

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Downtown Bloomington Historical Survey**

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**Collection Information**

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## **Brief History**

In 1984 Greg Koos and William Walters began the work of obtaining National Historic standing for the Bloomington Downtown Area. Their work resulted in the Bloomington Downtown Historic District being placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

## **Scope**

The collection includes the materials compiled in support of the application for National Historic District standing for Downtown Bloomington, including the nomination form, historical research, correspondence and miscellaneous records involved in the work. It includes two drafts of a city history of 56 pages.

## **Box and Folder Inventory**

### **Folder 1: General**

- 1.1 "The Historical Significance of Downtown Bloomington," undated manuscript (draft).  
Two versions.

### **Folder 2: Nomination Form**

- 2.1 Letter to Mike Ward of the Historic Sites Division from Greg Koos, 26 Oct. 1984.
- 2.2 National Register of Historic Places Inventory – Nomination Form.

### **Folder 3: Building Histories**

- 3.1 Building history, architectural description and ownership information for each building in Downtown Bloomington.

### **Folder 4: Center Street Buildings**

- 4.1 Working papers and research for buildings on Center Street.

### **Folder 5: East Street Buildings**

- 5.1 Working papers and research for buildings on East Street.

### **Folder 6: Front Street Buildings**

- 6.1 Working papers and research for buildings on Front Street.

### **Folder 7: Jefferson Street Buildings**

- 7.1 Working papers and research for buildings on Jefferson Street.

### **Folder 8: Locust Street Buildings**

- 8.1 Working papers and research for buildings on Locust Street.

### **Folder 9: Main Street Buildings**

- 9.1 Working papers and research for buildings on Main Street.

### **Folder 10: Market Street Buildings**

10.1 Working papers and research for buildings on Market Street.

**Folder 11: Monroe Street Buildings**

11.1 Working papers and research for buildings on Monroe Street.

**Folder 12: Washington Street Buildings**

12.1 Working papers and research for buildings on Washington Street.

**Folder 13: Correspondence and Meeting Notes regarding the Nomination**

- 13.1 Letter from Greg Koos to Ted Hild of Division of Historic Sites, undated, proposing the parameters of the historic district and suggesting a budget.
- 13.2 Letter from Ted Hild to Greg Koos, 28 Dec. 1983, proposing meeting to discuss possibility of nomination.
- 13.3 Letter from Greg Koos to Mayor Richard Buchanan, 3 Jan. 1984, regarding City of Bloomington Historic Preservation Ordinance.
- 13.4 Letter from Ted Hild to Greg Koos, 3 Jan 1984, suggesting preliminary meeting with Koos, Keith Sculle, Mike Ward and Barbara Dunbar.
- 13.5 Handwritten meeting notes, 10 Jan. 1984.
- 13.6 Handwritten meeting notes, 12 Jan. 1984.
- 13.7 Letter from Greg Koos to William Vail, City Manager, 31 Jan. 1984, regarding a meeting to discuss historic district nomination.
- 13.8 Handwritten meeting notes, 9 Feb. 1984 with Vail, Sculle, Asbury, Holzman and Hild.
- 13.9 City of Bloomington Notice, 3 Apr. 1984, Work Session meeting to discuss Historic District.
- 13.10 Council meeting agenda, 9 Apr. 1984.
- 13.11 Letter from Greg Koos to Alfred Holzman, Bloomington Unlimited, 2 May 1984, regarding planning for public meeting to discuss historic district.
- 13.12 Handwritten notes, 8 Jun. 1984 (?).
- 13.13 Handwritten notes, undated.
- 13.14 Memo from Ted Hild to Greg Koos, 21 Aug. 1984, regarding contract with Department of Conservation.
- 13.15 Contract between McLean County Historical Society and Department of Conservation – Land and Historic Sites, 22 Jul. 1984.
- 13.16 Letter from Keith Sculle, Illinois Department of Conservation, 8 Nov. 1984, enclosing materials relevant to participation in the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council on 7 Dec. 1984.
- 13.17 Letter from Keith Sculle to Greg Koos, 26 Nov. 1984, regarding statements in nomination.

**Folder 14: Harriet Fuller Rust Façade Program**

14.1 Booklet: Harriet Fuller Rust Façade Program, 2 copies.

**Folder 15: Miscellaneous**

15.1 Handwritten research cards, 4 cards. Notes on Pantagraph news reports of great fire.

- 15.2 Invoice from State of Illinois, Conservation – Historic Sites, payment of 835.00 to McLean County Historical Society.
- 15.3 Newspaper, *The Daily Pantagraph*, Jubilee Edition, 19 Jun 1901.
- 15.4 Position statement, Historic Preservation Downtown Guidelines.
- 15.5 Letter to Members of Bloomington Unlimited, 20 Jul. 1992, regarding Special Improvement District.
- 15.6 Annual Report, *The Downtown Bulletin*, 1983.
- 15.7 Incomplete research sheet for 110 N. Madison.
- 15.8 “National Register may add Bloomington Buildings,” 4 Apr. 1984, *The Daily Pantagraph*.
- 15.9 “Help history pay off: that’s bottom line,” 20 Apr. 1984, *The Daily Pantagraph*, p. A12.
- 15.10 “City’s history preserved in downtown buildings,” 20 Apr. 1984, *The Daily Pantagraph*.