

McLean County Museum of History

Ralph H. Jacobs Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1935 - 1944, mostly 1935 -1938.
RESTRICTIONS:	None
PROVENANCE:	Gift of Jan Schlickman, daughter of Ralph H. Jacobs, 2023.
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Brief History

Ralph H. Jacobs was born in Elliott, IL in 1918. He attended Saybrook High School, graduating in a class of 17 in 1936. He kept a scrapbook his senior year. It includes programs from graduation ceremonies, class plays, musical and literary contests, and many clippings of athletic events. There are comments about other students and teachers and other memorabilia. Some clippings and programs are in an accompanying file.

Jacobs later received a degree in political science from Illinois Wesleyan University. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He became a manager of marketing for the Saybrook State Bank and was active in many community organizations.

Jacobs married Wanda LaVingon in 1944, they had two daughters. He died in 1977 in Champaign, IL.

Scope

The collection includes Jacobs' scrapbook of his senior year at Saybrook High School, 1935-1936. There are also loose programs of high school events and many clippings, especially of athletic events.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Biographical material

- 1.1 Gift agreement
- 1.2 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, March 19, 1977
- 1.3 Brief biography

Folder 2: Loose Materials

- 2.1 Pass for McLean Co. Contests, 1936, Ralph Jacobs, Track, Saybrook, signed Geo. E. Benjamin.
- 2.2 Literary and Musical Contests program, Saybrook High School, April 4, 1936.
- 2.3 "Crashing Society", comedy play by Saybrook Community High School, May 8, 1936.
- 2.4 Saybrook Community High School, Closing Exercises, 1936, 2 copies.
- 2.5 Handwritten invitation to the Alumni Banquet, with envelope, June 2, 1936.
- 2.6 Alumni banquet program booklet, June 12, 1936, 2 copies.
- 2.7 Christmas and New Year card from Olyvia James Jenson, with envelope, December 19, 1938.

Folder 3: Clippings

- 3.1 Announcement of marriage of Marjorie Phyllis Karr to Charles W. Heath, unknown newspaper, August 9, 1944.
- 3.2 "Praise Given Gym Program" Saybrook has the ideal program, *Pantagraph*, December 9, 1933.
- 3.3 Wedding announcement for Mildred Irene Scotton and Richard A. Manton, *Pantagraph*, October 22, 1937.
- 3.4 Wedding announcement for Dorothy Brockhouse and Lloyd R. Smith, *Pantagraph*, July 25, 1940.
- 3.5 Announcement of engagement of Mary Frances Rogers to Paul S. Ives, unknown newspaper, 1940.
- 3.6 "Normal Wins Second Place" report of track and field competition (*Pantagraph*?) no date.
- 3.7 "Colfax Wins in Six Team Track Meet at Cropsey" no date.
- 3.8 "Leroy Teacher" Eva Jane Robinson, formerly teacher in Minonk and Saybrook high schools will teach in Empire Township high school in Leroy, *Pantagraph*, no date.
- 3.9 Lawrence Allen of Long point who coached at Colfax last year will teach at West Aurora High School. no date.
- 3.10 Newsprint photo of Mabel Shelley.

Loose Item: Senior Annual of 1935-36

A scrapbook of Ralph Jacobs, contains clippings, programs, cards, and assorted memorabilia.