

McLean County Museum of History

Sandra Harmon COVID-19 Pandemic Journals

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	March 2020 – March 2023
RESTRICTIONS:	None
PROVENANCE:	Materials donated by Sandy and Paul Harmon
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the McLean County Museum of History
ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Brief History

On March 9, 2020, Governor J.B. Pritzker issued a disaster proclamation, the state's equivalent to a state of emergency. Closure of schools, bars, and restaurants followed later that month, as did decisions to cancel gatherings of 50 or more people, institute a stay-at-home order, and close nonessential businesses and theaters, parks, libraries, etc. Various and varied restrictive measures were tightened and then loosened during the better part of three years. On May 11, 2023, Governor Pritzker's COVID-19 public health emergency proclamation officially ended.

At Illinois State University, Sandra Harmon served as interim assistant to the president for Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity, and director of the Affirmative Action Office. Beginning in 1997, she was an assistant director and academic advisor for the Women's Studies program, where she served three times as interim director. Sandra's husband Paul Harmon

served on the Normal Town Council for nine years, and then as mayor of the Town of Normal from 1985–1993.

Scope

The collection includes eleven (11) small spiral bound notebooks in which daily journal entries were made by Sandra Harmon during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Journals

Beginning on March 21, 2020, Harmon recorded her daily activities during the nation's COVID-19 pandemic. Notable news items are mentioned as well as comments on how daily living requirements changed. Entries continue until March 17, 2023.

Journal 1: 4x8 inches, white. June 19, 2006 to March 21, 2020, to May 27, 2020

Journal 2: 4x5.5 inches, red. May 28, 2020 to Oct. 13, 2020

Journal 3: 5x7 inches, black. Oct. 14, 2020 to Dec. 21, 2020

Journal 4: 5x7 inches, yellow. Dec. 22, 2020 to March 7, 2021

Journal 5: 4x5.5 inches, yellow. March 7, 2020 cont. to June 24, 2021

Journal 6: 4x6 inches, red. June 25, 2021, to Aug. 20, 2021

Journal 7: 4x6 inches, red. Aug. 21, 2021, to Oct. 5, 2021

Journal 8: 4x6 inches, red. Oct. 6, 2021, to Dec. 5, 2021

Journal 9: 4x6 inches, red. Dec. 6, 2021, to Feb. 1, 2022

Journal 10: 4x6 inches, red. Feb. 2, 2022, to March 26, 2022

Journal 11: 4x6 inches, red. March 27, 2022, to March 17, 2023