.17.2 PTA program yearbook, 1945-1946
- 5.17.3 PTA program yearbook, 1946-1947
- 5.17.4 PTA program yearbook, 1947-1948
- 5.17.5 “Jefferson News” newsletter, Feb 14, 1962. 8 pp.

Folder 18: Oakland School

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

Folder 19: Sheridan School

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

Folder 20: Stevenson School

- 5.20.1 Dedication brochure, November 9, 1969
- 5.20.2 Parent Teacher Organization program yearbook, 1976-1977

Folder 21: Empty**Folder 22: Directories 1925-1955**

- 5.22.1 1925-1926
- 5.22.2 1934-1935
- 5.22.3 1935-1936
- 5.22.4 1936-1937
- 5.22.5 1945-1946
- 5.22.6 1946-1947
- 5.22.7 1947-1948
- 5.22.8 1948-1949
- 5.22.9 1949-1950
- 5.22.10 1950-1951
- 5.22.11 1951-1952
- 5.22.12 1952-1953
- 5.22.13 1953-1954
- 5.22.14 1954-1955

Folder 23: Directories 1955-1965

- 5.23.1 1955-1956.
- 5.23.2 1956-1957.
- 5.23.3 1957-1958
- 5.23.4 1958-1959.
- 5.23.5 1959-1960.
- 5.23.6 1960-1961.
- 5.23.7 1961-1962.
- 5.23.8 1962-1963
- 5.23.9 1963-1964
- 5.23.10 1964-1965

Folder 24: Directories 1965-1975

- 5.24.1 1965-1966
- 5.24.2 1966-1967.

- 5.24.3 1967-1968.
- 5.24.4 1968-1969.
- 5.24.5 1969-1970
- 5.24.6 1970-1971
- 5.24.7 1971-1972
- 5.24.8 1973-1974
- 5.24.9 1974-1975

Folder 25: Directories 1975-1983

- 5.25.1 1975-1976
- 5.25.2 1976-1977
- 5.25.3 1977-1978
- 5.25.4 1978-1979
- 5.25.5 1979-1980
- 5.25.6 1980-1981
- 5.25.7 1981-1982
- 5.25.8 1982-1983

Folder 26: Directories 1983-1996

- 5.26.1 1983-1984
- 5.26.2 1984-1985
- 5.26.3 1985-1986
- 5.26.4 1986-1987
- 5.26.5 1988-1989
- 5.26.6 1991-1992
- 5.26.7 1992-1993
- 5.26.8 1993-1994
- 5.26.9 1994-1995
- 5.26.10 1995-1996

Folder 27: Directories 1996-2003

- 5.27.1 1996-1997
- 5.27.2 1997-1998
- 5.27.3 1998-1999
- 5.27.4 1999-2000
- 5.27.5 2001-2002
- 5.27.6 2002-2003

Folder 28: Directories 2003-2008

- 5.28.1 2003-2004
- 5.28.2 2004-2005
- 5.28.3 2005-2006
- 5.28.4 2006-2007
- 5.28.5 2007-2008

Folder 29: Special Charter School Districts

Note: All photocopies, donated by Museum Board member Mark Dunn, fall 2007

- 5.29.1 "An Act to amend an act, entitled an act to establish and regulate a System of Public Schools in the City of Bloomington . . ." approved February 16, 1857, 2 pgs.
- 5.29.2 An Act to amend an act, entitled an act to establish and regulate a System of Public Schools in the City of Bloomington . . ." approved February 22, 1857, 4 pgs.
- 5.29.3 "Educational Progress and Special Charters for School Districts," parts I, II, and III, by R.E. Fildes, *The Elementary School Journal*, June 1948, May-June 1949, and December 1950.
- 5.29.4 "The Charter Districts," report by the Subcommittee on Charter Districts, Committee of Urban-Suburban School Districts, Illinois Association of School Boards, May 25, 1956, 35 pgs. With appendix.
- 5.29.5 "A Study of Special Charter School Districts" by Harold Tompkins, college research paper, date and institution unknown, 25 pgs.

Box 6

Folder 1: History of Washington School

- 6.1.1. "A Chronological History of Washington School" by (long time teacher) Jack Schroeder, 1996. 10pp plus explanatory note from Principal Jeffrey Lockenvitz.
- 6.1.2. "The Proposed New Ward Building" *Pantagraph*, January 23, 1896. Captioned image.
- 6.1.3. "Washington School Enlarged," *Pantagraph*, November 29, 1905.
- 6.1.4. "Washington School to be Converted into One of the Most Attractive in the City," *Pantagraph*, August 2, 1926. 2 pp
- 6.1.5. Program for Washington School Parent Teacher Club meeting, May 23, 1919.
- 6.1.6. History of Washington School Mother's Club by I. Hooker, Spring, 1939, 2pp. extremely fragile.
- 6.1.7. List of Washington School Teachers 1898-1995.
- 6.1.8. List of Washington School Principals, 1896-1995.
- 6.1.9. List of Washington School Teachers and Staff, 1996-1997.

Folder 2: By-Laws and Improvement Plan

- 6.2.1 Washington School Parent Teacher Association By-Laws, 4pp on carbon on onionskin, undated.
- 6.2.2 By-Laws 1993, 2pp.
- 6.2.3 By-Laws 1995, 5pp.
- 6.2.4 School Improvement Plan, 1996-1997, submitted by Jeff Lockenvitz, Principal, 7pp.

Folder 3: Scrapbook 1939-1940

This folder contains leaves from two-ring scrapbook, containing meeting minutes of the Washington PTA in 1939-1940 and newspaper clippings. Leaves are very fragile and badly foxed.

Folder 4: Scrapbook 1941-1942

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Folder 5: Scrapbook 1950-1952

This folder contains items from a scrapbook dated 1950.

- 6.5.1 Program for PTA Meeting May 18, 1950.
- 6.5.2 Booklet 1951-1952 listing important dates, PTA officers, committee chairs, and school directory.
- 6.5.3 Certificate of membership in Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers, 1950-1956.
- 6.5.4 Booklet with objects of PTAs, programs, school calendar 1950-1951, PTA officers, committee chairs, and school directory. Certificate from Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers that the program year-book is superior.
- 6.5.5 PTA Bulletin for October 19, 195X, with list of past presidents on reverse side.

Folder 6: Scrapbook 1977-1978

Sheets from adhesive scrapbook include:

- 6.6.1 Proposed Budget for 1977-1978 for Washington School PTA. On reverse "ISU play goes to schools," *Pantagraph*, October 16, 1977.
- 6.6.2 Bloomington Schools Cafeterias menus for National School Lunch week, October 10-14, 1977. On reverse note from Joanne Stockton, Chairman for Premiums, asking parents to save labels from Campbell's Soups, and note from Janet Perry asking parents if they would like to display a blue star indicating a safe house for children to go for help.
- 6.6.3 Note to parents from Carole Ringer, chair of survey committee, about meeting regarding survey about use of money, October 28, 1977. On reverse "Parents favor renovation—survey," *Pantagraph* November 17, 1977.

Folder 7: Minutes and Treasurer's Reports 1986-1987

This folder contains sheets from a three-ring binder with minutes and treasurer's reports of PTA meetings in 1986 and 1987.

Folder 8: Minutes and Treasurer's Reports 1988-1989

This folder contains sheets from a three-ring binder with minutes, calendars, and treasurer's reports of PTA meetings in 1988 and 1989.

Folder 9: Minutes and Treasurer's Reports 1990-1991

This folder contains sheets from a three-ring binder with minutes, membership lists, and treasurer's reports of PTA meetings in 1990 and 1991.

Folder 10: Minutes and Treasurer's Reports 1992-1993

This folder contains sheets from a three-ring binder with minutes, membership lists, and treasurer's reports of PTA meetings in 1992 and 1993.

Folder 11: Minutes and Treasurer's Reports 1994-1995

This folder contains sheets from a three-ring binder with minutes and treasurer's reports of PTA meetings in 1994-1995.

Folder 12: Minutes and Treasurer's Reports 1996-1997

This folder contains sheets from a three-ring binder with minutes and treasurer's reports of PTA meetings in 1996-1997.

Folder 13: Minutes and Treasurer's Reports 1998-2000

This folder contains sheets from a three-ring binder with minutes, lists of volunteers, and treasurer's reports of PTA meetings in 1998, 1999, and 2000.

Folder 14: PTA Directories and Programs 1940s

- 6.14.1 1939-1940.
- 6.14.2 1940-1941.
- 6.14.3 1942-1943.
- 6.14.4 1944-1945.
- 6.14.5 1945-1946.
- 6.14.6 1946-1947.
- 6.14.7 1947-1948.
- 6.14.8 1948-1949.
- 6.14.9 1949-1950.

Folder 15: 1930s, 1940s and 1950s Miscellaneous

- 6.15.1 *Library* by Eleanor M. Johnson, Unit Study Books No. 110, The Educational Printing House, 1934.
- 6.15.2 Letter to Mrs. Franks from coach and basketball team, in thanks for raising funds for "suits," May 1, 1939.
- 6.15.3 "Washington Flash" newsletter, Vol 7, April 10, 1940, 6pp.
- 6.15.4 "Washington Buzz" newsletter, March 31, 1941, 8 pp.
- 6.15.5 Program, Graduating Class, June 2, 1941, includes lists of faculty and students and menu.
- 6.15.6 Notice of PTA meeting, January 20 (no year).
- 6.15.7 Notice of PTA Open House, September 26, 28 (no year).
- 6.15.8 Notice of PTA meeting, September 14 (no year).
- 6.15.9 Recommendations of the Educational Panel, July-August 1944, 9pp.
- 6.15.10 Notice of Father's Night Program, November 9, 1944.
- 6.15.11 Letter to Parents from Parent-Education Committee regarding meeting parents from other schools in community, November 22, 1944.
- 6.15.12 Announcement regarding See Your Child at Work, January 11, 1945.
- 6.15.13 Notice of meeting on adult responsibility, January 16, 1945.
- 6.15.14 Notice of program remembering founders, February 8, 1945.
- 6.15.15 Membership recognition certificates for Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers, 1945-46, 1946-47, 1947-48, 1947-48, 1948-49, 1951-52.
- 6.15.16 President's Report for the Two Year Terms 1948-49, 1949-50, 3pp.
- 6.15.17 Announcement of Christmas program, December 15, 1949.
- 6.15.18 PTA Budget, 1949-1950.
- 6.15.19 Letter to PTA members from Mrs. R. E. French regarding death of William Campbell, August 2, 1949.
- 6.15.20 Letter to PTA president and members from Enda Lloyd, Director, Dist. 6, regarding conference on September 30 in Odell, September 1, 1949.

- 6.15.21 Notice of PTA meeting, September 15 (no year).
- 6.15.22 Invitation from Harland Adams, regarding Round Up of Boy Scout Troop 53, September 27, 1949.
- 6.15.23 Bulletin regarding American Education Week, November 3, 1949.
- 6.15.24 Program for Junior Mardi Gras, April 4, 1950.
- 6.15.25 Announcement about Founders' Day Program, February 16, 1950.
- 6.15.26 Announcement for PTA meeting, March 16, 1950.
- 6.15.27 PTA Bulletin, April 20, 1950.

Folder 16: 1970s and 1980s Miscellaneous

- 6.16.1 Parent-Teacher Association program for 1977-1978.
- 6.16.2 Photo 5 x 7 of teachers[?] captioned Science Workshop, two identified are Pat Lawton and Mary LeVar.
- 6.16.3 Newsletter, 1973-74, one page.
- 6.16.4 News clipping Dr. Robert Barnard Receives National Foundation Award, March 1975.
- 6.16.5 Letter to parents from June Schultz about meeting regarding threat to close school, April 17, 1978.
- 6.16.6 Charter of the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers granted to Washington PTA, May 1978.
- 6.16.7 Negative of Washington School Sixth Grade class photo, 1982-1983.
- 6.16.8 Drawing by Chase Carlisle and Carrie Swanson about Washington School, may have been part of poster exhibit, 1989.

Folder 17: 1990s Miscellaneous

- 6.17.1 List of former Board Members, undated.
- 6.17.2 Clipping "Getting to Know your principal ... Bob Bryant," 1990.
- 6.17.3 Washington's Collection of One Million Computer Holes, February 1994.
- 6.17.4 Newsletter "The Farewell Snooper," June 8, 1994, 5pp.
- 6.17.5 Newsletter "The Animal Snooper," June 10, 1994, 10pp.
- 6.17.6 Minutes of The Open House committee, February 19, 1996, 2pp.
- 6.17.7 Notice, House & Construction Career Day, with two related *Pantagraph* articles, April 7, 1995.
- 6.17.8 Letter to Mr. Lockenwitz from Bonnie Brill, with family information, September 9, 1996.
- 6.17.9 Page from unknown source, includes some former students who "have made names for themselves."

Folder 18: 2000s Miscellaneous

- 6.18.1 Program "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," Ten Year Anniversary, 2002, includes list of cast from previous years' performances.
- 6.18.2 Playground NEWS for January 2006, February 2006, March 2006, April 2006, May 2006, 2 copies of each.
- 6.18.3 Drawings and 1895 map, perhaps part of poster exhibit.
- 6.18.4 Newsletter "The Dog's Pant—agraph," January 2006, 4pp.
- 6.18.5 Newsletter "Washington School Spirit," March 2006, 5pp.

6.18.6 Cards of thanks for building new playground, 3 cards.

Folder 19: Zoning Petition 2011

6.19.1 Petition for Zoning Map Amendment, Table of Contents.

6.19.2 Maps and photos relating to Zoning Petition, 10pp.

Loose

Scrapbook with paper covers and image of Southern plantation on front, titled Publicity notebook-Washington School PTA, 1950-1952, 11 x 15". Contains newspaper clippings (from *Pantagraph*) and notices of PTA meetings and other events, 1950-1952.

Black 3-ring binder, 10 x 12". Contains clippings, flyers/notices of PTA meetings and events, September 1952 -May 1957. The last section contains handwritten quotes from famous people about American education, 6pp.

Scrapbooks Stored Elsewhere, place to be determined

Scrapbook: Washington School Parent-Teacher Association, 1978-1979 - newspaper clippings, notices and newsletters pertaining to Washington School. 16.5 x 15.5, green with gilt trim.

Scrapbook: History of Washington School - handwritten history of Washington School, handwritten lists of PTA officers from 1902-1903 through 1943-1944, newspaper clippings, directories of Parent-Teacher Associations, and miscellaneous. 6.5 x 15.5, green cloth with black lines.