

McLean County Museum of History

Greg Koos Collection

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Biographical Sketch

The Greg Koos collection contains published and unpublished works by Greg Koos, executive director of the McLean County Museum of History. The collection also includes material (photographs, notes, rough drafts, correspondence, etc.) relating to speeches, history tours, historic preservation work, and sundry research projects and investigations. The items in this collection date from the early 1970s to the present.

Greg Koos has been an integral part of the McLean County Historical Society since 1977, when he became the archivist / site manager for the society, then located at the McBarnes Memorial Building on E. Grove St. As archivist, Greg organized and indexed archival collections, created finding aids, and assisted scholars and other individuals in the utilization of the society's resources. As site manager, he undertook numerous restoration projects, including work on the Miller / Davis building and the Patton Cabin in Lexington.

In 1988, Greg was appointed executive director of the historical society. In that capacity, he led the society's 1991-1992 move from the McBarnes Building to the old McLean County Courthouse. Greg was primarily responsible for the museum's fiscal management, fundraising, public relations, publications program, and membership. He also works closely with the museum board on matters such as long-range planning, accreditation, endowment management, and other issues. He retired in 2016.

Greg maintained a strong presence in the local community, and from 1978 to the present, it's estimated that he has been quoted / appeared in over 1,500 newspaper articles and radio and television newscasts. He is also a weekly guest on WJBC AM 1230 and writes a local history article for the bimonthly magazine *TC Style* published by The Pantagraph.

Box and Folder Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1: Biographical Information

- 1.1.1. Resume / vitae, 12 pgs., 1983.
- 1.1.2. Resume / vitae, 14 pgs., 1985.
- 1.1.3. Resume / vitae, 14 pgs., 1986.
- 1.1.4. Resume / vitae, 14 pgs., 1987.
- 1.1.5. Resume / vitae, 6 pgs., 2008.

Folder 2: Matthew T. Scott House Nomination

- 1.2.1 National Register of Historic Places Inventory, 8 pgs., December 31, 1984.

Folder 3: Matthew T. Scott House Preservation Application

- 1.3.1 Preservation Application form, 1 pg.
- 1.3.2 General Contract for Construction, 6 pgs., 1982.

- 1.3.3 Construction Notes for Construction/Restoration, 3 pgs.
- 1.3.4 Floor plan layout, newspaper articles and clippings.
- 1.3.5 Miscellaneous material.

Folder 4: Matthew T. Scott House Notes

- 1.4.1 Correspondence, photos, negatives, progress reports of construction.

Folder 5: Matthew T. Scott House Construction Information

- 1.5.1 Contains copies of checks, balance statements, notes of work completed, notes of work not yet completed, checklist, notes and comments.

Folder 6: Scott House Newspaper Clippings

- 1.6.1 Kinas, Carol. "Adlai visits Chenoa House," *The Daily Leader*, Pontiac, Oct. 11, 1982.
- 1.6.2 Davis, Craig. "Chenoa landmark makes acquisition," *The Daily Leader*, Pontiac, Il., April 27, 1984.
- 1.6.3 "Historic rating for Scott home," *The Pantagraph*, Bloomington, Il., March 3, 1983.
- 1.6.4 "Scott home restoration continues", *Chenoa Clipper Times and Lexington Unit Journal*, Chenoa and Lexington, Il., July 29, 1982.
- 1.6.5 "Scott House Update," *Chenoa Clipper Times and Lexington Unit Journal*, Chenoa and Lexington, Il., November 23, 1982.

Folder 7: Bentown Church Historic Places Nomination

- 1.7.1 Benjaminville Quaker Meeting House Historic Places Nomination form, 7 pgs., August 3, 1983.

Folder 8: Bentown Notes and Research

- 1.8.1 Photos, negatives, land layouts, correspondence, typed reports, June 1983-January 1984.

Folder 9: Mason Block Historic Preservation

- 1.9.1 Mason Block Historic Preservation Certification Application, 9 pgs., 1986.
- 1.9.2 Handwritten notes, 4 pgs.

Folder 10: John Patton Log Cabin

- 1.10.1 Historic Preservation Agency correspondence, 2 pgs., January 28, 1986.
- 1.10.2 Historic Places National Register Nomination form, 20 pgs., August 3, 1983.

Folder 11: Holy Trinity Church Nomination

- 1.11.1 National Register of Historic Places Inventory nomination form, 6 pgs., August 3, 1983.

Folder 12: Holy Trinity Church Notes

- 1.12.1 Various newspaper articles, correspondence, handwritten notes, and typed reports, 1983-1990.

Folder 13: East Grove Street Nomination

- 1.13.1 National Register of Historic Places Inventory nomination form, 48 pgs., December 2, 1985.
- 1.13.2 Agreement for Historic Preservation Project Survey Services. Includes Grants-in-Aid Program Agreement, lists of requirements, Billing Summaries, and related correspondence.

Folder 14: East Grove Street Notes

- 1.14.1 Correspondence, notes and newspaper articles regarding East Grove Street nomination.

Folder 15: The Eliel Barber House and American Vertical Plank Wall Construction

- 1.15.1 Koos, Greg and Walters Jr., William D. "The Eliel Barber House and American Vertical Plank Wall Construction," in *P.A.S.T.* Vol. 9, pgs. 71-78, 1986.

Folder 16: Eliel Barber House Draft and Correspondence

- 1.16.1 Correspondence letter from editor of *P.A.S.T.*, Russell G. Swenson to Greg Koos and William Walters Jr., 2 pgs., November 15, 1998.
- 1.16.2 Draft, "The Eliel Barber House and American Vertical Plank Wall Construction," 11 pgs.

Folder 17: Eliel Barber House Research

- 1.17.1 Pictures, correspondence, Floor plan layouts, and other research.

Folder 18: Eliel Barber House Notes and Research Continued

- 1.18.1 Folder contains correspondence, handwritten notes, floor plan layouts, newspaper articles and photocopies of book chapters, 1862, 1975-1984.

Folder 19: Labor and Museum Partnerships

- 1.19.1 Koos, Greg and Matejka, Mike. "Labor and Museum partnerships: Joining together to reclaim the past," in *AASLH: History News, the Magazine of the American Association for State and Local History*, Vol. 58, No. 3, Summer 2003. 2 copies.
- 1.19.2 Koos, Greg. "Museum and Labor Partnerships in McLean County Illinois," in *Labor's Heritage*. Silver Springs, Md. Vol. 11. No. 3. pgs. 13-17. 2001.

Folder 20: Labor and Museum Partnership Notes

- 1.20.1 Correspondences, rough drafts, publishing information, and pictures for "Labor and Museum partnerships: Joining together to reclaim the past."
- 1.20.2 Draft of "Museum and Labor Partnerships in McLean County, Illinois." July 21, 2000. 4 pp.

Folder 21: History You Can See Manuscript

- 1.21.1 Publishing information, correspondence, handwritten notes and manuscript, 65 pgs., 1991.

Folder 22: Views of Towanda

- 1.22.1 Koos, Greg. "Views of Towanda: The Material Culture of an Early Illinois Tank Town," in *Material Culture; Journal of the Pioneer America Society*. Vol. 31. No. 3. pgs. 1-20. Fall 1999.

Folder 23: Views of Towanda, Draft

- 1.23.1 Draft of "Views of Towanda," 8 pictures, 21 pgs.

Folder 24, Views of Towanda, Research

- 1.24.1 Handwritten notes, photos, and land layout.

Folder 25: Irish Immigrant Schoolmasters

- 1.25.1 Koos, Greg. "Irish Immigrant Schoolmasters in Early American Education," 14 pgs. Undated.
- 1.25.2 Koos, Greg. "Preliminary Draft of Study of James N. Smith's Collection of Poetry, Anecdotes, &c. Which He Memorized When A Youth. . .," 37 pp., 1998 plus 2 earlier drafts.
- 1.25.3 Smith, James N., "Collection of Poetry, Anecdotes & c. Which He Memorized When a Youth." 1873, Bloomington, IL, A. J. Coff, Book and Job Printer. Xerox copy.

Folder 26: Peter C. Duff: Craft as Biography

- 1.26.1 Koos, Greg and Young, Marcia. "Peter C. Duff: Craft as Biography," in *Material Culture*, Vol. 25. No. 3, pgs. 35-52. 1995.

Folder 27: Peter C. Duff Notes and Research

- 1.27.1 Draft, correspondence, pictures and floor plan layouts.

Folder 28: Researching your Illinois House

- 1.28.1 Koos, Greg. "Researching your Illinois House: Compiling a History of your 1820-1920 Home" in *Illinois Preservation Series*, No. 7. pgs. 1-11.

Folder 29: Researching your Illinois House Notes and Research

- 1.29.1 Handwritten notes, correspondence, drafts and publishing information.

Folder 30: The Irish Hedge Schoolmaster

- 1.30.1 Koos, Greg. "The Irish Hedge Schoolmaster in the American Backcountry," in *New Hibernia Review*. University of St. Thomas. Vol. 5. No. 4. pgs. 7-26. Summer 2001.
- 1.30.2 Koos, Greg. "The Irish Hedge Schoolmaster in the American Back Country: 1920-1850," 31 pgs., August 2000.
- 1.30.3 Letter from Greg Koos to Thomas Dillon Redshaw (New Hibernia Review) dated 29 August 2000 submitting article for publication.
- 1.30.4 Email from Mary Campbell regarding the use of photograph for publication dated 11 September 2000.

- 1.30.5 Letter from James Rogers (University of St. Thomas, Center for Irish Studies) dated 11 September 2000 regarding receipt of revision of article.
- 1.30.6 Letter from James Rogers dated 1 February 2000 regarding submission of article.
- 1.30.7 Letter from James Rogers dated 13 April 2000 regarding acceptance of article, "Advice to contributors" and manuscript evaluation.
- 1.30.8 Letter from James Rogers dated 17 April 2001 regarding uncorrected page proofs of article.
- 1.30.9 Memo from Greg Koos to James Rogers dated 30 April 2001 with corrected to galleys.
- 1.30.10 Copy of galley proof.
- 1.30.11 Letter from James Rogers dated 27 July 2001 enclosing copy of journal with published article.

Folder 31: Museum and Labor Partnerships

- 1.31.1 Koos, Greg. McLean County Labor History. Powerpoint on DVD, 3 pp outline, program schedules, etc. June 2010.

Folder 32: White(s) Place

- 1.32.1 Koos, Greg. "Bloomington's White's Place," in *Historic Illinois*, Springfield, Il. Vol. 16. No. 5. pgs. 2-6. February 1994.
- 1.32.2 Draft of Bloomington's White's Place. 12 pgs.
- 1.32.3 Letter of Correspondence, 2 pgs., March 4, 1993.

Folder 33: American Log Buildings

- 1.33.1 Typed review of Terry Jordan's *American Log Buildings, an Old World Heritage*, 7 pgs.
- 1.33.2 Letter of Correspondence, June 26, 1985.
- 1.33.3 Handwritten Notes, 9 pgs.
- 1.33.4 "Guidelines for Book Reviewers"

Folder 34: Matthew T. Scott, Prairie Capitalist

- 1.34.1 Koos, Greg. "Matthew T. Scott, Prairie Capitalist," in *Historic Illinois*. Springfield, Il. Vol. 6. No. 4. pgs. 2-4,6. December 1983.

Folder 35: Matthew T. Scott Prairie Capitalist Notes

- 1.35.1 2 typed drafts of "Matthew T. Scott, Prairie Capitalist", 1 letter of correspondence.

Folder 36: Book Review, Frontier Illinois

- 1.36.1 Koos, Greg. "Frontier Illinois" in *The Michigan Historical Review*. Vol. 27. No. 1. Spring 2001.
- 1.36.2 Letters of Correspondence and drafts.

Folder 37: A Nationally Honored Museum

- 1.37.1 Koos, Greg. "A Nationally Honored Museum in Bloomington?" May/June 2001.

Folder 38: Downtown Bloomington Book Notes

- 1.38.1 Handwritten notes.
- 1.38.2 Typed note of sale.

Folder 39: Downtown Bloomington Book Notes

- 1.39.1 Typed notes of the *Downtown Bloomington Book*, 15 pgs.

Folder 40: Downtown Bloomington Book: Miller Davis Building Research

- 1.40.1 Typed history of the Miller Davis Building, 6 pgs.
- 1.40.2 Handwritten research notes, 12 pgs.

Folder 41: Downtown Bloomington Book: Chapter 2

- 1.41.1 Chapter 2 of the *Downtown Bloomington Book* titled "Boomtown," 33 pgs.

Folder 42: Downtown Bloomington Book Notes and Research

- 1.42.1 Letter of Correspondence, 3 pgs., 1985.
- 1.42.2 Draft with notes, 9 pgs.
- 1.42.3 Handwritten notes, 13 pgs.

Folder 43: Downtown Bloomington, Publishing Information

- 1.43.1 Handwritten notes, publishing information, letters of correspondence, 1985.

Folder 44: Lumber and Mill Work

- 1.44.1 "Lumber and Mill Work: Builders Supplies in pre-1880 Bloomington, Illinois," 12 pgs.
- 1.44.2 Letters and Correspondence and handwritten notes, 1988.

Folder 45: Charles van Raveensway Correspondence

- 1.45.1 Correspondence between Greg Koos and Charles van Raveensway, relating to Prestele family and Phoenix Nursery, 27 pgs., 1981-1986.

Folder 46: G. W. Bunting

- 1.46.1 Newspaper clippings, letters of correspondence and handwritten notes, 8 pgs.

Folder 47: Aaron T. Simmons

- 1.47.1 Notes, letters of correspondence, and photographs, local architect, 7 pgs., 1985.

Folder 48: Pleasant Hill

- 1.48.1 Handwritten notes, letters of correspondence, geographic layout, and photographs, 9 pgs., 1981.

Folder 49: South Square Buildings

- 1.49.1 Handwritten notes and "South Square Buildings of Historic Downtown Bloomington, Il," 1989.

Folder 50: Ewing Manor

1.50.1 Typed reports, photographs, publications and letters of correspondence, 1986.

Folder 51: George H. Miller

1.51.1 Handwritten notes, correspondence, published documents, typed reports and photographs. Local architect.

1.51.2 "The Architecture of George Miller," images from the research of Evelyn S. Griffith with comments, 48pp.

Folder 52: Winton C. Knight and Frank Hyneman Knight

1.52.1 Letters of correspondence, handwritten notes, publications, misc. documents, 1932, 1982-1986.

Folder 53: Mitchell/Christian House (509 East Front, Bloomington)

1.53.1 Handwritten notes, 4 pgs.

1.53.2 Typed report by Greg Koos, 2 pgs., December 5, 1988.

Folder 54: Arthur L. Pillsbury

1.54.1 Handwritten notes, 2 pgs., November 1979. Local architect.

Folder 55: Franklin Park

1.55.1 Index cards, handwritten notes, newspaper articles, 7 pgs., 1988.

Folder 56: Irish in American Labor History

1.56.1 Presentation made in Quincy, IL, with Mike Matejka, March 16, 2010. 15 pgs.

Folder 57: Why Neighborhoods Matter – Bloomington Neighborhoods

1.57.1 Presentation for Historic Preservation Week, circa 2001. 11pgs plus program.

Folder 58: Miscellaneous speeches

1.58.1 WPA and the Depression era in Bloomington, undated. 2 pgs.

1.58.2 "Adlai Stevenson: A Voice of Liberal Democracy," 6 pgs. undated.

1.58.3 "Brief History of the City of Bloomington Government and its ordinances," Sep 3, 2014. 4 pgs. and Sep 2, 2015 5 pp.

Box 2

Folder 1: Architect Award Meeting Speech

2.1.1 Handwritten notes, speech transcription, 10 pgs., May 9, 1991.

Folder 2: Illinois Wine Speech

2.2.1 Speech, "The Heritage of Illinois Wine," 4 pgs.

2.2.2 1 printed invitation.

2.2.3 Typed and handwritten notes, 18 pgs.

Folder 3: We are Government Speech

2.3.1 Transcription of speech given at the McLean County Fair, 6 pgs., 2006.

Folder 4: 1893 World's Fair Speech

- 2.4.1 Handwritten speech outline, 2 pgs.
- 2.4.2 29 index cards of the 1893 World's Fair speech.

Folder 5: Veterans Day 2007 Speech

- 2.5.1 Speech entitled "Veterans Day 2007," 8 pgs., September 11, 2007.

Folder 6: Corn Agriculture Exhibit Speech

- 2.6.1 Copy of a speech given before the McLean County Agriculture Club and Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Awards Dinner, 7 pgs., November 5, 1999.
- 2.6.2 Two scripts for the corn exhibit "Just Corn: The Amazing Story," 1999.
- 2.6.3 "Corn and International Trade. We grow money here." 3pp speech notes, undated.

Folder 7: Miscellaneous Talks

- 2.7.1 Compilation of speeches, handwritten notes, typed notes and research pertaining to speeches given, 1987-1998.

Folder 8: History Preservation Week

- 2.8.1 History Preservation Week speech, 60 index cards, 1991.

Folder 9: Southeast McLean County Tour

- 2.9.1 Southeast McLean County Tour, 209 index cards, 1989-1990.

Folder 10: Southwest McLean County Tour

- 2.10.1 Southwest McLean County Tour, 33 index cards, undated.

Folder 11: History is all about you Panel Discussion Intro

- 2.11.1 Notes, correspondence, etc., 1987.

Folder 12: Bloomington and Lexington Historic Architecture Tour

- 2.12.1 Handwritten and typed tour notes, tour transcript, letters of correspondence, and research. (1978)
- 2.12.2 *Architectural Historical Tour Downtown Bloomington, Il*
- 2.12.3 *Architectural Historical Tour Downtown Lexington, Il*

Folder 13: Industrial History of the Twin Cities

- 2.13.1 Maps, ticket information and tour transcript, May 5, 2001.

Folder 14: McLean County Bike Tour

- 2.14.1 Tour transcript, 11 pgs., 1989.

Folder 15: Reich On!

- 2.15.1 Gnagey, David F. and Koos, Greg. *Reich On! An analysis of Campus Violence*. 1971.

Folder 16: The Old McLean County Courthouse

- 2.16.1 Koos, Greg. "The Old McLean County Courthouse," 16 pgs., January 1997.
- 2.16.2 "County of McLean and McLean County Museum of History landlord/Tenant History," Dec 18, 2015. 2 pp.

Folder 17: The Historical Significance of Downtown Bloomington

- 2.17.1 Koos, Greg. "The History of Downtown Bloomington," 25 pgs., 1987.
- 2.17.2 Koos, Greg. "The Historical Significance of Downtown Bloomington," 25 pgs., 1992.
- 2.17.3 Koos, Greg. "The Historical Significance of Downtown Bloomington," 25 pgs., 2002.

Folder 18: Knights vs. the Klan

- 2.18.1 Koos, Greg. "Knights vs. the Klan: McLean County and its Struggle for Diversity," 2 pgs., 2001.

Folder 19: The Gardner Museum of Architecture and Design

- 2.19.1 Koos, Greg. "The Gardner Museum of Architecture and Design: An Evaluation with Recommendations," (Quincy, Illinois) 11 pgs., May 5, 1986.
- 2.19.2 Letter of Correspondence, 1 pg., April 8, 1986

Folder 20: Union Institute

- 2.20.1 Koos, Greg. "Response for the College of Undergraduate Studies," (Cincinnati, Ohio) 4 pgs., October 22, 1995.

Folder 21: Why museums do what they do

- 2.21.1 Koos, Greg. "Why museums do what they do," 7 pgs., February 11, 2001.
- 2.21.2 Koos, Greg. "Why museums do what they do," 3 pgs., 2002.

Folder 22: The Corn Palace

- 2.22.1 Koos, Greg. "The Corn Palace," 2 pgs., September 28, 2005.
- 2.22.2 Letter of Correspondence, 1 pg.

Folder 23: History of Foreign Trade

- 2.23.1 Outline of the history of foreign trade in McLean County. 3 pgs. (2 copies).

Folder 24: Founders Grove Area before 1875

- 2.24.1 Koos, Greg. "Founders Grove before 1875," 2 pgs., 2003.

Folder 25: Religion in McLean County

- 2.25.1 Outline of Religion in McLean County, 3 pgs., 1998.

Folder 26: There we were: 1963-1967

- 2.26.1 Koos, Greg. "There we were: 1963-1967," (Trinity High School, Bloomington, Illinois) 3 pgs., July 2, 1987.

Folder 27: Home Front Heroes and Memorial Day

- 2.27.1 Koos, Greg. "Home Front Heroes and Memorial Day," 5 pgs., Memorial Day 1999.

Folder 28: Addendum on Judge Scott

- 2.28.1 Koos, Greg. "Addendum on Judge Scott," 1 pg., 1978.

Folder 29: From Hells Bend to Lake Bloomington

- 2.29.1 Koos, Greg. "From Hells Bend to Lake Bloomington," 2 pgs.

Folder 30: Route 66

- 2.30.1 Koos, Greg. "Route 66," 3 pgs., April 18, 2007.
2.30.2 "Downtown Bloomington: A Business 66 Survivor," Oct 19, 2023, photo-centric presentation to 8th Annual Miles of Possibilities Route 66 Conference.

Folder 31: Summer Learning, Summer Fun

- 2.31.1 Koos, Greg. "Remember When: Summer Learning, Summer Fun," 2 pgs., May 22, 2006.

Folder 32: Lincoln walks in the streets of Bloomington

- 2.32.1 Koos, Greg. "Lincoln walks in the streets of Bloomington," 3 pgs., January 3, 2007.
2.32.2 Koos, Greg. "Lincoln in Bloomington," 3pgs. speech notes, 1995.

Folder 33: Before the Horseless Carriage

- 2.33.1 Koos, Greg. "Before the Horseless Carriage," 3 pgs., August 14, 2007.

Folder 34: Teaching about Racism

- 2.34.1 Koos, Greg. "Teaching about Racism at the Old Courthouse Museum," 2 pgs., May 17, 1994.

Folder 35: From Piazza's to Porches

- 2.35.1 Koos, Greg. "From Piazza's to Porches," 5 pgs., June 23, 2006.

Folder 36: Representing Diversity

- 2.36.1 Koos, Greg and Young, Marsha. "Representing Diversity in Local History Museums," 9 pgs., September 7, 1995. Final plus draft.

Folder 37: Native Son

- 1.1.6. Koos, Greg. "Native Son," in *TC Style*. Vol. 3. No. 4. pgs. 49-51. April 2008.

Folder 38: Early Education in Illinois

- 2.38.1 Koos, Greg. "Early Education in Illinois," 3 pgs., speech for ISU Presidential Inauguration Symposium, Oct 1999.

Folder 39: The Hansen Center / Illinois Wesleyan University

- 2.39.1 Koos, Greg. "The Hansen Center," speech for the Busey Bank event, 3 pgs. June 11, 2008.

Folder 40: Apples for the Eyes

- 2.40.1 Koos, Greg. "Apples for the Eyes: A Bloomington nursery produced fine art prints," 3 pgs. March 8, 2007.

Folder 41: GAP Area Historical Review, Near West Side

- 2.41.1 Koos, Greg. "GAP Area Historical Review (Lee to Locust to Morris to Taylor in Bloomington IL)," 3 pgs. August 27, 2008. (Gridley, Allin, Prickett subdivision.)

Folder 42: New Communities Initiative

- 2.42.1 Koos, Greg. "New Communities Initiative at the McLean County Museum of History," 12 pgs. October 20, 2008.

Folder 43: Lost or Not

- 2.43.1 Koos, Greg. "Lost or Not" (talk before the College Alumni Club on Abraham Lincoln's "Lost Speech" of May 29, 1856), 10 pgs. October 10, 2008.

Folder 44: County Bus Tour

- 2.44.1 Mclean County map, 1985, revised 1993, with annotations.
2.44.2 Note cards, typed and handwritten, offering narrative for tour.
2.44.3 Miscellany, incl. photocopy of 1856 Folsom map and 2 pgs. notes on L.E.&W. Railroad by William D. Walters, Jr.

Folder 45: McLean County: A Place of Power and Growth

- 2.45.1 Koos, Greg. "McLean County: A Place of Power and Growth" (delivered to annual meeting of Corn Belt Energy cooperative, no date), 3 pgs.

Folder 46: McLean County Landscape

- 2.46.1 Koos, Greg. "McLean County Landscape," poem, 1975, 7 pgs., photocopy.

Folder 47: Battle Between Christmas and New Years

- 2.47.1 Koos, Greg. "Battle between Christmas and New Years," 3 pgs., 2006, Christmas story captions, 1 pg.

Folder 48: Evergreen Cemetery Monument

- 2.48.1 Koos, Greg. "Evergreen Cemetery Monument," 3 pgs., 2005

Folder 49: Misc. Book & Tour Reviews

- 2.49.1 Koos, Greg. "Visionary: An Elmhurst Retrospective. A Review by Greg Koos," 2 pgs., 2006

- 2.49.2 Koos, Greg. "Pure Ketchup: A History of America's National Condiment," by Andrew Smith. Book review in *Pioneer American Society*, Vol. 37, No 2. Fall 2005, pp 95-9.
- 2.49.3 Koos, Greg. "From Paczkis to Pastelitos: Milwaukee's immigrant South Side Bus Tour." April 21, 2012. Published in *The Public Historian*, Vol 34, No 4 November 2012.
- 2.49.4 Koos, Greg. "Finding Postmodern Regionalism in Nor Normal, Illinois" to be published in *The Middle West Review*, 2025. The genesis of this review of an anthology of short postmodern fiction is detailed in the accompanying emails.

Folder 50: How to Research Your Older Home

- 2.50.1 Koos, Greg. "The Older House: How to Research Your Older Bloomington-Normal Home," 4 pgs., June 2005.

Folder 51: Darrel Hartweg

- 2.51.1 Koos, Greg. "Darrel Hartweg," 2 pgs., 2007

Folder 52: Friends and Benjaminville

- 2.52.1 Koos, Greg. "Friends and Benjaminville- Celebrating the construction of the 1859 meeting house," 1 pg., 2009

Folder 53: Honoring Architecture

- 2.53.1 Koos, Greg. "Honoring Architecture." 2 pgs., 2009.

Folder 54: Researching Germans in Bloomington

- 2.54.1 "How to Research Germans in Bloomington," by the German Girl Intern (Anna Blind). 3 pgs., 2006

Folder 55: Irish Immigrants and Central Illinois

- 2.55.1 Koos, Greg. "Irish Immigrants and Central Illinois," 2 pgs., 2006
- 2.55.2 Koos, Greg. "Along the great throughfares" Irish settlement in the upper Mississippi Valley 1830-1860, 31pp, 2023.
- 2.55.3 "Greening of the Prairie: Irish Immigration to the Cornbelt" May 2024 presentation overheads.
- 2.55.4 "Along the Great Thoroughfares: St. Louis and Irish Settlement in the Corn Belt," overheads for Missouri Historical Society conference on Irish America Past, Present and Future, May 2024 .

Folder 56: Taking the Long View

- 2.56.1 Koos, Greg. "Taking the Long View," 2 pgs., 2009

Folder 57: Early Automobiles

- 2.57.1 Koos, Greg. "Early Automobiles," 2 pgs., 2008. (Vincent Koos and the Nash he built for Byrd C. Van Leer)

Folder 58: Soper-Burr House History

2.58.1 Koos, Greg. Soper-Burr House history, (210 East Chestnut, Bloomington, Illinois) January 2011

Folder 59: A Nineteenth Century Immigrant

2.59.1 Koos, Greg. "A Nineteenth Century Immigrant," 3 pgs., circa 1960. (Mary Motherway O'Neill & her family)

Folder 60: Corn, Illinois History & Victorian Life

2.60.1 Koos, Greg. "Corn, Illinois History, and Victorian Life, 6 pgs., speech outline, undated.

Folder 61: Early Scouting in McLean County

2.61.1 Koos, Greg. Untitled, 3 pgs. handwritten, undated.

Folder 62: Normal History Club

2.62.1 Koos, Greg. "The Normal History Club & the Rise of Illinois Culture," 6 pgs. handwritten, 1993 speech.

Folder 63: Ariel Club

2.63.1 Koos, Greg. "Ariel Club & the Rise of Illinois Culture," 7 pgs. handwritten, 1992 speech.

Folder 64: Lincoln as Upland Southerner

2.64.1 Koos, Greg. "Lincoln as Upland Southerner," 8 pgs. handwritten, 1990 speech.

2.64.2 Related research materials.

Folder 65: One Hundred and Five Year Report

2.65.1 Koos, Greg. "One Hundred and Five Year Report," 5 pgs., speech on 105th anniversary of McLean County Historical Society, 1997.

Folder 66: Philanthropy and Sponsorship

2.66.1 Koos, Greg. "Philanthropy and Sponsorship," 13 pgs, presented 31 Oct 1996 to Midwest Museum Conference in Lansing, MI.

Folder 67: Bloomington in the 1920s

2.67.1 Koos, Greg. "Bloomington in the 1920s," 3 pgs., speech for 80th birthday celebration of Kiwanis, 1995.

Folder 68: Poetry

2.68.1 *McLean County Poetry Review*, Vol 1, Spring 1975, 49 pp. Includes some poems by G. Koos.

Folder 69: Exhibit

2.69.1 Irish Exhibit Outline (*Greening of the Prairie*) by G. Koos, Summer/fall 2010. For later edition, see Irish Exhibit Collection.

2.69.2 Irish Exhibit Update, undated. 1p.

- 2.69.3 Outline of Curator's Lecture, 2010.4 pp.
- 2.69.4 "early" presentation, undated.

Folder 70: Using Digital Media at the Museum

- 2.70.1 "Stumbling into the Future at the McLean County Museum of History," internet posting by G. Koos, 3 pp, 22 Feb 2012.

Folder 71: The Oaks

- 2.71.1 "Significance for the Oaks," commentary by Greg Koos, 301 East Grove, Bloomington, Illinois) 1 p. 3 Oct 2012.

Folder 72: George Hanna House

- 2.72.1 "Statement on the George Hanna House," commentary by Greg Koos, (607 East Front, Bloomington, Illinois) 1 p. 15 May 2013.

Folder 73: Pullman Cars & Lincoln

- 2.73.1 Request from Wayne Abbott to confirm text on Pullman Cars & Lincoln with corrections noted by Greg Koos, 2 pp., used in 2014. "Amtrak Script."

Folder 74: Silk Stocking Row Tour

- 2.74.1 Notes and color photos from June 2014 walking tour of homes on East Washington Street, Bloomington.

Folder 75: Downtown (Bloomington) Histories

- 2.75.1 History of Downtown, in City of Bloomington publication, circa 1995. 4 pp.
- 2.75.2 "Tour the Story of Downtown Bloomington," in *50Plus News & Views*, Dec 2015, 2pp.

Folder 76: Farmer Origin and Farm Production

- 2.76.1 Mapping and statistic sources.

Folder 77: "Whiskey Vs Lager Beer"

- 2.77.1 "Whiskey Vs. Lager Beer – Bejabers": The Irish, the bete noir of Lincoln's Republican Party," manuscript submitted for publication in Oct 2021, 24pp.

Folder 78: Irish rail workers in Illinois

- 2.78.1 "Irish rail workers in Illinois – 1850s; Straw Dogs for Republican Voters" - Poster for paper submitted for conference presentation, May 2020.

Folder 79: Extant Buildings

Lists of extant buildings associated with African American, Irish, German, Swedish and Hungarian groups in Bloomington. List from Koos plus email from Jack Muirhead, 2020. 6 pp.

Box 3

Folder 1: Greg Koos' Poetry

- 3.1.1 "Pikestaff Press Presents the First Words Fair," poster, 3 August 1980.
- 3.1.2 "Bemused," booklet of poetry by Greg Koos.
- 3.1.3 "Koos Version," by Kannakuk, translation by G. Koos.
- 3.1.4 "Smiley Eulogy," 1 February 1980.
- 3.1.5 "The True Story of Abraham."
- 3.1.6 "Star Blessing," August, 1977.
- 3.1.7 "Items," April, 1977.
- 3.1.8 "Women Soup," Fall, 1977.
- 3.1.9 "Koos and the art of wine consumption," 12 March 1977.
- 3.1.10 "Black Cats," April, 1978.
- 3.1.11 "On the death of Kitty Koos," 15 January 1976.
- 3.1.12 "The entire swiftness of pounce," 5 March 1979.
- 3.1.13 "McManus."
- 3.1.14 "McManus Farm."
- 3.1.15 "The Last Midwesterner in Midwinter," January, 1978.
- 3.1.16 "St. Francis Poem," August, 1978.

Folder 2: ISU Years

- 3.2.1 Peace and Freedom Party pamphlet, 4 October ____.
- 3.2.2 Registration form and punch card, 1969.
- 3.2.3 Poster based on FBI wanted poster.
- 3.2.4 "Vote like your education meant something," Student Senate campaign pamphlet, 1969.
- 3.2.5 "Senate Candidates Present Platforms," *Vidette*, Vol. 81 No. 43, 6 March 1969.
- 3.2.6 Campaign poster printed on issues of *Wall Street Journal*.
- 3.2.7 Campaign poster with photos of Dave Gnagey and Greg Koos.
- 3.2.8 Invoice for printing pamphlets, Nationwide Speed Printing."
- 3.2.9 Layouts for poster and pamphlets.
- 3.2.10 Campaign platform for campaign workers.
- 3.2.11 "'Students Should Demand Services' Says Impact," *Vidette*, Vol. 81 No. 44, 11 March 1969.
- 3.2.12 Name tag, ISU 1968 Republican Mock Convention.

Folder 3: Certificates awarded Greg Koos

- 3.3.1 Eagle Scout Dinner, Corn Belt Council Boy Scouts of America, 13 February 1966.
- 3.3.2 Eagle Scout Certificate, Corn Belt Alliance, 13 February 1966.
- 3.3.3 Eagle Scout Certificate and Letter, National Council Boy Scouts of America, 22 April 1966.
- 3.3.4 The American Legion Premier Boys State, June, 1966.
- 3.3.5 Civil Service Certificate, 25 June 1966.
- 3.3.6 Student Government Day Certificate, 15 March 1967
- 3.3.7 National Forensic League Degree of Honor Card.
- 3.3.8 National Forensic League Certificate, 7 December 1965.

- 3.3.9 American Association for State and Local History, AASLH Seminar on Publications, August, 1979 and letter.
- 3.3.10 Illinois State Historical Society lifetime achievement award, 2023 notification letter & April 2023 awards program. Plus "Greg Koos honored with Lifetime Achievement Award," in *Normalite*, May 4, 2023.
- 3.3.11 "Greg Koos honored with Lifetime Achievement Award." Source and date unknown.

Folder 4: "Arson, Accidents and Architecture"

- 3.4.1 "Arson, Accidents and Architecture," 2 pgs, *Historic Illinois*, Vol. 8, No. 1, June 1985, pp. 1-2.

Folder 5: Medieval Agriculture

- 3.5.1 "'A fair field full of folk': Medieval Agriculture in Piers Plowman," undated.

Folder 6: European Agriculture Practices

- 3.6.1 "A Survey of Traditional European Agricultural Practices Before 1800," undated.
- 3.6.2 Handwritten note from Greg Koos to Jim, undated.
- 3.6.3 Letter from Jim to Greg Koos, June 29, 1994.

Folder 7: Museum Administration

- 3.7.1 "Narrative of Planning Experience," undated.
- 3.7.2 Memoranda by Howard Elder re Planning Work at the McLean County Historical Society.
- 3.7.3 Learning Evaluation from The Union Institute regarding Greg Koos' completion of course in Museum Management
- 3.7.4 "Cybermania: Some thoughts on New Technologies," Feb 1999. 2pp.

Folder 8: World War II

- 3.8.1 "World War II," Eighth Grade History Project. (1963)

Folder 9: George McGovern Campaign Materials

- 3.9.1 "George McGovern: There IS a Difference," 1983.
- 3.9.2 "The McGovern 10-Point Program"
- 3.9.3 Correspondence to delegates.
- 3.9.4 Correspondence regarding 10-point program.
- 3.9.5 "... And Democratic Dullness," *The Washington Post*, January 3, 1984.
- 3.9.6 "A switch from Mondale to McGovern," *Chicago Tribune*, January 16, 1984.
- 3.9.7 "The New Realism: A Revival of the Old Common Sense," Presidential announcement speech of George McGovern, September 13, 1983.
- 3.9.8 Correspondence from Jeffrey Paul Smith, Illinois Coordinator, McGovern for President, January 24, 1984.

Folder 10: Ephemera

- 3.10.1 Carbon Paper Tablet, c. 1960.
- 3.10.2 Normal Parking ticket, 11/11/69.

- 3.10.3 McLean County Summons, June 29, 1984, parking ticket.
- 3.10.4 Letter to Ask Old House Journal, Jan/Feb 1987.
- 3.10.5 Poster by Dona Lantz, (Xerox artist) 19 November 1979.
- 3.10.6 Eagle Scout Court of Honor Program, David Hoyt and Eric Alvarado, 24 November 1985.
- 3.10.7 "Leadership in Community Interview" by Christian Burton. Interview by Greg Koos' nephew, May 2018.
- 3.10.8 Collection of Greg Koos' ID cards from Trinity High School, Illinois State University, Driver's Licenses and Visa credit card.
- 3.10.9 Greg's home movies: "Piece from Our Past" article by Bill Kemp, published in *The Pantagraph*, May 2020. Though anonymously, Greg Koos' family home movies are the topic. With thumbdrive.

Folder 11: General Correspondence

- 3.11.1 Undated letter and Christmas card from Dave Gnajey.
- 3.11.2 Undated letter from Pastor Ralph E. Wingate.
- 3.11.3 Undated thank you letter from Ellen Hudak.
- 3.11.4 Letter from (Mark) Chaddon, 23 April 1969, Okinawa.
- 3.11.5 Invitation to B.F.A. Senior Show, Lauren McClure, April, 1979.
- 3.11.6 Letter dated 3 May 1979 from John Pyros.
- 3.11.7 Letter from Doris Grabill dated 14 June 1979 about life after a romantic break up and professionalism.
- 3.11.8 Letter from John Pyros dated 15 August 1979 regarding writing.
- 3.11.9 Letter from McLean County Arts Council, 9 May 1980, re additional grant monies awarded.
- 3.11.10 Letter from Lorin I. Nevling of the Field Museum of Natural History, 28 December 1983 regarding gifts to museums.
- 3.11.11 Letter from Dave and Clea Gnajey dated 18 March 1984 regarding work with affordable energy.
- 3.11.12 Letter from John E. Hall of Demco, 11 June 1984.
- 3.11.13 Letter from Bonnie Tinsley dated 23 August 1984 with copy of poem by Greg and poems by Bonnie Tinsley.
- 3.11.14 Letter from Kenneth J. Emmons of McLean County Regional Planning Commission dated 10 May 1985
- 3.11.15 Letter from Pete Black dated 1 September 1985 inviting Greg to visit him in England.
- 3.11.16 Letter from John Knoepfle dated 21 October 1985 regarding publication of *The Reader's Guide*.
- 3.11.17 Wedding invitation from Greg Koos and Carol Smith for their wedding October 26, 1985.
- 3.11.18 Thank you letter from Harriett Rust postmarked 13 December 1985.
- 3.11.19 Letter from Kenneth J. Emmons of McLean County Regional Planning Commission dated 10 May 1985
- 3.11.20 Letter from Edward Madigan, 7 November 1985.
- 3.11.21 Letter from Paul Simon, 8 March 1988.
- 3.11.22 Letter from Adlai E. Stevenson, 28 October 1986.

- 3.11.23 Letter from Adlai E. Stevenson, 18 November 1986.
- 3.11.24 Letter from Timothy R. Ives, 19 June 1998.
- 3.11.25 Letter to David Gnajey, 3 October 2013.
- 3.11.26 Card from Charlene Burns, March 2016, regarding retirement.
- 3.11.27 Card with drawing of logo of Dramatika, John Pyros publication.
- 3.11.28 Card and letter from Carolyn Hendon postmarked 31 December 1987.
- 3.11.29 Card from Jim Kuykendall postmarked 4 September 1979.
- 3.11.30 Poem by Fred Tarr, "several days later," 1974.
- 3.11.31 Poem by Fred Tarr, "gary snyder, you," 1974.
- 3.11.32 Letter from Gore Vidal on Bray's discovery of Oates' plagiarism, undated but postmarked from Italy 31 March 1992. With envelope.
- 3.11.33 Letter to the Editor of History News about how museums can best reach young audiences, not by "whiz bang attractions," 16 August, 1985.
- 3.11.34 Letter to Walter Bittner, Alderman, regarding upcoming council decision about 502 East Walnut, 22 January 1988.
- 3.11.35 Letter from Guy Mahan regarding a book purchase, 7 March 1988.
- 3.11.36 Letter from Lawrence McBride about the History Teaching Alliance, includes syllabus and flyer, 30 March 1991.
- 3.11.37 Letter from Frederick D. Drake about summer institute, includes syllabus and contract to sign, 10 June 1991.

Folder 12: Correspondence from Phil Burnside

- 3.12.1 Letter dated 1 January regarding purchase of land in Wisconsin.
- 3.12.2 Letter dated 14 October 1972 regarding new job as letterpress operator and fiction writing (Minnesota).
- 3.12.3 Letter dated 4 March 1973 regarding new job with newspaper as reporter and writing biography of Maxim Gorky (Wisconsin).
- 3.12.4 Letter dated 20 March 1973 regarding home brewed beer, Anti-communist postman and poetry reading.
- 3.12.5 Letter dated 24 April 1973 regarding the smelt run and a local commune.
- 3.12.6 Letter dated 6 May 1973 regarding music festival and artists.
- 3.12.7 Letter dated 20 May 1973 regarding work for forestry service, the North Central Institute for Cybernetics and home industry ideas (sheep, stonemasons, etc.)
- 3.12.8 Letter dated 16 June 1973 regarding freelance writing.
- 3.12.9 Letter dated 17 August 1973 regarding reading and life in his barn.
- 3.12.10 Letter dated 30 August 1973 regarding Elm Farm Bookbuilding Works in his barn.
- 3.12.11 Letter dated November 1973 regarding frustrations of work as an editor.
- 3.12.12 Letter dated 7 June 1974 regarding being fired from job as reporter due to investigation of embezzlement and subsequent job for another paper.
- 3.12.13 Letter dated 1 April 1984 regarding past visit to Bloomington and enclosing manuscript of published story: "The Estate of Henry Argent."

Folder 13: Correspondence from Joseph H. Meyers

- 3.13.1 Letter dated 19 May 1983 regarding travels in Heidelberg, Germany.
- 3.13.2 Letter dated 5 September 1983 regarding family and reading.

3.13.3 Letter dated 21 September 1983 regarding Catholic education and reading.

Folder 14: Correspondence from Ruth Wantling

- 3.14.1 Letter postmarked 26 January 1979 regarding sights and people near Phoenix, AZ.
- 3.14.2 Letter postmarked 6 February 1979 (Phoenix) congratulating Greg on success and including poem.
- 3.14.3 Letter postmarked 30 July 1979 (Madison, WI) apologizing for failing to appear for date.
- 3.14.4 Letter postmarked 11 September 1979 regarding return to Illinois.
- 3.14.4 Letter postmarked 3 October 1979 (Columbus, IL) regarding out of work.
- 3.14.5 Letter postmarked 6 November 1979 (Columbus, IL) regarding movie and making applejack.
- 3.14.6 Letter postmarked 14 November 1979 with poem and visit to Bloomington.
- 3.14.7 Undated note regarding housekeeping dispute.
- 3.14.8 Undated Christmas message and poem.

Folder 15: Correspondence from Terry Fitzgerald

- 3.15.1 Letter dated 19 March 1974 regarding gardening and other nonsensical writing.
- 3.15.2 Undated letter regarding work, reading and pot growing.
- 3.15.3 “for greg: on the experience of ‘elated desperation (sic)’,” free verse.
- 3.15.4 Undated letter regarding John Buban and his unspecified personal crisis.
- 3.15.5 Undated letter regarding proposed visit by Greg.
- 3.15.6 Letter postmarked 25 January 1978 (Tyler, TX) regarding old friends.
- 3.15.7 Undated letter regarding relationship between Fitzgerald and Ruthie and Greg.
- 3.15.8 Unsigned letter postmarked 22 December 1979 (Bloomington, IL) regarding breakdown of a relationship with Greg.
- 3.15.9 Letter postmarked Tacoma, WA regarding wedding present and Clancy Brothers albums.
- 3.15.10 Poem/letter dated 8 June 1973 typed on Taylor’s Book Shop bag enclosing map to Fitzgerald’s home in Centralia, IL.
- 3.15.11 Undated letter regarding alcohol and marijuana use/abuse with multiple pages of political drawings.
- 3.15.12 Poem dated 6 December 1976 by Terry Fitzgerald.

Folder 16: Correspondence and poetry from Michael Holland Moore

- 3.16.1 Letter postmarked 1 May 1978 regarding war budget protests and medical treatment of Moore’s mental illness.
- 3.16.2 Letter dated 1 October 1978 regarding Moore’s continuing problems with mental illness.
- 3.16.3 Letter dated 14 November 1978 regarding work as an English and math tutor.
- 3.16.4 Letter dated 10 January 1979.
- 3.16.5 Letter dated 17 March 1979 regarding economic status – public aid and orders to rest.
- 3.16.6 Letter postmarked 18 April 1979 enclosing two poems.
- 3.16.7 Collection of poems, 14 pages.

3.16.8 *The Older American*, February 1982, contributor, Michael Holland Moore.

Folder 17: Correspondence with (and about) Bob Hendon

- 3.17.1 "Hendon bids for Ill. Senate," *Vidette*, 5 February 1970.
- 3.17.2 Undated letter to G. Koos from Diboll, Texas regarding work and moving to Texas.
- 3.17.3 Letter to Gail dated 9 March 1973 (Lufkin, Texas) regarding work in insurance.
- 3.17.4 Letter printed backwards (with carbon) dated 7 September 1973.
- 3.17.5 Letter dated July 1973 regarding growing food in Texas and Vietnam war.
- 3.17.6 Letter dated 19 January 1974 proposing business opportunities in Texas.
- 3.17.7 Letter dated 29 October 1974 from "deep in mushroom forests."
- 3.17.8 Letter dated 17 October 1975 enclosing short story.
- 3.17.9 Letter dated 6 November 1979 regarding lake cabin and sail boat.
- 3.17.10 Undated, incomplete letter re laid off from National Homes.
- 3.17.11 Letter dated 11 February 1987 regarding death of daughter Juley, Carolyn's breast cancer and alcoholism.
- 3.17.12 Letter dated 19 February 1987 regarding spring and his art.
- 3.17.13 Self-addressed postcard invitation to visit and tell arrival date, never mailed.
- 3.17.14 Untitled, undated poem.
- 3.17.15 "Three Sainted Prayers," poem.
- 3.17.16 Curriculum vitae, 1971.
- 3.17.17 Business card, Field representative, ITT Educational Services, Inc. Morton, IL.
- 3.17.18 "Bob Hendon – An Appreciation" by Koos as written for his brother Bill Hendon, Feb 2018. 4pp plus explanatory cover email, Jul 2023.

Folder 18: Poetry and writing of William Wantling

- 3.18.1 Mock announcement of award of Purple Heart.
- 3.18.2 "Your Children's Dead Eyes," May 1970.
- 3.18.3 "Sons of the Open Road," Walt Whitman.

Folder 19: Central State Political Science Institute

- 3.19.1 Telegram dated 17 December 1969 regarding unexcused illness from department chair.
- 3.19.2 Invitation to Institute's French Club lecture: "French, in General, Something belonging to France; and Inverse Methods (i.e.) Latin, Greek, Tutonic [sic], (and The Language Spoken by the Old Gaul.)"
- 3.19.3 Charter of Central States Political Science Institute.
- 3.19.4 Constitution of the Central States Political Science Institute.
- 3.19.5 Untitled publication by the Institute.

Folder 20: Correspondence from Barbara Dunbar

- 3.20.1 Thank you card on occasion of 10th Anniversary with Museum postmarked 25 October 1985.
- 3.20.2 Letter dated 26 July 1994.
- 3.20.3 Letter dated 8 December 1994 regarding new address.

Folder 21: WJBC's Forum - Scripts and Related Correspondence

Note: GK's titles in quotation marks

- 3.21.1 Railroads, 17 February 1984.
- 3.21.2 Tax Reform, 9 September 1985.
- 3.21.3 Drunken Students, 23 September 1985.
- 3.21.4 Mitsubishi plant, 7 October 1985.
- 3.21.5 Bloomington Federal building purchase, 21 October 1985 – Not Run.
- 3.21.6 John Knoepfle, poet – 9 November 1985.
- 3.21.7 "Speaking Out," 18 November 1985.
- 3.21.8 Professionals, 2 December 1985.
- 3.21.9 Downtown one-way street system, 16 December 1985.
- 3.21.10 Normal's salting streets, 30 December 1985.
- 3.21.11 "How to Get to the Post Office," 13 January 1986.
- 3.21.12 Prescott Bloom and Dick Godfrey, 17 January 1986.
- 3.21.13 Regarding previous day's comments by Greg Koos, WJBC Editorial, 28 January 1986.
- 3.21.14 Forum Members Rotation, 6 February 1986.
- 3.21.15 "Watching Downtown Bloomington," undated 1986.
- 3.21.16 "End of the Snow," 24 February 1986.
- 3.21.17 "Middle Schools," 10 March 1986.
- 3.21.18 "Democrats Asleep at the Wheel," 24 March 1986.
- 3.21.19 "Architecture at Holy Trinity," 7 April 1986.
- 3.21.20 "Normal's Risky Business," 21 April 1986.
- 3.21.21 "Teachers and Illiteracy," 5 May 1986.
- 3.21.22 "Buy Books not Bytes," 19 May 1986.
- 3.21.23 "Vandalizing History," 2 June 1986.
- 3.21.24 "Misunderstandings," 19 June 1986.
- 3.21.25 "Downtown Renaissance," undated 1986.
- 3.21.26 "Old and New" by Doug Williamson, 12 June 1986.
- 3.21.27 "Politics of the Family," 14 July 1986.
- 3.21.28 "Supporting Locally Owned Businesses," 28 July 1986.
- 3.21.29 "Koehler vs. Solomon," 11 August 1986.
- 3.21.30 "Kalaidescope [sic]," 25 August 1986.
- 3.21.31 "Traffic Lights," 8 September 1986.
- 3.21.32 "The Drug Wars," 22 September 1986.
- 3.21.33 "Computer Calls," 20 October 1986.
- 3.21.34 "The Election and the Governor," 3 November 1986.
- 3.21.35 "Profit or Product," 17 November 1986.
- 3.21.36 "Human Rights at the Mall," 1 December 1986.
- 3.21.37 "A Cheap Shot by a Forum Colleague" by Jerry Israel, 3 December 1986.
- 3.21.38 "Can Downtown Bloomington be revitalized into a prosperous business and residential area?" WJBC Editorial, 11 December 1986.
- 3.21.39 "Col. North, Hero or Dupe," 15 December 1986.
- 3.21.40 "New Year's, the smoker and non-smoker," 24 December 1986.
- 3.21.41 "Historic Preservation in Normal," 12 January 1987.
- 3.21.42 Downtown Bloomington Development by Rich Buchanan, 15 January 1987,

- 3.21.43 "The Community College," 26 January 1987.
- 3.21.44 "Designs on Downtown Bloomington," 9 February 1987.
- 3.21.45 "Memory Keepers," 23 February 1987.
- 3.21.46 "Walking and Parking," 6 March 1987.
- 3.21.47 Memo from Don Munson regarding amending Forum procedures rules, 17 March 1987.
- 3.21.48 "Historic Preservation is Reasonable," 23 March 1987.
- 3.21.49 "Saying Goodbye," 6 April 1987.
- 3.21.50 Letter from Don Munson thanking G. Koos for his efforts for the WJBC Forum, 6 April 1987, with envelope.
- 3.21.51 Thank you form letter from Judy Markowitz, undated.

Folder 22: Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission

- 3.22.1 Photos & Info on Martens Residence at 1204 E. Grove St, Peter Heinz House 608 W. Mill St, and Quinn Brothers Gas Station at 802 N. Main St, 2022. 6 pp.
- 3.22.2 Demolition Review: Four photo scans and related email on 308 West Stewart, a c1855 hall & parlor house, 14 Feb 2023.
- 3.22.3 "As-Built Elevations" including scaled drawings and exterior photos for 1225 Holiday Drive, the 1959 Circle Lanes Bowling Bldg designed by Eugene Asbury in Googie style. 10pp, late 2022-early 2023.
- 3.22.4 Demolition Review: 1613 S. Main, Jun 2024. 8pp with photos and map. Meyer Brewery stable.
- 3.22.5 Demolition Review: 615 E. Empire, July 2024. 5pp with photos, map, birds eye. L. James Bloomer residence (Phoenix nursery landscape designer)
- 3.22.6 Demolition Reviews: Jul-Aug 2024: 104 E. Empire lower middle class cottage; 706 E. Bissell St garage; 1002 Barker St.; 1234-1236 E. Empire St Minimal Traditional colonial style house; 710 E. Jackson St. gable-end side-hall National Style frame house; 615 E. Empire St (updated); 1216 N. Mason St. Hall & Parlor one-story house.
- 3.22.7 "The Office Building of the Illinois Disciples of Christ, 1011 N. Main St., Bloomington," 17pp history, use, alterations, architectural & historical merit. April 2025.
- 3.22.8 Application for Daily Pantagraph building at 301 W. Washington St, May 2025. 12pp plus cover letter.

Folder 23: Other Old Buildings

Writeups & research on houses & other local buildings including their most noted residents including:

- 3.23.1. 705 South Center Amasa Washburn, Rev. James Shaw house
- 3.23.2. 415 N. Center St. Harber/Steffens Building
- 3.23.3. 920 S. Summit Jesse E. Hoffman house
- 3.23.4. 405 W. Market Geo. H. Miller house
- 3.23.5. 407 W. Market Illinois Apartments, 1912
- 3.23.6. 407 E. Monroe John E Thomas house
- 3.23.7. North Grove St in Normal: Geo. Valentine Circus Barn

- 3.23.8. 817 W. Grove St, Blm, in Lange's subdivision, once owned by James G. Lange who advertised grape stock sale in 1866, 2021
- 3.23.9. Beadles Hall, 1101 North East Street, Blm, on Illinois Wesleyan University campus. Originally a frame residence built 1903 for Frank P. & Sally Casey. 11p, 2023.
- 3.23.10. 1406 Fell Av, Blm, built c1887 for Johann and Wilhemina Glowe and later owned by Hanne Heckman, 6pp, 2025.

Folder 24: Immigration of Irish Domestic Servants

- 3.24.1 "A Cargo of Irish Girls:" Assisted immigration of Domestic Servants into the Midwest 1850-1860. 25 pp. Oct 2022.
- 3.24.2 "A Cargo of Irish Girls" in *New Hibernia Review*, Winter 2022, pp89-105.

Folder 25: Irish prairie settlement and farming

- 3.25.1 "The Greening of the Prairie: Irish settlement and farming on the Illinois Prairie" 27pp draft for submission. May 2023. Plus thumb drive with census schedules.
- 3.25.2 "The Green of the Prairie: Irish Settlement and Farming in the Illinois Corn Belt," in *New Hibernia Review*, Fall 2023, pp41-62.

Folder 26: Old Houses

- 3.26.1 "Why Old Houses Matter: An Overview and Community Diagnostic," presentation overheads for Town of Normal 2024 Historic Preservation Awards plus program for same.

Folder 27: Automobiles

- 3.27.1 Booklet: Owner's Handbook for 2015 Outlander Sport (Mitsubishi Motors), 17pp. Plus "window sticker" from 2015 Outlander Sport SE 2WD.
- 3.27.2 Booklet: O'Briens Owner Recommended Maintenance Schedule

Folder 28: Ed Lobb

- 3.28.1 "Ed Lobb, A radical worker (1906-1984)." 3pp typescript, 2025, plus 9 *Pantagraph* articles from 1932-1972.

Box 4

Materials in Folders 1-7 relate to Greg Koos' book *Freedom, Land & Community: A History of McLean County Illinois, 1730-1900*, 2021

Folder 1: Township Records for Book

- 4.1.1 Handwritten note to Greg from Judy(?) regarding the following documents, undated.

- 4.1.2 Federal Census 1880 information for Normal Town/Township, lists by surname, 18pp.
- 4.1.3 Federal Census 1900 information for Normal Town/Township, lists by surname, 55pp.

Folder 2: Articles and Research Documents for Book

- 4.2.1 Account of attack perpetrated by Patrick O'Connor, Patrick Kane, and Michael Barrett on an African-American person, photocopy of handwritten account, September 10, 1868. 4pp,
- 4.2.2 Land transfers to James Allin, 1831-1893, with handwritten note from Greg Koos to Sarah requesting this information, 7pp.
- 4.2.3 "The McMurrays In American Education" by Charles McKenny, chapter from *The American Schoolmaster*, pp 212-217, photocopy.
- 4.2.4 Plate 13 "Wapellah, Clinton, Elmwood" and Plate 14 "Bloomington" from *Sectional Maps showing 2,500,000 Acres Farm and Wood Lands, of the Illinois Central Rail Road Company* [etc], 1856.
- 4.2.5 Letter to Mr. Fell from John H. Bryant, February 28, 1885, photocopy, 3pp.
- 4.2.6 *The Mercantile Agency Reference Book for the Within States*, January 1886, photocopy, various pages.
- 4.2.7 "George Dietrich: Your Helpful Hardware Man" by Linda M. Leinicke, paper written for graduate seminar, April 5, 1983, 24pp, photocopy.
- 4.2.8 "Days of the Red Men," *The Bloomington Daily Bulletin*, December 5, 1897, 6pp.

Folder 3: Miscellaneous for Book

- 4.3.1 Kickapoo bibliography (includes place names), October 1, 2021, 7pp.
- 4.3.2 Delaware bibliography, October 1, 2021, 3pp, 2 copies.
- 4.3.3 publicity card for *Freedom, Land Community*.
- 4.3.4 Audio on thumb drive for WGLT Radio interview with Charlie Schlenker, Fall 2023.
- 4.3.5 Printout of overheads for Koos presentation on book, c.2023. 21 pp.

Folder 4. Draft copies of Book, Chapt's 1-3

- 4.4.1 Chapter 1: spiral-bound typescript,
- 4.4.2 Chapter 2: The American Immigrants, spiral-bound typescript, 99pp.
- 4.4.3 Chapter 3: Railroad Boom, spiral-bound typescript, 125pp.

Folder 5: Draft copies of Book, Chapt's 4-6

- 4.5.1 Chapter 4: Republicanism, spiral-bound typescript, 101pp.
- 4.5.2 Chapter 5: Bayonets and Ballots, spiral-bound typescript, 116pp.
- 4.5.3 Chapter 6: Free Labor, Free Soil Redux, spiral-bound typescript, 125pp.

Folder 6: Draft copy of Book, Chapt 7

- 4.6.1 Chapter 7: Home Keeping, spiral-bound typescript, 78pp.

Folder 7: Working Notebooks for Book

Sources and citations, nine books, handwritten. Each notebook is comprised lined sheets, stitched, in brown cardstock cover, 5x8.5 inches.