

McLean County Museum of History

Danvers Protective Association Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1911-1977
RESTRICTIONS:	None
PROVENANCE:	Materials came to the Museum from the Danvers Historical Society, when the latter ceased activities in the spring of 2026.
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives

Scope

This collection includes records for the Danvers Protective Association, their membership, minutes from meetings, and some general income and expenditure records. Records of associated groups are included—the Danvers Vigilance Society, Illinois State Detective Association, and Dale Township Protective Association. Some individuals were included in multiple organizations. The overall time frame is 1911-1977

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: General

- 1.1 Anonymous handwritten note suggesting the old book should be taken to meetings and action taken on whether members who move and return are still members (unknown organization).

Folder 2: Illinois Protective Association Charter members

- 2.1 Articles of Association of Illinois Protective Association of Dale Twp, County of McLean State of Illinois dated 19 January 1932 with the signed names of 14 charter members. See Red Spine Ledger for the full list of the charter members.

Folder 3: Danvers Vigilance Society

- 3.1 Excised ledger book, pages 40, 41, 42, 43, and 47, beginning with the annual meeting 4 April 1911, that includes officer names, new members, minutes and finances. Followed by 1912, 1913, 1914, and 1917 (irregular).

Folder 4: Illinois State Detective Association

- 4.1 Annual Meeting Correspondence, 1945, 1948, 1952, and 1968
- 4.2 Service Book of the Illinois State Detective Association, 1932
- 4.3 Receipts for dues, 1942, 1959, 1968, 1969, and 1970

Folder 5: McLean County Protective Association

- 5.1 Thank you note for expression of sympathy Gaither Family

Folder 6: Dale Twp. Protective Association

- 6.1 Three thank you notes for expressions of sympathy, 1960s.
- 6.2 Five apparent minutes for meetings for election of officers, 1950s 1960s.
- 6.3 Eight receipts for dues, 1949-1971, irregular.
- 6.4 Post card notice of Annual Meeting, 1942.

Folder 7: Dale Township Improvement Association, formerly the Dale Township Protective Association

- 7.1 Acknowledgement of expression of sympathy
- 7.2 Dues receipt book, partially filled out, 1970-1972.

Red Spine Ledger Book:

Page number refers to stamped ledger page number.

Illinois Protection Association Dale Township Charter members 1932 along with minutes from meetings for 1932-1941.

Pages 4-6 charter members list, a total of 58 with names and town, mostly Bloomington rural route addresses, some Covell or Shirley.

Pages 8-10 List of apparent members Sept 5, 1933, a total of 49 with note beside those who are deceased.

Pages 11-30 Secretary minutes January 19, 1932 through December 20, 1932, usually twice a month.

Pages 31-44 secretary minutes for the 1933 meetings.

Pages 45-53 Secretary minutes for the 1934 meetings.

Pages 54-56 Secretary minutes for the 1935 meetings.

Pages 57-62 Secretary Minutes for the yearly meetings 1936-1942.

Pages 63-119 Blank.

Pages 120-126 Yearly list of members 1935-1941.

Pages 140-142 Handwritten Constitution & Bylaws of the Dale Twp Protective Association.

Pages 143-150 Blank except short note on page 150.

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Page number refers to stamped ledger page number; initial pages have been excised, begins page 71.

Pages 71-75 Officers & members, receipts & expenses of the Dale Twp Protective Association 1937-38.

Pages 76-130 A yearly report of the members and running balances, sometimes irregular and lacking details 1938-1977.

Pages 131-277 Blank.

Pages 278-284 Irregular meeting notes and finances 1944, 1949, 1964.