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McKeon Collection

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Brief History

Marguerite (1896-1958) and Geraldine McKeon (1898-1975) were both born in Mitchell, Ontario, Canada.

Marguerite McKeon (Zinn) was an active member of the International Women's Union Label League in Chicago; served as president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 78-A; and worked as a telephone operator. She later married John Zinn in 1929, who died in 1939. She worked at the Paradise Cleaners for 15 years, and lived at a nursing home in El Paso, IL up until her death.

Geraldine McKeon worked as a telephone operator for 48 years (1914-1963). She served as a president of Local Union 78-A. She was president of the Women's Union Label League No. 341 and served as League delegate to Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly until her death. She was also a member of the Degree of Maud Miller. (The fraternal order known as the Improved Order of Red Men had a female branch named the "Degree of Pocahontas," and the local Bloomington order was titled the "Degree of Maud Miller.")

The Kinloch Telephone Company in Bloomington was renamed Wabash Telephone Company and then later became the Illinois Telephone Company. Geraldine worked for all three. Many telephone operators were members of the Local Union 78-A, later part of Local Union No. 51, both local affiliations of the IBEW. Geraldine was a trustee for local telephone operator's union to the Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly. The Trades and Labor Assembly was the Bloomington-Normal affiliate of the American Federation of Labor.

Scope

The collection includes Marguerite's and Geraldine's personal correspondence from friends and family, many in Canada. Women's Trade Union League, Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers telephone operators, Women's Union Label League, and Improved Order of the Redman local and national publications, Constitutions/By-laws, union correspondence, and newspaper articles. There are several Wabash/Kinloch/Illinois Telephone Company employee booklets and collective bargaining agreements. There is a folder on Hugh McKeon with immigration letters and railroad certification and news articles.

Box and Folder Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1: Hugh McKeon

- 1.1.1 Letter from U.S. Department of Labor Immigration Service granting Certificate of Registry to Hugh McKeon, information on Registry of aliens, 16 Feb 1931, 2 pp.
- 1.1.2 Note from E. Essick Master Mechanic to Engineers Pt. Huron Division allowing Hugh McKeon to ride on engines, 28 Dec 1909

- 1.1.3 Bulletin from Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Construction Department listing pay rates for Engineers and Firemen, 22 April 1909.
- 1.1.4 7 Payment stubs from United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes and Railroad Shop Laborers, 1920-1921,
- 1.1.5 Misc. Newspaper Clippings about Bloomington railroad roundhouse and "The Shops" and others
- 1.1.6 Certificate of Competency from Grand Park Railway Systems as Locomotive Engineer, 10 Oct1904.
- 1.1.7 Membership certificate from Locomotive Engineers Mutual Life and Accident Insurance Association, 1 June 1905.

Folder 2: 1934 Chicago World's Fair

- 1.2.1 "Progress" pamphlet by Union Pacific describing their new train,
- 1.2.2 "Bring 'em Back Alive" pamphlet for Frank Buck's Jungle Camp, 1934.
- 1.2.3 Envelope from Hotel Del Prado to Olive McKeon containing hotel pamphlet and flyers about the World's Fair, 31 Aug 1934.
- 1.2.4 Guide Map of World's Fair Grounds from Hotel Del Prada
- 1.2.5 "This Week In Chicago" pamphlet published by This Week In Chicago, Inc. 24 June 1934.

Folder 3: Marguerite Zinn (nee McKeon) Women's Trade Union League #1

- 1.3.1 National Women's Trade Union League of America blank membership slip
- 1.3.2 Constitution of the National Women's Trade Union League of America
- 1.3.3 "Bulletin on the Eight Hour Day" outlining benefits of the eight-hour work day for women published by National Women's Trade Union League of America, Chicago IL, 12 Feb 1919
- 1.3.4 "Join the Women's Trade Union League" pamphlet and application.
- 1.3.5 "Educational Work of the National Women's Trade Union League" articles written by Alice Henry published by the National Women's Trade Union League, Chicago, IL March 1920. 2 Copies.
- 1.3.6 "Training for Labor Organizers" booklet of information about educational training courses published by the National Women's Trade Union League. 2 copies
- 1.3.7 National Women's Trade Union League of America pamphlet containing general information about the League.
- 1.3.8 "The Progress of Industry" article about progress through legislation written by Mrs. Raymond Robins published by the National Women's Trade Union League Chicago, IL. 2 Copies.
- 1.3.9 "The Early History of Women Trade Unionists of America" booklet published by the National Women's Trade Union League, Chicago, IL. 1919. 16 pp.
- 1.3.10 Application for Affiliation National Women's Trade Union League of America.
- 1.3.11 "Girls" booklet providing information about why girls should join a union published by the National Women's Trade Union League Chicago, IL. 5 pp.
- 1.3.12 Letter from Secretary-Treasurer to Marguerite McKeon providing instructions about a course in Trade Unionism, 21 Dec 1920, attached letter providing fare to Chicago.

- 1.3.13 Letter from Director of Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor to Marguerite McKeon stating they were sending several maps related to women in industry. 15 Jan 1921
- 1.3.14 "Bulletin" published by the National Women's Trade Union League of Chicago, IL. Jan 1921. 4 pp.
- 1.3.15 Letter from Director of Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor to Marguerite McKeon stating they were sending copies of "The New Position of Women in American History". 29 Dec 1920
- 1.3.16 Letter from Thomas E. Nord (sp?). of the U.S. Department of Labor to Marguerite McKeon stating they were sending several copies of "The Farm Woman's Problem's". 6 Jan 1921.
- 1.3.17 "The Farm Women's Problems" booklet published by the Department of Agriculture. Nov 1920. 24 pp. 2 Copies.

Folder 4: Marguerite Zinn (nee McKeon) Women's Trade Union League #2

- 1.4.1 "The Trade Union Women" by Alice Henry outlining early trade unions among women. 2pp.
- 1.4.2 List of Materials included with other Women's Trade Union League papers. 2 copies.
- 1.4.3 List of suggested literature included with other Women's Trade Union League papers.
- 1.4.4 Statement from the U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau providing information on a motion picture called "When Women Work". 3 pp.
- 1.4.5 Statement from the National Women's Trade Union League of America about a course in trade unionism. Chicago, IL. 23 Nov 1923. 2pp. 2 Copies.
- 1.4.6 Bulletin #6 from National Women's Trade Union League of America discussing the Second International Congress of Working Women on 17 October 1921 in Geneva, Switzerland on. Chicago, IL. 5 Dec 1921. 2pp.
- 1.4.7 Bulletin from the National Women's Trade Union League of Chicago discussing League business. Chicago, IL. 15 April, 1921. 2pp.
- 1.4.8 Statement "Summer School for Women Workers in Industry" from discussing women who will receive scholarships to a summer school opening at Bryn Mawr College from the National Women's Trade Union League. Chicago, IL. 3 pp.
- 1.4.9 "Write your representatives" pamphlet about a bill to provide instruction on the hygiene of mother and infants.

Folder 5: Marguerite Zinn (nee McKeon) Misc. Union & Labor

- 1.5.1 Itinerary for National League for Women Voters conference on "Women in Industry" with special guest Janette Rankin. 31 December
- 1.5.2 Statement of protective working standards for women recommended by The Committee On Women in Industry of the National League of Women Voters. 1920. 2pp.
- 1.5.3 Booklet of Resolutions adopted by the First International Congress of Working Women. 208 October-6 Nov 1919. 18 pp. 2 copies.
- 1.5.4 Program for Fourth Biennial Session of the Illinois Women's Legislative Congress. 28-29 Dec 1920.
- 1.5.5 *Illinois State Federation of Labor* news letter. Chicago, IL. 1 Jan 1921. 4pp. 2 copies.
- 1.5.6 "Mary Anderson: How an Immigrant Girl Rose to High Federal Office" by Lili Lykes Rowe, *The Ladies Home Journal*, Aug 1920.

- 1.5.7 Booklet "Minimum Wage Commissions: Current Facts" published by National Consumer's League. Jan 1920. 15pp.
- 1.5.8 Budget of Living Costs by New England telephone operators. Dec 1920.
- 1.5.9 "The Labor Movement—With Special Reference to Women". 6pp.
- 1.5.10 Writing taken from *Life and Labor* by Mary E. Dreier about a strike at the Boston Telephone Company. June 1913.
- 1.5.11 Notebook containing list about Dance Committee ticket sales and a letter to someone at the Kinloch Telephone Co. about girls being shocked while working at the switchboard.
- 1.5.12 Ritual Booklets for Local Unions affiliated with The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, 2 full copies, 1 partial.
- 1.5.13 By-Laws Booklet for Local Union I66-A of Rock Island affiliated with IBEW
- 1.5.14 Password Cards for Local Union of IBEW for 1 April 1921 & 1 July 1921.
- 1.5.15 Credential for Marguerite McKeon for the Telephone Operators Department of the IBEW, 15 July 1921.
- 1.5.16 Membership Card for Marguerite Zinn for Local Union No. 96 of the International Association of Cleaning and Dye House Workers for 1942.
- 1.5.17 IBEW Local Union 78-A membership dues receipt for Marguerite McKeon, 15 Dec 1942.
- 1.5.18 "Trade Union Girl Organizer" about Marguerite accepting a job for the Telephone Operators International Union, *The Searchlight*.

Folder 6: Marguerite McKeon (later Zinn) Personal Correspondence 1913-1918

- 1.6.1 Gordon McKeon at Rochester, NY saying time as gone by fast, he is studying hard, and the weather is bad, 9 Nov 1913, 3pp.
- 1.6.2 Gordon McKeon at Rochester, NY discussing weather, Easter, and his return home in ten weeks, 27 March 1914, 3pp.
- 1.6.3 Gordon McKeon at Rochester, NY discussing how he would like to visit his cousins more, weather, and friend Elaine, 14 Oct 1915,
- 1.6.4 Gordon McKeon at Rochester, NY discussing things are going well for him, their Aunt Annie being in the country, wishing her luck at the telephone company, 23 March 1916, 3pp.
- 1.6.5 L.W. Henry at Parsons, KA explain the bullet shells and cartridges he sent (one made in East Alton, IL) and the weather in Kansas, 22 Dec 1916. 2 pp.
- 1.6.6 Homer R. Vaudervort, Jr. at Chicago, IL thanking her for the photos he received, said he gave her address to Paul Haggerty, and business in Houston, Texas, 21 Jul 1917, pp.
- 1.6.7 Homer R. Vaudervort, Jr. at Camp Logon, Texas discussing music rehearsal for a parade, layout of camp grounds and daily routine, 6 Nov 1917.
- 1.6.8 Homer R. Vaudervort, Jr. at Camp Logon, Texas discussing Christmas, weather, wishing he could return home, and training, 24 Dec 1917, 3pp.
- 1.6.9 Lew. W. Henry at Jefferson Barracks, MO discussing weather, training, and uniforms, 31 Dec 1917, 2 pp.
- 1.6.10 Homer R. Vaudervort, Jr. at Camp Logon, Texas thanking her for the picture, discussing cold weather and upcoming music events, 12 Jan 1918.
- 1.6.11 Lew. W. Henry at Jefferson Barracks, MO thanking her for the sweater, discussing laundry and vaccinations, 11 Jan 1918, 2pp.

- 1.6.12 Lew. W. Henry at Jefferson Barracks, MO discussing being petty officer in charge, his visit to STL (St. Louis), aspects of daily life at the barracks, 1 Feb 1918, 3 pp.
- 1.6.13 Postcard, L.W. Henry at Jefferson Barracks, MO saying he will be leaving soon for the Philippines, 2 Feb 1918.
- 1.6.14 Paul Hagerty at Huston, TX introduces himself, discusses first time they met, friend Homer Vaudervort, and how he had wanted someone to correspond with, 16 Feb 1918.
- 1.6.15 Paul Hagerty at Huston, TX writing about "Van" (Homer Vaudervort), sent photo, discussed dancing, possible furlough home, asked for pictures from last visit, 1 Mar 1918, 3 pp.
- 1.6.16 Paul Hagerty at Huston, TX discussing where Band Brigades were sent, rain storm, hiking with "Van, 22 March 1918, 4pp.
- 1.6.17 Lew W. Henry at Angel Island CA, discussing time in the hospital with German Measles, scenery and layout of the island and bay, 7th March, 1918, 3pp.
- 1.6.18 Lew W. Henry at Schofield Barracks, HI said he spend more time in the hospital, discussed boat ride to Hawaii and arriving on the island, 20 April 1918, 2pp.
- 1.6.19 Lew W. Henry at Schofield Barracks, HI discussing pictures he sent, different drills and exercises, island fruits, daily life, 21 May 1918, 4pp.
- 1.6.20 Lew W. Henry at Schofield Barracks, HI discussing the song "You Can Always Come Back to Me", playing baseball with island natives, travels around the island, 11 June 1918, 2pp.
- 1.6.21 Lew W. Henry at Schofield, HI discussing two more songs he learned, going to the dentist, rifle practice, and daily life, 21 July 1918, 2pp
- 1.6.22 Lew W. Henry at Schofield, HI discussing Hawaiian language and words, target practice, time in hospital at Angel Island, 17 Aug 1918, 3pp.
- 1.6.23 Lew W. Henry at Shofield, HI discussing Officers Training Camp, trip to and training at Waikakalua Gulge 4 October 1918, 3pp.
- 1.6.24 Lew W. Henry at Schofield, HI discussing possibility of the war being over, a new job, a breach of discipline, and the death of his brother, 12 Nov 1918, 2pp.
- 1.6.25 Homer Vandervort at Vosges, France discussing air raids, being in the line of fire, the death of friends, and horrors of war, 30 Nov 1918, 2 pp.
- 1.6.26 Homer Vaudervort at France saying everything is going well during the war, seen beautiful scenery, has all the equipment he needs, 19 Aug 1918.
- 1.6.27 Postcard from Homer Vaudervort saying he is at the hospital sick, 12 Oct 1918.

Folder 7: Marguerite McKeon (later Zinn) Personal Correspondence 1919-1924 All letters addressed to Marguerite McKeon, except the first one listed

- 1.7.1 L.W. Henry at Slater, MO, to Mrs. Hugh McKeon, discussing his feelings for Marguerite as only a friend, 29 June 1929.
- 1.7.2 L.W. Henry at Slater, MO, to Marguerite discussing his trip to Bloomington and talking with her father, 24 June, 1920.
- 1.7.3 L.W. Henry at Slater, Mo discussing Leland's visit to Bloomington and arrival back in MO, records, and dancing, 30 Nov. 1920.
- 1.7.4 Postcard from Homer R. Vaudervort in France saying everything is going very well, 9 July 1919.
- 1.7.5 Lew W. Henry at Schofield Barracks, HI discussing processing discharges, what he will do when he is discharged, and promotion to Private 1st Class, 16 Feb 1919.

- 1.7.6 George at Baltimore, MD discussing friend Miss Goff, a joke played on friend Al, and marriage, 2 March 1919, 2pp.
- 1.7.7 Blythe Wilkinson at Kansas City, Mo discussing health issues, getting away from a would-be husband, and work at telephone company
- 1.7.8 Lew W. Henry at U.S.A. T. "Sherman" at sea discussing placement as Acting Sergeant Major, the staff assigned to him, and seasickness, 23 October, 1919.
- 1.7.9 Lew W. Henry at Schofield Barracks, HI discussing returning to work after being sick, the need to go to the dentist, and the training of new recruits, 8 Nov, 1919
- 1.7.10 Lew W. Henry at Schofield Barracks, HI, gives his regards about the death of an unidentified mutual friend, says he can be like her brother and he regards her as sister, 20 Nov 1919.
- 1.7.11 J.E. Burkett at Schofield Barracks, HI saying the mail being sent to Lew Henry was forwarded to his new station in the Philippine Department, 3 March 1920.
- 1.7.12 Unknown sender, Schofield Barracks, HI, two newspaper articles regarding Lew W. Henry's return to Hawaii and reenlistment for two more years, 3 March 1920
- 1.7.13 Postcard from Cecile Shreeves at Galesburg, IL saying she wont be able to stop in Bloomington on her way to St. Louis and will meet Marguerite there, 21 June 1920.
- 1.7.14 Lew W. Henry at Slater, MO discussing working at the roundhouse and buying a new suit, 1 Oct 1920.
- 1.7.15 Lew W. Henry at Slater, MO inviting Marguerite to visit Slater, discussing new opportunity at the roundhouse, and his brother buying a piano, 15 October 1920.
- 1.7.16 Lew W. Henry at Slater, MO discussing a Halloween party, changes at work, and plans for when she visits, 21 October 1920
- 1.7.17 Lew W. Henry at Slater, MO discussing Olive's, Marguerite's sister, misguided feelings for him and his views on relationships, 12 April 1924, 2 pp.
- 1.7.18 Rose at Springfield, IL sending a Christmas card, 21 Dec 1920
- 1.7.19 Lew W. Henry at Schofield Barracks, HI sent name card, 24 Nov 1919.
- 1.7.20 Lew W. Henry at Slater, MO saying Marguerite should take the organizer position 5 June 1921
- 1.7.21 Lew W. Henry at Slater, MO joking about her mother finding out he encouraged her to take the organizer position, discussing his upcoming trip to Bloomington with two apprentices and the new typewriter he got, 15 June 1921
- 1.7.22 Cecile Shreeves at Galesburg, IL talking about telephone operator union business, 3 Aug 1920
- 1.7.23 Mabel Leslie at Boston, MA saying she is mailing the proceedings from the St. Louis telephone operators department of the IBEW 20 July 1920.

Folder 8: Marguerite McKeon (later Zinn) Personal Correspondence 1954-58 All the following addressed to Marguerite Zinn

- 1.8.1 Edna Leeming at Walton, Ontario sent sympathy card regarding the death of Marguerite to her home for Geraldine, invites Geraldine and sister to visit anytime, 26 July, 1958.
- 1.8.2 Maud Leeming Walton, Ontario sent sympathy card regarding the death of Marguerite to her home for her other cousins, discusses death of her husband, and the nice weather, 12 Aug 1958, 2pp.
- 1.8.3 Dorothy Leeming at Walton, Ontario discussing daughter Linda, the weather, and asks that she visit soon, 20 Feb 1956, 2pp.

- 1.8.4 Gerry McKeon, Verna McKeon, & Richard at Rochester, IN saying they stopped for the night after a lot of rain and hopes she got their card from Chenoa., 11 Jul 1955.
- 1.8.5 Dorothy Leeming at Walton, Ontario sent thank you card for baby gift, says everyone is doing well, and they are getting the baby baptized soon, 4 June 1955, 2pp.
- 1.8.6 Dorothy Burke at Bloomington, IL sent a "cheer you up" card, 31 March 1955.
- 1.8.7 Maude Leeming at Walton, Ontario discussing the health of family members and the weather, 23 Jan 1995.
- 1.8.8 Edna Leeming at Walton, Ontario discussing her health, family member Norma, and asks her to visit, 31 July 1954, 2pp.
- 1.8.9 Partial letter to Marguerite from unknow sender (possibly Geraldine) at Sarnia, Ontario discussing the trip they took.
- 1.8.10 Christmas card from Marian to Marguerite.
- 1.8.11 Postcard from Harold at Evergreen, CO saying he is having a great time on his trip, 27 Aug 1943

 The following is Misc. items:
- 1.8.12 Several poems from H.W. Nickel at Herrin, IL, 3pp.

Folder 9: Marguerite McKeon (later Zinn) Misc.

- 1.9.1 Two unaddressed Birthday cards from Marguerite.
- 1.9.2 Card from Mclean County Tuberculosis Association certifying Marguerite free of TB on 15 May 1942.
- 1.9.3 Envelope containing tree bark paper with Marguerites name written on it.
- 1.9.4 "The Women's City Club of Chicago" pamphlet promoting club. 2 copies.
- 1.9.5 Popular automobile tours pamphlet from Bellevue Motor Tours
- 1.9.6 Two War Rations booklets for Anna McKeon, 1942 and Marguerite McKeon, 1945.
- 1.9.7 Inventory of Personal Property booklet listing the belongings of Marguerite at address 304. N Market St.
- 1.9.8 Paper wallet containing credit ID card for C.W. Frey & Sons, Voter' ID card, and driver's license.
- 1.9.9 Graduating Class of January 1914 roster from Edwards School, Bloomington, IL, 2 copies.
- 1.9.10 Card permitting Marguerite to enroll in classes at Bloomington High School.
- 1.9.11 Christmas card from the Switchroom at the Illinois Telephone Co.
- 1.9.12 Certification of Wheel Tax License payment for Marguerite for a 1948 Dodge Coupe.
- 1.9.13 "Penmanship In Public Schools" newspaper clippings.
- 1.9.14 Obituary for Marguerite Zinn
- 1.9.15 Mr. & Mrs. William. A Sype at Seal Beach, CA to Mildred Sype at El Paso, IL discussing the passing of a friend, family, issues with old age, and the weather, 23 Jan 1962, 5 pp.
- 1.9.16 Pass Book Audit for the Bloomington General Telephone Co. employees credit union, 30 March 1960.
- 1.9.17 Marguerite Zinn Obituary with photo, *Panatagraph*, 23 Jul 1958, pp. 10.

Folder 10: Bloomington Trades & Labor Assembly Papers

- 1.10.1 Geraldine McKeon of Telephone Operators Union 78-A at Bloomington to Mr. Grant at Bloomington, with list of elected delegates to the Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly, 15 Feb 1921.
- 1.10.2 Geraldine McKeon of Telephone Operators Union 78-A at Bloomington to Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly with list of elected delegates, 2 June 1920.
- 1.10.3 Minutes from Bloomington Trade and Labor Assembly meeting, 17 December 1941, 2pp.
- 1.10.4 Lease between the Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly and Harlo W. Hager to rent the third floor of Miller Building 103-106 N. Center Street from 1 July 1940- 30 June 1945.
- 1.10.5 Blank Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly stationary.
- 1.10.6 Harlo W. Hager at Bloomington to Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly seeking their approval for their lease, 3 July 1940.
- 1.10.7 W. R. Boyd at Springfield, IL to Geraldine McKeon and John Pell at Bloomington regarding an ad placed in the Pantagraph by the Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly, about the light plant, that he felt was misleading, provides his analysis of the ad, and requests they retract the ad, 7 July 1956, 4pp.
- 1.10.8 Receipt for dues paid to the Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly from Local Union 78A, 1 Sept 1920.
- 1.10.9 Harlo W. Hager at Chicago, IL to Geraldine McKeon at Bloomington, IL asking the Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly to start paying the electric bill for 101 N. Center street, 6 July 1938, 2pp.
- 1.10.10 "Officers of Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly" photo with Geraldine, 3 March 1944.
- 1.10.11 "Trades- Labor Officers Installed" photo with Geraldine, *Pantagraph*.
- 1.10.12 "Assembly Was Chartered 1902", Labor Temple News, 13 Aug 1945
- 1.10.13 "Staff Reporters" photo Geraldine McKeon and other correspondents *Bloomington-Normal Labor News*, May 1953.
- 1.10.14 "Among The Guests" photo featuring Geraldine and other local news correspondents, June 1954.

Folder 11: IBEW Telephone Operators Local Union 78-A

- 1.11.1 Geraldine McKeon and Mary Ellen Walsh union due receipts for IBEW Local Union 78-A
- 1.11.2 Card certifying Geraldine McKeon as a member of Local Union 78-A, June 1918.
- 1.11.3 3 cards to certify Geraldine is a member in good standing of IBEW Local Union 78-A, January 1919, March, and April.
- 1.11.4 Five cards for party and dance events held by Telephone Operators 78-A, 1919 &1923.
- 1.11.5 "Program" bookmark with dance steps from Bloomington Telephone Operators, 29 Jan 1919.
- 1.11.6 "The Telephone Operator: How She Gets a Square Deal in Boston Through Her Adjustment Board" booklet published by the Telephone Operators Department of the IBEW of Boston, MA, 3pp.
- 1.11.7 Certification of Affiliation from Illinois State Federation of Labor to IBEW Local Union 78-A.
- 1.11.8 Telephone Operators Local Union 78A dinner invitation, Arlington Hotel, June 4 1928.

- 1.11.9 Letters from Bloomington unions to H. R. Farewell of Wabash Phone Company of Terre Haute, IN protesting the contemplated reduction in the wages of the Bloomington telephone operators, Sept 1932, 5 pp.
- 1.11.10 Raymond Hinrichs, recording secretary IBEW Local Union 51, at Springfield IL to union members about the loss of revenue and the necessity to increase union dues to make up for the loss, 29 March, 1960, 3pp.
- 1.11.11 Corn Belt Bank Check Receipts, 1921-1922.
- 1.11.12 Corn Belt Bank Account Statements, 1921-1922.
- 1.11.13 "Telephone Operators' Union Observes Tenth Anniversary of Group" news clipping.
- 1.11.14 Picture of Geraldine McKeon being honored for 35-year membership to IBEW Local No. 78, *Bloomington-Normal Labor News*, April 1955
- 1.11.15 "Local Telephone Girls Are Well Organized" about history of Local Union 78-A, featuring photo Geraldine McKeon, 7 Aug 1925.

Folder 12: Collective Bargaining Agreements

- 1.12.1 Agreement booklet between General Telephone Co. of Illinois and IBEW Local No.51 and No. 702, 1961-1964, 40pp.
- 1.12.2 Agreement booklet between General Telephone Co. of Illinois and IBEW Local No.51 and No. 702, May 1960- May 1961, 42pp.
- 1.12.3 Traffic Agreement between Illinois Telephone Company and Local Union No. 78-A of IBEW, 16 May 1954, 10 pp.
- 1.12.4 Traffic Agreement between Illinois Telephone Company and Telephone Operators Union No. 78-A of IBEW, 21 Nov 1949, 6 pp.
- 1.12.5 Agreement between The Wabash Telephone Company and Telephone Operators Union No. 78-A of IBEW, 1 Feb 1933, 4 pp.
- 1.12.6 Agreement between Kinloch-Bloomington Telephone Company and Telephone Operators Union No. 78-A of IBEW, 28 Feb 1927, 4pp.
- 1.12.7 Agreement between Kinloch-Bloomington Telephone Company Telephone Operators Union of IBEW, 28 July 1925, 5pp.
- 1.12.8 Agreement between Kinloch-Bloomington Telephone Company and Telephone Operators Union No. 78-A of IBEW, 1 Aug 1923 4pp.
- 1.12.9 Agreement between Kinloch-Bloomington Telephone Company and Local Union No. 78-A of IBEW, 23 October 1919, 2pp.

Folder 13: Geraldine McKeon Telephone Company Papers

- 1.13.1 Misc. newspaper clippings about Geraldine's time at the Telephone Company.
- 1.13.2 Independent Telephone Pioneer Association Certificate #6495, 1950.
- 1.13.3 Blank envelope from Kinloch-Bloomington Telephone Company, Bloomington, IL.
- 1.13.4 Note from Mary to Verna, attached copy of Illinois General News articles about her retirement, 22 Feb 1963, 3 copies.
- 1.13.5 L.R. Bottomley, Division Manager of General Telephone Co. at Bloomington to Geraldine McKeon at Bloomington, congratulating her on her 45th service anniversary, 2 July 1959.
- 1.13.6 Handwritten note with poems about working at the telephone company.
- 1.13.7 Wabash Telephone Co. at Bloomington to Geraldine McKeon at Bloomington sending a bill, 1 March 1943.

- 1.13.8 R.C. Ross, General Telephone Company Division Manager, at Bloomington to Geraldine McKeon saying he regrets he cannot attend her retirement party and appreciates her service to the company, 8 Feb 1963.
- 1.13.9 Invitation to Evelyn Hart's retirement party, 25 Sept 1970.
- 1.13.10 Note to Mr. Maloney about dues being paid.
- 1.13.11 R.B. Still, President General Telephone Company, about the automation of the telephone company, the possible separation of employees due to it, and information about severance pay, 30 Oct 1946, 3pp.
- 1.13.12 "Whoozit Gang" proofread writing about the special crew hired to start the automation of the telephone company.
- 1.13.13 Bloomington-Normal Automatic Conversion statistics and typescript of news release, 30 Aug 1947, 8pp.
- 1.13.14 Invoice from General Telephone Company to Geraldine McKeon for her 45-year pin, 23 Dec 1964.
- 1.13.15 Notice of Date of Employment for employee's benefit plan, 2 July 1914.
- 1.13.16 Memo from General Manager at Wabash Telephone Company about changes in schedule due to the state of the economy, 14 Jan 1932.
- 1.13.17 Wabash Telephone Company schedule of pay rates for Traffic Employees at Bloomington.
- 1.13.18 "Bring 'Em Back Alive" Banquet program for Wabash Telephone Co.
- 1.13.19 R.B. Still, Chairman of Illinois Telephone Co. at Bloomington to Geraldine McKeon at Bloomington congratulating her on 36 years of service, 9 July 1954.
- 1.13.20 Geraldine's insurance policy for Illinois Telephone Company through Travelers Insurance Company, 1 Jan 1956.

Folder 14: Telephone Company Stocks, Bonds, Annual Reports

- 1.14.1 Memo from Telephone Bond and Share Company about enclosed check for dividend of stock, 5 Aug 1941.
- 1.14.2 Annual Report published by Telephone Bond and Share Company of Wilmington DE, 1947, 11pp.
- 1.14.3 Annual Report published by Telephone Bond and Share Company of Wilmington DE, 1949, 11pp.
- 1.14.4 "The Season's Greetings" Sales Bulletin published by Telephone Bond and Share System, Vol. I No. 4, Nov-Dec 1931, 15pp.
- 1.14.5 Memo from Telephone Bond and Share Company about enclosed check for dividend of stock, 15 June 1948.
- 1.14.6 Memo from Telephone Securities Company to Geraldine McKeon listing account funds in Telephone Bond and Share Company, 2 March 1931.

Folder 15: Improved Order of the Redman

- 1.15.1 Letter from Improved Order of Redman at San Francisco, CA to Geraldine McKeon ay Bloomington with questions submitted Edgar Levey that he wants Great Councils, Tribes and Councils to consider, 5 Dec 1938, 4pp.
- 1.15.2 Letter from a local Council to the Great Chiefs of the G.C.U.S. stating they won't be forced to pay for "said paper", 2 copies.

- 1.15.3 H.F. Stetser at Philadelphia, PA to all Great Councils, Tribes and Councils providing information on changes on the protection afforded by the bonds covering the Chiefs, 5 Dec 1938.
- 1.15.4 "Recommendations of Arthur J. Ruland" booklet about decline in fraternal membership and ways to boost membership published by The Improved Order of Red Men, 4pp.
- 1.15.5 "New Rituals" booklet published by the Improved Order of Red Man, 4pp.
- 1.15.6 Pecawanda Council No. 80 by-laws booklet, 8pp.
- 1.15.7 H.F Stetser at Philadelphia, PA to Rose Lawyer of Council # 80 a Bloomington providing information for fire insurance that must carried on all paraphernalia and personal property of, attached booklet from Pennsylvania Lumberman's Mutual Fire Ins. Co., 2 flyers about fire insurance, 1933.
- 1.15.8 Edgar Levey at San Francisco, CA to Geraldine McKeon at Bloomington about needing the names and addresses of members, attached list of names of members, 10 Feb 1939, 2pp.
- 1.15.9 Edgar Levey at San Francisco, CA to Geraldine McKeon at Bloomington about the distribution of a new magazine to all the members of the Order, 26 Sept 1938, 3pp.
- 1.15.10 Wyoming Tribe No. 55 at Camden, NJ to All Tribes and Councils urging everyone to write a letter to protest an extra per capita tax of 50 cents to pay for a monthly magazine, Oct 1938.

Folder 16: Degree of Pocahontas/ Maud Miller

- 1.16.1 Pecawanda Council No. 80 by-laws booklet, 8pp.
- 1.16.2 Insurance policy between United States Fire Insurance Company and Trustees of Pecawanda Tribe No. 80 Degree of Pocahontas, 1933-1939, 4 copies.
- 1.16.3 Pecawandda Council No. 80 Application for Membership cards for several different people, 1934-1938.
- 1.16.4 Statement from Vera J. Curry appointing Alam Esktam Deputy Great Pocahontas for Council No. 80 in her absence.
- 1.16.5 "Six Moons Report" for Council No 80. keeping record of membership, elected officials, and financials 1934-36, 5 copies.
- 1.16.6 Amendment to the General by-laws of hunting ground of Springfield, IL, 5 Oct 1932.
- 1.16.7 Removal permit for Council #80 from The Western Fire and Ins. Co. of Fort Scott, KS for removal of paraphernalia to new location and invoice for permit, 13 July 1939, 2pp.
- 1.16.8 Past Pocahontas Certificate for Geraldine McKeon serving a regular term and granting seat on great council, 22 July 1986, 2 blank copies attached.
- 1.16.9 Transfer Cards for Bessie Hastings and Mildred Stiger from Minnehoha Council No. 1 to Pecawanda Council No. 80, 2 copies.
- 1.16.10 Statement from Carrie Kuhlenbeck appointing Alma Esktam as Deputy Great Pocahontas for Council No 80 in her absence.
- 1.16.11 Statement from Susie Walker appointing Marie Lawyer as Deputy Great Pocahontas for Council No 80 in her absence.
- 1.16.12 Leaflet containing information about new flag procedures for Councils, 1 Jan 1931, 3pp.
- 1.16.13 Card certifying Geraldine McKeon has paid dues to Pecawanda Council No. 80, 1938-1939, 2 copies.
- 1.16.14 Bad Ax Barn Loft No. 5 by-laws booklet, 1918 8pp.

- 1.16.15 Bad Ax Loft No. 5 of Maud Miller certificate granting Geraldine McKeon all honors and a seat on the Great Council, Jan 1938.
- 1.16.16 "Degree of Maud Miller" booklet & envelope outlining meeting rituals, 1920, 8pp.

Folder 17: Women's Union Label League Letters and Papers

- 1.17.1 "Autographs" book containing mostly names, address, and phone numbers of members at the Women's Union League 1939, 1948, 1950 conventions.
- 1.17.2 Stove Mounter's International Union with Union Label notepad with handwritten notes about trip to Indiana beach, 6 Sept 1958.
- 1.17.3 Berman's Men's Shop business card for union made merchandise, St. Louis, MO.
- 1.17.4 Blank application for membership to the Women's Union Label League, 5 copies
- 1.17.5 Invoice from Teddy's Union Label League Merchandise Distributor Chicago, IL to Geraldine McKeon for apparel, 2 Dec 1949.
- 1.17.6 Blank stationary for Women's International Union Label League, 2 copies, and one blank envelope.
- 1.17.7 Mary Cramer at Hannibal, MO to Elizabeth Miller of Women's Union Label League #341 discussing the responsibility to support the country during the war by doing work for the American Red Cross and buying bonds, and urging the American Flag and Pledge of Allegiance be present at all meetings, 30 Jan 1942.
- 1.17.8 Victor J. Gerard of International Typographical Union at Indianapolis, IN to Geraldine McKeon of Women's Unions Label League at Bloomington, telling her he could not find the Fox River Printing Company and provided the information to the Elgin Typographical Union hoping they could help her, 26 Nov 1946.
- 1.17.9 Raymond H. Renner of National Association of Letter Carriers at Bloomington to Geraldine enclosing check for the purchase of gifts for wounded soldiers at Mayo McKeon of the Women's Union Label League at Bloomington, 19 Nov 1945.
- 1.17.10 Richard A. Estep at Peoria, IL to Geraldine memo about sending \$10 for wounded and sick veterans, 20 Dec 1946.
- 1.17.11 Myra Tohorst of American Red Cross Mayo Hospital at Galesburg, IL to Geraldine McKeon at Bloomington thanking the Women's Union Label League for the meals they served and for purchasing wheel chairs for the hospital, 9 Nov 1945.
- 1.17.12 Elizabeth Porter of American Red Cross Mayo Hospital at Galesburg, IL to Geraldine McKeon at Bloomington discussing possible Christmas presents for the patients, 20 Nov 1945.
- 1.17.13 Elizabeth Porter of American Red Cross Mayo Hospital at Galesburg, IL to Geraldine McKeon at Bloomington thanking the Women's Union Label League for the afghans, books, and wheelchairs they gave to the hospital, 20 Deb 1945.
- 1.17.14 List of organizations contributing for Christmas presents to the Mayo General Hospital in Galesburg, 1945.
- 1.17.15 "Bloomington Unions Helping Santa Claus" statement from Women's Union Label League of Bloomington about all the unions that helped contribute funds for the Mayo General Hospital in Galesburg, IL
- 1.17.16 Women's Union Label League at Bloomington to various local unions all at Bloomington thanking them for their contribution to buy Christmas gifts for wounded soldiers at Mayo General Hospital in Galesburg, IL, Jan 1946, 22pp. d
- 1.17.17 Statement about Women's Union Label League annual election of officers.

Folder 18: Geraldine McKeon Misc. Union & Labor

- 1.18.1 "Pioneers of Labor" booklet giving a short history and counteracting the negative image of unions in America published by Jewish Labor Committee and Anti-Defamation League of New York, NY, 43 pp.
- 1.18.2 Letter to adjustment board discussing possible raises, holidays and vacation time. Dated March 19th 1934.
- 1.18.3 Bookmark with poem about being an active union member, 2 copies.
- 1.18.4 "Espionage Act" booklet from Geraldine's employer outlining the Espionage Act and Sabotage Law, 4pp.
- 1.18.5 "Facts About Amnesty for Political Prisoners and Repeal of Espionage Bill" booklet about a joint resolution to repeal the Espionage Act published by the Central Labor Bodies Conference of New York, NY, 19 pp.
- 1.18.6 Prompt for writing to Congressman, President, Attorney General, etc. about repealing the Espionage Act, 2 Copies.
- 1.18.7 Memo from Central Labor Bodies Conference about their steps to get War Time Laws repealed, support political prisoners, and advocate for their amnesty.
- 1.18.8 Memo from the Social Security Administration with attached "Social Security Labor Bulletin", "Social Security Recommendations" booklet, and "Insurance for Workers and Their Families" booklet.
- 1.18.9 "Labor and the Schools in the Present Crisis" card about school progress from The American Federation of Teachers.
- 1.18.10 Memo from Bloomington Typographical Union stating they will support all efforts for Anti-Strike-breaker legislation, 29 June 1969.
- 1.18.11 "Duel in the Sun: Union Busting, Teamster" by Harry Bernstein, *The Progressive*, July 1973, 2pp.
- 1.18.12 Several writings and an article from the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee about boycotting wine made by Heublein, INC while workers are on strike, Aug 1971.
- 1.18.13 Illinois State Women's Trade Union League Notepad.
- 1.18.14 "Let's Sing" booklet containing several songs from Women's Trade Union League of Milwaukee, WI, 30 Oct 1948, 2pp, 2 copies.
- 1.18.15 "The Labor Spy" booklet about industrial espionage by Sydney Howard published by The New Republic, 72 pp, 1921.

Folder 19: Geraldine McKeon Financials and Misc.

- 1.19.1 Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly paid, July 1st 1923
- 1.19.2 Letter from Guy P. Levering M.D, agreeing to rent third floor to union for \$40 a month. Dated November 1934.
- 1.19.3 Wabash Telephone Company paystubs, Jul 1937-Jul 1938.
- 1.19.4 Wabash Telephone Company Payroll voucher, Jan-June 1937
- 1.19.5 Wabash Telephone Company tax return attached to employee memorandum, containing information on how to properly file. 1943
- 1.19.6 Envelope containing instructions and filled out tax return. Several pieces of scratch paper showing McKeon's math while filling out return. 1943

- 1.19.7 Letter from treasure department accepting Geraldine's tax return exemption as head as family. June 8th, 1941.
- 1.19.8 Envelope containing adjusted tax return for 1951 with letter from collector verifying changes
- 1.19.9 Independent Telephone Pioneer association member card, October 1st, 1951.
- 1.19.10 Illinois Telephone Company paystubs, Nov 1949- Feb 1953
- 1.19.11 ICUL Form 6162, Book No. 79. Payment to Bloomington General Telephone Company Employees Credit Union. Total \$100, June 2 1966.
- 1.19.12 Awards Banquet ticket at ISU Student Union Building, 20 May 1969.
- 1.19.13 Geraldine McKeon Wallet containing local union No. 51 member card, AARP card AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education member card, Gailey Eye Clinic appointment card, Illinois Telephone Co. picture, driver's license, State Farm employee's activities card.
- 1.19.14 W-2 Form from Wabash Telephone Company, 1943.
- 1.19.15 Geraldine McKeon Individual Income Tax Return, 1940.
- 1.19.16 Geraldine McKeon Individual Income Tax Return and General Instructions, 1945.
- 1.19.17 Geraldine McKeon Obituary, *Pantapgraph*, 31 Dec 1975, pp 16.

Folder 20: Geraldine McKeon Personal Correspondence 1934-1936

All letters addressed to Geraldine at Bloomington

- 1.20.1 Truman Briggs at Fort Niagara, NY thanking her for the pictures she sent, 30 Aug 1934.
- 1.20.2 Truman Briggs at Fort Ontario, NY discussing how he has been busy, asks her to ask the "other girls" to write her, and thanked her for sending the negative to a photo, 13 Sept, 1934.
- 1.20.3 Truman Briggs at Fort Ontario, NY discussing Geraldine's' sister's trip with her friend to the fort and rifle practice, 10 Oct 1934, 2pp.
- 1.20.4 Truman Briggs at Fort Ontario, NY thanking her for the pictures, he wishes her sister would write more, and says he has been busy, 29 October 1934.
- 1.20.5 Guy Levering, M.D, at Lafayette, discussing rental of 3rd floor in building on Center and Washington Street in Bloomington, provides her free rent for fixing up the property 28 Nov 1934.
- 1.20.6 Truman Briggs at Fort Ontario, NY discussing daily life at the fort and asking for "the girls" to write to him, 14 Dec 1934, 2pp.
- 1.20.7 Truman Briggs at Fort Ontario, NY saying he is the hospital after being exposed to the measles 31 Jan 1935, 2pp.
- 1.20.8 Truman Briggs at Fort Ontario, NY saying he is still at the hospital with the measles, talks about Geraldine traveling and weather, 14 Jan 1935, 3pp.
- 1.20.9 Truman Briggs at Oswego, NY discusses the operation on his appendix, 4 April 1935.
- 1.20.10 Truman Briggs at Fort Ontario, NY discussing going to the rifle range and Pine camp for a few weeks, 4 April 1935.
- 1.20.11 Truman Briggs at Fort Ontario, NY discussing being ready for Pine Camp, wanting to transfer to the Hospital Corps, and he is going send a picture of himself in his uniform, 15 July 1935, 2pp.
- 1.20.12 Truman Briggs at Fort Ontario, NY discussing feeling a bit better after surgery, a visit from his parents, and going to a show downtown, 15 April 1935.

- 1.20.13 Truman Briggs at Fort Ontario, NY asking for address for Helen and talking about rifle practice, 23 June 1935, 2pp.
- 1.20.14 Truman Briggs at Fort Ontario, NY discussing training at rifle range and his trip home, 12 May 1932, 2pp.
- 1.20.15 Gray Coach Lines at Toronto, Canada responding to her request of service between Toronto and Callander, 14 July 1936.
- 1.20.16 Mabel Wells at Chicago, IL saying she was grateful for the photos, discussed her trip to Chicago and her trip back home to England, and hopes Geraldine will visit her sometime, 1 Oct 1936, 2pp.
- 1.20.17 Annie Brownhill at Toronto discussing their trip to Callander, seeing the Dionne quintuplets, and her holiday in Ottawa, 1 Nov 1936, 2pp.
- 1.20.18 Annie Brownhill at Toronto thanking her for the photos of the quintuplets she sent and discusses the photos she sent, 19 Nov 1936, 2pp.
- 1.20.19 Mabel Wells at Dartford, Kent discussing her recent trip, daily life, and her two daughters, 8 Dec 1936, 2pp.
- 1.20.20 Annie Brownhill at Toronto discussing the snow and taking a film negative to be enlarged, attached Christmas card, 20 Dec 1936.
- 1.20.21 Annie Brownhill at Toronto discussing her throat hurting, going to see the doctor, and going back to work, attached "The Quads' Christmas" news clipping, 12 March 1938.
- 1.20.22 The Grolier Society at Chicago, IL sending receipt for payment to the Infull Lands & Peoples, 7 Jan 1938.
- 1.20.23 Ann at Fall River, MA saying sorry about the death of Geraldine's father (Ann's brother), 25 Jan 1938.
- 1.20.24 Mabel Wells at Dartford, Kent discussing a man in Scotland who would like to marry her, her daughters, and the preparation of possible war, 24 April 1938, 2pp.

Folder 21: Geraldine McKeon Personal Correspondence 1937-1939

- 1.21.1 Annie Brownhill at Toronto discussing a movie she saw, answers question about Boxing Day, 18 Jan 1937, 2pp.
- 1.21.2 Mabel Wells at Dartford, Kent thanking her for the pictures she sent of the quintuplets, the Coronation of the Queen, and the injury of a friend's son, 18 Feb 1937, 2pp.
- 1.21.3 Women's Union Label League at Bloomington "With Sympathy" card, 21 May 1937.
- 1.21.4 Mabel Wells at Penzance, Cornwall discussing her daughters, the idea of moving, the Royal family, and people from Scotland she met, 14 July 1937, 2pp.
- 1.21.5 Annie Brownhill at Toronto discussing a play Geraldine can see when she comes to Canada, her job and money, and New York, 10 Aug 1937.
- 1.21.6 May Callahan at Astorville, Ontario discussing how she wishes Geraldine would stay with her when she comes to Canada, the Hotel she will be staying at, and bus schedules 23 Aug 1937.
- 1.21.7 Annie Brownhill at Toronto discussing Geraldine's trip to Canada, the "Star Double Contest", and the Irish Sweepstakes draw, attached pamphlet of Church she attends 29 Sept, 1937.
- 1.21.8 Mabel Wells at Dartford, Kent, gives sympathy to death in Geraldine's family, the quintuplets, attached photo of Mabel and her daughters, 3 Oct 1937, 2pp.
- 1.21.9 Mabel Wells at Glasgow, Scotland discussing her stay in Scotland, attached Christmas Card 6 Dec 1937.

- 1.21.10 Mary Callahan at Astorville, Ontario discussing seeing the quintuplets and her daughters, attached blank postcard, 12 Dec 1937.
- 1.21.11 Annie B at Toronto discussing the Holidays, Geraldine's job, and her health, attached Christmas card, 12 Dec 1937.
- 1.21.12 Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly extending their sympathy about the death of her father, 21 May 1937.
- 1.21.13 Annie B. at Toronto, Ontario asking about Geraldine's upcoming vacation, 26 Aug 1938.
- 1.21.14 Annie B. at Toronto, Ontario trying to arrange time to see each other while Geraldine is in Toronto, 1 Sept 1938.
- 1.21.15 Annie B. at Toronto, Ontario discussing a dressmaker that never show up and daily life, 21 June 1938.
- 1.21.16 King Edward Hotel at Toronto discussing room rates and dining and attached pamphlets about the hotel and the Canadian National Exhibit, 16 Aug 1938.
- 1.21.17 Annie B. at Toronto Canada discussing a family members trip to a show, and enclosed two photos, 10 Oct 1938.
- 1.21.18 Annie B. at Toronto discussing family member's birthday, asking about the weather, and Christmas time, attached Christmas card, 15 Dec 1938.
- 1.21.19 Mabel Wells at Dartford, Kent asking about Geraldine's trip to Canada, discussing her trip to Glasgow, 30 Nov 1938.
- 1.21.20 Annie Brownhill at Toronto discussing being sick, the winter weather, and the Niagara Falls Bridge crashing, 3 Feb 1938.
- 1.21.21 Mary Callahan at Astorville, Ontario discussing "the quints" being moved out to lake away from the public and seeing them earlier, 3 Jan 1939.
- 1.21.22 Annie B. at Toronto, Ontario saying she is going to pass on the snow photos Geraldine previously sent to her friends in England, discusses the weather and a family members' baptism, 12 Feb 1939.
- 1.21.23 Annie B. at Toronto discussing weather, Easter, and family, 13 April 1939.
- 1.21.24 Annie B. at Toronto discussing the death of a neighbor, work, and her desire to go to New York, 31 July 1939.
- 1.21.25 Mabel Well at Dartford, Kent discussing move to new home, daughter, new boyfriend, and the possibilities of war, 26 Aug 1939.
- 1.21.26 Annie B. at Toronto discussing her recent trip and concerns of her sister in Manchester, England during the start of the war, 24 Sept 1939.
- 1.21.27 Mabel Wells at Dartford, Kent discussing the blackout in her town, visiting her sister, her fears of the war, and daily life after the start of the war, attached Christmas card, 5 December 1939.
- 1.21.28 Annie B. at Toronto, Ontario discussing being sick, going to the dentist, discussing Christmas time, attached Christmas card, 16 Dec 1939.

Folder 22: Geraldine McKeon Personal Correspondence 1940-1942

- 1.22.1 Mary Callahan at Milton, WA discussing her trip to Washington and her daughter and sister, 1 Jan 1942.
- 1.22.2 Mary J at Toronto, Ontario discussing Geraldine's new house and pain in her foot affecting work, 7 Feb 1942.
- 1.22.3 Annie Brownhill at Toronto discussing her friends expected baby, asking about Geraldine's sister's new baby, 10 March 1940.

- 1.22.4 Ask Mr. Foster Travel Service at New York, NY to Geraldine at Toronto, Ontario informing that the Chateau Laurier cannot accept her reservation, 27 Aug 1940.
- 1.22.5 Annie Brownhill at Toronto joking about meeting a rich man, discussing her family and the what a mess the war in Europe is, 15 Sept 1940.
- 1.22.6 Annie Brownhill at Toronto discussing her sister's family and their neighbors experiencing a bomb raid in England, tells story of a little girl praying during the same raid, and talks about her family, 15 October 1940, 2pp.
- 1.22.7 Margaret Scott at Toronto, Ontario saying Annie B. is in the hospital after having an operation and doing well, 12 Dec 1940.
- 1.22.8 Mary Callahan at Astorville, Ontario wishing a Merry Christmas and discussing the holidays, 19 Dec 1940.
- 1.22.9 Mary Kielt at Toronto, Ontario discussing Annie's operation and her plans when she is out of the hospital, attached Christmas card, 21 Dec 1940.
- 1.22.10 Margret Scott at Toronto, Ontario thanking her for the money she sent for Annie, says she is doing better after surgery, Christmas at the hospital, and listening to President Roosevelt speak on the radio, 30 Dec 1940.
- 1.22.11 Mary Kielt at Toronto, Ontario discussing Annie's health, Christmas and New Year's, and films, 5 Jan 1941.
- 1.22.12 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing her operation on a femoral hernia, hoping she can start to spend time outside, and her concern for her sisters in England, 25 Jan 1941.
- 1.22.13 Caroline sending Western Union Telegram wishing Geraldine a Happy Birthday, 20 Feb 1942.
- 1.22.14 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing mail not getting to her sister in England, her friend Mary being sick, and getting an Easter bonnet, 10 March 1941.
- 1.22.15 Mary Kielt at Toronto, Ontario discussing missing because of being sick, her friend Margret, and her brother, 10 March 1941.
- 1.22.16 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing how she might not take any vacations due to her health, looking for a hat, and spending time with her friends, attached homemade cross and church Easter itinerary, 6 April 1941.
- 1.22.17 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing the lack of winter weather, her friend Mary being off work again because of her feet, and the gift she received from home, 4 December 1941.
- 1.22.18 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing the "Hood" being sunk and her sisters house being bombed, 25 May 1941.
- 1.22.19 Mabel Wells at Doncaster, Yorkshire discussing the difficulty of being away from home, the town she is living in currently, and the monetary toll the war is taking on England, 21 June 1941.
- 1.22.20 Mary Kielt at Toronto, Ontario sending family photos, 5 July 1941.
- 1.22.21 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing her trip to Lake Simcoe, moving to a new home, the situation in England, and her sisters, 4 Aug 1941.
- 1.22.22 Margret Scott at Toronto, Ontario discussing Annie's health, the President's address to Congress, and hopes the change to the dial system won't harm Geraldine's job, attached new clippings about U.S. spending on war and Vera Woolward telephone operator, 11 Jan 1941.
- 1.22.23 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario sending Christmas card, 6 Dec 1941.

- 1.22.24 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing Christmas time, Churchill speaking on Boxing Day, and events in Manilla, 29 Dec 1929.
- 1.22.25 Mary Kielt at Toronto, Ontario saying her foot is feeling better, Christmas presents, and Churchill and Roosevelt, 8 Jan 1942.
- 1.22.26 Mabel Wells at Dartford, Kent discussing the changes after being back home, the possibility of finding a new place, and the effects of the war on her life, 12 Jan 1942, 2pp.
- 1.22.27 Duretta (spell?). at Somerville, MA discussing moving to Boston, going to the employment agency, and missing Bloomington, 25 Jan 1942.
- 1.22.28 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing knitting things for babies to send to her sister in England to give to expectant mothers and hoping the war gets better, 12 Feb 1942.
- 1.22.29 Mary Callahan at Seattle, WA explaining why she can visit Bloomington and hopes Geraldine comes to visit her sometimes in Astorville, Ontario, 20 Feb 1942.
- 1.22.30 Mary Kielt at Toronto, Ontario saying her feet are all better, she might to see "Ball of Fire" downtown, and discussing family and friends, attached flyer for an Eaton's Fun Nite, 3 April 1942.
- 1.22.31 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing her trip to Keswick, the death of some acquaintances recently, hopes to hear from her sisters in England soon, 31 May 1942.
- 1.22.32 P.F.C. Harlo W. Hager at Denver, Colorado saying thanks for the cake, discussing the training classes he takes, and hopes everything is good at the building in Bloomington, 23 Dec 1942.
- 1.22.33 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario saying Mary is the hospital with a hand and feet infection, she moved back to her first home, comments that the man she spent time with was a romance, attached pamphlets from Eaton Co., 14 Sept 1942.
- 1.22.34 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing moving in with her cousin, Mary's health, and a fair at Riverdale Park, attached Eaton's Co. pamphlet, 9 Oct 1942, 3pp.
- 1.22.35 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing the nice weather, Mary's hands got infected again, and how the war seems to be going in a better direction, 8 Nov 1942.
- 1.22.36 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing the death of the Duke of Kent, her trip to Keswick, and moving out of her apartment, 27 Aug 1942, 3pp.

Folder 23: Geraldine McKeon Personal Correspondence 1943-1949

- 1.23.1 Annie Brownhill at Toronto discussing the snow, getting sick and concern for her sisters in England during the war, 3 March 1943, 3pp.
- 1.23.2 L.B. Allen of Williams Oil-O-Matic Heating Corp. at Bloomington, IL sending refund for collection of taxes on an item that should have been tax free, 31 July 1943, 2pp
- 1.23.3 Mary Kielt at Toronto, Ontario discussing her health, being back at work, and a bad snowstorm, attached news article about the snowstorm, 7 Jan 1943, 4pp.
- 1.23.4 Mabel Wells at Surbiton, Surrey discussing finding out her daughter fiancé was already married, moving to Surbiton with her daughter, and her family, 9 Jan 1943.
- 1.23.5 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing how she couldn't get a package from her sister in England and what she sent to her sister, 15 Jan 1943, 3pp.
- 1.23.6 Audrey Hardwick at Peoria, IL discussing the girls staying at her apartments, planting a garden, her husband, and asking for an update on several friends and acquaintances, 16 March 1943, 2pp.

- 1.23.7 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario wishing a Happy Easter and asking about her expenses when she travels, 19 April 1943.
- 1.23.8 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing a trip to Keswick, food rationing, and her sister going to back to teaching, 27 May 1943.
- 1.23.9 P.F.C. Holt at Nashville, TN discussing his graduation of basic training and some films he has seen, 16 Oct 1943, 2pp.
- 1.23.10 Potthoff Family at Bloomington, IL sending sympathy card, 30 Nov 1943.
- 1.23.11 Sarah and Dick at West Terre Haute, IN sending Holiday card, 12 Dec 1943.
- 1.23.12 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing the new home she is living in, Christmas shopping, and winter weather, 12 Dec 1943.
- 1.23.13 L.C Larson of the Illinois Publishing and Printing Co. sending subscription update for the Chicago Herald-American, 16 Dec 1943.
- 1.23.14 Bill Holt at Nashville, TN sending note and newspaper clipping about a show he recommends (*Lassie Come Home*), 24 Dec 1943.
- 1.23.15 Annie Brownhill at Toronto discussing the terrible rain, hoping to travel to New York again, her concern over the unmanned airplanes during the war, and the "Phantom of the Opera", 11 July 1944.
- 1.23.16 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing getting a handkerchief monogrammed, asking about a new baby, and Christmas gifts, 6 Jan 1944.
- 1.23.17 Earline discussing Union problems—raises, seniority ranking, and other members, 13 Jan 1944.
- 1.23.18 Mabel Wells at Surbiton, Surrey discussing the effects of the war on her daughters, family and London, 13 Feb 1944.
- 1.23.19 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing the housing shortage in Toronto, springtime, and donating blood, 25 April 1944.
- 1.23.20 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing her holiday, her new home, a plane that bombed a church in Lancashire, and concerns about her family in Manchester, 23 Aug 1944.
- 1.23.21 Mabel Wells at Surbiton, Surrey discussing one daughter's engagement and another's marriage, and Geraldine's family, 11 Feb 1944, 2pp.
- 1.23.22 Bill Holt at Laredo, Texas saying he will give her several pictures when he is on furlough, and discussing not seeing any snow, 1 Feb 1945.
- 1.23.23 Mabel Wells at Surbition Surrey discussing her daughter's weddings, attached wedding announcement and photos, her life after her daughter moved out, and asks if Geraldine is ever in Canada to look up her friend she hasn't talked to in a while, 5 Feb 1945, 2pp.
- 1.23.24 Mabel Wells at Doncaster, Yorkshire discussing the abusive marriage her daughter entered, the cost of war for those in Southern England versus those in Northern, the death of the President Roosevelt, 28 April 1945.
- 1.23.25 Annie Brownhill at Toronto discussing how she hoped she would have been able to visit her family in England, her vacation, the "Quints", and the end of the war, attached two photos, 23 Sept 1945, 2pp.
- 1.23.26 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario requesting stamps to send to her sister in England for her collection and says her other sister is sick, 30 Nov 1945, 2pp.
- 1.23.27 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario thanks her for the stamps and discussing films and movies, 11 April 1946.

- 1.23.28 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario mentions the atomic bomb, discusses where she is going on her holiday, wishes she could go home, and hoping she will get pensioned off at work, 30 June 1946.
- 1.23.29 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario saying her retirement went through, discussing her poor health lately, and presents she received for Christmas, 16 Dec 1946.
- 1.23.30 M.B.L at Stockton, CA discussing the difficulty of catching a bus, asking for an update of several mutual friends, discussing a Union dinner she went to, and some recent children's deaths, 27 Jan 1947, 3pp.
- 1.23.31 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing her poor health, Geraldine's new niece, and inquiring about boats to England so she can visit home, 28 Jan 1947.
- 1.23.32 Mabel Wells at Surbiton, Surrey, discussing the food and clothing rationing in England post-war and her daughters, 3 July 1946, 2pp.
- 1.23.33 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing holiday parties and the expense of sending Christmas presents to England, 14 Dec 1947.
- 1.23.34 Mabel Wells at Surbiton, Surrey thankful for the food she received, discussing the food rationing in England, and her time in the hospital, 24 Jan 1948, 2pp.
- 1.23.35 H.W. Hager at LaSalle, IL asking Geraldine to pay the water bill with the check he sent and discussing other tenants who in the building, 12 Feb 1947,
- 1.23.36 Nellie Morath at Bloomington, IL sending thank you card, newspapers clippings about the death of Clarence Morath, and a picture negative, 3 June 1949.
- 1.23.37 Mabel Wells at Surbiton, Surrey saying she is happy her daughter left her bad marriage three years ago, mentions the Olympics, says that Annie Brownhill will find England much different after war on her visit, and discusses food rations, 7 Aug 1948, 2pp.
- 1.23.38 Harry Finch at Sarnia, Ontario sending Christmas car, 17 Dec 1948.
- 1.23.39 Mabel Wells at Subiton, Surrey thankful for the package of tea and she sent a package to Geraldine, 18 Jan 1949.
- 1.23.40 Marguerite at Walton Ontario discussing her trip to Canada and seeing their relatives, 3 Aug 1949,
- Harry Finch at Sarnia, Ontario discussing how enjoyed her visit, the paints he bought for a child names Randy, and a boat that sank, 24 Sept 1949, 2pp.
- 1.23.42 A.R Wells of Railroad Retirement Board at Chicago, IL concerning letter previously sent to find Louis Doerr, Geraldine's Uncle, to notify him about her passing, they were unable to find him, 2 Dec 1948.
- 1.23.43 Bill Holt at Corpus Christi, TX sending several postcards from vacation, Sept 1944.

Folder 24: Geraldine McKeon Personal Correspondence 1950-1959

- 1.24.1 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing Christmas time, 12 Dec 1959.
- 1.24.2 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing weather and her health, 5 Nov 1959.
- 1.24.3 Myrtle Grimm at Riverside, CA discussing wanting to be home in her old age, vacation, wanting to visit Bloomington, 5 Nov 1959, 3pp.
- 1.24.4 Annie Brownhill at Rouge Hills, Ontario wishing she was from the nursing home, 26 Feb 1959.
- 1.24.5 Venice at Anchorage, AK discussing springtime and her new Army job, 29 March 1959, 2pp.
- 1.24.6 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing her desire for a car and going to the hospital, 9 May 1959, 2pp.

- 1.24.7 Edna at El Paso, IL discussing seeing Vera Windle at the hospital, 18 May 1959.
- 1.24.8 Myrtle Grimm at Riverside, CA discussing her trip to Bloomington, Midlothian, and back to CA, June 9 1959.
- 1.24.9 French river Chalet-Bungalow Camp at French River, Ontario discussing its summer activity schedule, 15 May 1956.
- 1.24.10 William Willoughby, Reverend of St. Andrews Church, at El Paso Illinois giving sympathy for death of Geraldine's sister, 22 July 1958.
- 1.24.11 Harry Finch at Sarnia, Ontario giving sympathy about the death of Marguerite and written poem, 1 Aug 1958, 3pp.
- 1.24.12 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario giving sympathy about the death of Marguerite and discussing being in the hospital for bowel issues, 24 Aug 1958.
- 1.24.13 Myrtle Grimm at Riverside, CA giving sympathy about the death of Marguerite and discussing her Bible School, 3 Aug 1929, 2pp.
- 1.24.14 Kaywin Kennedy, memo about sending Certificate of Title for a 1948 Dodge Coupe, 13 Nov 1958.
- 1.24.15 Mrs. Vincent giving thanks for the shoulder scarf as a gift, 27 Dec 1950.
- 1.24.16 Inez Hotel at Brookhaven, MS confirming hotel reservation, 16 March 1951, 2pp.
- 1.24.17 Eola Hotel at Natchez, MS confirming hotel reservation, 12 March 1951.
- 1.24.18 Ruby Green at Bloomington, IL writing about results of elections for R.B. Still Pioneer Club, 16 Feb 1954, 2pp.
- 1.24.19 Harry Finch at Sarnia, Ontario happy to hear Marguerite is doing better and asking about "the farm", 7 July 1955.

Folder 25: Geraldine McKeon Personal Correspondence 1960-1964

- 1.25.1 Lois at Williamston, MI concerning Geraldine's sick brother, daily life, a stroke she had, 16 Jan. 2pp.
- 1.25.2 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario concerning Christmas plans, friend Margaret, 12 Aug 1964.
- 1.25.3 Myrtle at Lexington, IL concerning Geraldine's trip to Kentucky, Thanksgiving, attached Thanksgiving card, 23 Nov 1964.
- 1.25.4 Christie Plagakis at Elizabeth, NJ concerning coming to Bloomington, 6 Oct 1964.
- 1.25.5 Marion Deuser at Kansas City, MO concerning Women's Trade Union League, convention in Kansas City, 1964.
- 1.25.6 Ida Mertzen at Pittsfield, IL concerning airport being built in Pittsfield, attached Easter Card, 20 March 1964.
- 1.25.7 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario concerning friends Bessie and Margaret, Edie, attached Easter card, 14 March 1964, 2pp.
- 1.25.8 Marie at Fort Myers, FL concerning health of Burt, 10 March 1964, 2pp.
- 1.25.9 Marie Lee at Stockton, CA asking about several mutual friends, hope to travel to IL, several plane accidents, attached Birthday card, attached photographs, 2 March 1964
- 1.25.10 Maude Leeming at Walton, Ontario concerning health, family member's children, 6 Dec 1963.
- 1.25.11 Memo from Ham Kesier about an article in some paper, 18 Nov 1963.
- 1.25.12 Maude Leeming at Walton, Ontario concerning health of Len Leeming, weather affecting farming, 19 Aug 1963.

- 1.25.13 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario concerning 80th Birthday, sister Edie's engagement, 6 Dec 1963.
- 1.25.14 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario discussing religion, church, family, 12 Aug 1963, 2pp.
- 1.25.15 Marie Rowan at Bonita Springs, FL concerning sick friend Leone, 4th Auf 1963.
- 1.25.16 Marie Rown at Bonita Springs, FL discussing recent daily life, 25 Feb 1963.
- 1.25.17 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario concerning Christmas, friend Margaret, attached Christmas Card and photo, 6 Dec 1962.
- 1.25.18 Maude Leeming concerning Len Leeming's family moving, health of Bell, crops and gardens, attached Christmas card, 6 Dec 1962.
- 1.25.19 Postcard from George Sype at Oak Park, IL thankful for updates on sister's Alta, Mildred, 9 Sept 1962.
- 1.25.20 Marie asking about several mutual friends, discussing work, 6 June 1962.
- 1.25.21 Velma Finch at Sarnia, Ontario concerning death and funeral of "Glen's father", 27 March 1962, 2pp.
- 1.25.22 Edna at Miami, IL concerning train ride to Miami, 7 March 1962.
- 1.25.23 Maude Leeming at Walton, Ontario concerning update on extended family, Christmas time, operation, Jan 5 1960, 2pp.
- 1.25.24 AARP at Washington, DC information for enrollment in insurance plan, 10 Jan 1961.
- 1.25.25 Hannah W. at Normal, IL, feeling better, hopes to be back at St. Matthews, 3 July 1964.
- 1.25.26 Bernadine Callahan at Bloomington, IL Birthday Card, 17 Feb 1964.
- 1.25.27 Lee Lishka at Marysville, WA, Christmas Card, 22 Dec 1963.
- 1.25.28 Christmas Card Register, Dec 1961.

Folder 26: Geraldine McKeon Personal Correspondence 1965- 1969

- 1.26.1 Maude Leeming at Walton, Ontario discussing friend Mary Baker acting strange and her 50th wedding anniversary, 16 April 1965.
- 1.26.2 Maude Leeming at Walton, Ontario concerning winter weather, family, attached Christmas card, 2 Dec 1965.
- 1.26.3 Lane Dot at Perrysburg, OH postcard concerning leaving Bloomington, car troubles, 21 Sept, 1965.
- 1.26.4 Marie Lee at Stockton, CA concerning trip to Bloomington, 25 Aug 1965.
- 1.26.5 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario concerning death of Aldai Stevenson, friend Margaret's serious injury, 25 Aug 1965.
- 1.26.6 Marie Rowan at Monticello, NY discussing flight back home, 4 May 1965, 2pp.
- 1.26.7 Mrs. H.E. Baker at St. Thomas, Ontario giving update on extended family members, 21 April 1965, 3pp.
- 1.26.8 Christina Plagakis at Tallahassee, FL concerning Annual Camellia Show, new sewing machine, attached flyer for show, 29 Jan 1965.
- 1.26.9 Maude Leeming at Walton, Ontario discussing extended family, Christmas time, 29 Jan 1965.
- 1.26.10 William A. Sype at Seal Beach, CA thanking for update on friend, Mellie, 16 Jan 1965, 2pp
- 1.26.11 Maude Leeming at Walton, Ontario discussing Bell visiting, other family, 28 April 1966.
- 1.26.12 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario sending Easter card, discussing the bad weather, 28 March 1966.

- 1.26.13 Leno and Jennie Petitti at Olgesby, IL sending Christmas Card concerning health of Leno, 21 Dec 1966,
- 1.26.14 Gladys and John, Thank You card for towels, 6 Nov 1966.
- 1.26.15 Maude Leeming at Walton, Ontario discussing the death of friend Bell, 12 Nov 1967.
- 1.26.16 Agatha writing for her Aunt after her Aunt's surgery, 19 Sept 1967, 2pp.
- 1.26.17 E. William Rolley at Bloomington, IL examining mortgage lien and property taxes on land owned by James D. McKeon, 8 Sept 1967, 2pp.
- 1.26.18 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario concerning losing leadership at her church, attached photo, 9 Aug 1967.
- 1.26.19 Lois Hoeft at Williamston, MI discussing friend Ara being difficult, selling property, attached photos, 29 April 1967, 3pp.
- 1.26.20 Amelia at Preston, Ontario discussing spending time alone over winter, 22 March 1967.
- 1.26.21 Lois Hoeft at Portland, MI, Christmas card with note from Donna about mom having stroke, 23 Dec 1968.
- 1.26.22 Maude Leeming at Walton, Ontario discussing family members, 14 July 1968.
- 1.26.23 Marie Lee at Stockton, CA discussing going to the Dr's for sciatica, work, attached Christmas card, 24 Dec 1968, 3pp.
- 1.26.24 W.A. Sype at Alhambra, CA thanking Geraldine for her help, 30 June 1968, 2pp.
- 1.26.25 Marie Lee discussing snow affecting farming and friends that visited her, Dec 1969, 2pp.
- 1.26.26 Eldon Folk of Peoples Bank of Bloomington, at Bloomington, IL, new member letter, 26 Nov 1969.
- 1.26.27 Ida at New York, NY, discussing her brother's sudden decline in health, 15 Nov 1969.
- 1.26.28 Maude Leeming at Walton, Ontario discussing Len Leeming's health, 18 June 1969.
- 1.26.29 St. Marks Church at Mississippi City, MS postcard stating they were happy for the visit, 21 April 1969.
- 1.26.30 Marie Lee at Stockton, CA asking about Gerry's work on a family farm, discussing her job being busy during Christmas, attached Birthday card, 17 Feb 1969, 3pp.
- 1.26.31 Marie Rowan at Bonita Springs FL concerning Church, family, and friends, attached Birthday Card and photo, 25 Jan 1969.
- 1.26.32 Polly Mitchell at Peoria IL, concerning wanting to visit Bloomington, Geraldine's sick brother, and planting flowers, 29 Jan 1969, 2pp.

Folder 27: Geraldine McKeon Personal Correspondence 1970-1975

- 1.27.1 Marie concerning quitting her job, collecting S.S, 75-year-old neighbor being active, 17 Feb 1970, 2pp.
- 1.27.2 Annie Brownhill at Toronto, Ontario concerning turning 87, friend Bessie having bad accident, attached Christmas card, 6 Dec 1970.
- 1.27.3 Letter from Brownhill relatives informing Mckeon of the passing away of Annie Brownhill, dated April 12th.
- 1.27.4 Ruth B. at Bonita Pines, FL thankful for picture of Marie, discussing Marie's pregnancy, 7 June 1970.
- 1.27.5 Ruth R. at Quincy concerning Geraldine's trip to Kentucky, her trip around the Midwest, 20 Dec 1970, 2pp.
- 1.27.6 E. William Rolley of Rolley and Mackay Law Office at Bloomington, IL needing signature for the release of funds in Dan J. McKeon's Corn Belt Electric Companies Capital Account to Geraldine, Verna, an Olive, 8 Dec 1970, 2pp.

- 1.27.7 G.V. Beer of Corn Belt Electric Cooperative at Bloomington, IL notifying assignment of Capital Credit from Dan J. McKeon's account, 15 Jan 1971.
- 1.27.8 Vita Chapman concerning launching a local AARP chapter, 19 Feb 1971.
- 1.27.9 Roger E. Rhodus of Rhodus Mobile Homes at Bloomington, IL concerning extension on agreement for mobile home zoning plans on the McKeon farm, 31 March 1971.
- 1.27.10 Montgomery Ward service contract for humidifier Dec 1971-Dec 1972, 9 Feb 1962.
- 1.27.11 Waneita concerning working 3 more years till retirement, article about other General Telephone employees, 21 Feb 1971.
- 1.27.12 Helen & Phil Liemann, happy to hear Verna is better, includes prayer, 17 April 1973.
- 1.27.13 Louis A. Williams, lawyer, at Bloomington, IL concerning sale of Allers lot for \$12,500, his portion owed, 3 May 1973.
- 1.27.14 Nadie Mitchell of Alvin Plaza at Tulsa, OK confirming reservation for Aug 13-15, Aug 6 1973.
- 1.27.15 Marie Rowan at Bonita Springs, FL discussing a test she had to take, seeing floats for a pageant, 12 Feb 1974.
- 1.27.16 Maude Leeming at Walton, Ontario concerning Birthday, Easter, friend Ethel, other family, 13 May 1974, 2pp.
- 1.27.17 Bloomington Federal Savings & Loan Assn. statement for interest income and form 1099-INT, 18 Jan 1975.
- 1.27.18 Amelia Hudson at Seaforth, Ontario concerning death and funeral of cousin Vera, 27 Jan 1975
- 1.27.19 Maude Leeming at Walton, Ont. Concerning death of son's wife and Ethel Leeming (included obituary), storms affecting crops, 7 Sept 1975.
- 1.27.20 Maude Leeming at Walton, Ontario discussing general "unrest" around the world, discussing extended family, 25 May 1970.

Folder 28: Collection Miscellaneous

- 1.28.1 Mackinac Island Ferry Co. adult ticket.
- 1.28.2 Bloomington window sticker "All America City"
- 1.28.3 Daily Pantagraph calendar with pictures on the front, July-Dec 1929.
- 1.28.4 Powder River at Chatterton Theatre card with dates and times.
- 1.28.5 Dinner for Organized Labor ticket at Trades Assembly Hall.
- 1.28.6 Illini Theatre: Souza and his Band program, Monday, November 3 1924.
- 1.28.7 Band Concert Bloomington Public School, Friday December 19 1924.
- 1.28.8 Boy's Jubilee Bloomington Rotary Club program, February 6th 1925.
- 1.28.9 CONCERT by The Cleveland Orchestra, April 2.
- 1.28.10 Card for dues paid by Verna McKeon for Music Supervisor's National Conference, 1928.
- 1.28.11 Illinois theatre ticket in envelope "Mat's west side square"
- 1.28.12 Miscellaneous handwritten quotations of Epictetus, Thomas A. Kempis, and Elsie Lincoln Benedict.
- 1.28.13 Annual Orchestra Concert program. February 13, 8:00 pm High school auditorium
- 1.28.14 "I have bought a ticket to the Band Concert HAVE YOU?" reminder tassel.
- 1.28.15 Program for violinist Sam Kramer at Unitarian Church, 12 Dec 1927, 4pp.
- 1.28.16 Blank postcard with women pictured on front.
- 1.28.17 "Songs of War, Victory, and Home" containing patriotic songs published by *The Daily Pantagraph*, 15 Jan 1919, 24pp.

- 1.28.18 Illinois State Normal University Homecoming dances card, Oct 1936.
- 1.28.19 State Farm *Alfie News*, Jan-Feb 1937, 22pp.
- 1.28.20 David Blide at U.S.S. Los Angeles at sea to Marie Rowan at Bloomington, IL thanking her for the package she sent from the Red Cross, discussing who he is, and telling her to write back, 29 Dec 1945.
- 1.28.21 Jimmie H. Watson at U.S.S. Chenango at sea, to Mayme Barclay Bloomington, IL thanking her for the package she sent from the Red Cross and discussing Christmas on the ship, 26 Dec 1945, 2pp.
- 1.28.22 Donald Clem at U.S.S. Custer at sea to Mamie Barclay at Bloomington, IL introducing himself and thanking her for the Christmas package, 27 Dec 1945.
- 1.28.23 Jerry Vondracek U.S.S. Los Angeles at sea to Mamie Barclay at Bloomington, IL thanking her for the Christmas package, discussing others getting seasick, and wishing her a Happy New Year, 30 Dec 1945, 2pp.
- 1.28.24 Savannah "City of History and Progress" Hunter Jones Memorial Home placemat.
- 1.28.25 Photo of young women holding snake, n.d.
- 1.28.26 World War II "Buy more war bonds" comic.
- 1.28.27 Richard Burtons *Hamlet* Ticket, Thursday evening, September 24 1964
- 1.28.28 "The First Union Man on The Moon" Apollo 11 pamphlet to purchase moonwalk film
- 1.28.29 James D. McKeon Peoples Bank of Bloomington account card.
- 1.28.30 Undated Birthday, Holiday, and Sympathy Card.
- 1.28.31 Anniversary Greetings card, undated. Congratulating Geraldine McKeon on her retirement.
- 1.28.32 Gift Agreement with Elaine Vincent, 3 Nov 2016.
- 1.28.33 Undated Best Wishes card, congratulating Geraldine on retirement.
- 1.28.34 Poem by M. Jones for Geraldine, celebrating her retirement.
- 1.28.35 Jefferson Bake Shop card

Folder 29: Autograph Booklets

- 1.29.1 Green leather autograph booklet. Inside are pictures, drawings, and cut outs from magazines, May 5th 1941.
- 1.29.2 *Samuel Ward* Autograph booklet (light grey). Contains: personal messages and signatures, Jun-Jul 1963.
- 1.29.3 Grey Samuel Ward Autograph booklet. N.D.

Box 2

Folder 1: Telephone Company Booklets

- 2.1.1 "An Interview With a Successful Telephone Operator" booklet published by Chicago Telephone Co., 15 July 1920, 6pp.
- 2.1.2 "The Mighty Acorn" on how to be a successful salesperson by Brandon Reed, published by The Executive Co. of New York, N.Y, 1948, 11pp.
- 2.1.3 Official Roster of the IPTA, Chicago 1951
- 2.1.4 Official Roster of the IPTA, Chicago 1955

- 2.1.5 "Guardians of our City" booklet describing the lifestyle, opportunities and benefits of telephone operators. No date
- 2.1.6 "The Beauty of Service" a glamorized short story about a young girl moving to a big city and becoming a telephone operator. No date.
- 2.1.7 Financial Prospectus of General Telephone & Electronics, 2 May 1960, 47 pp.
- 2.1.8 12th Annual Recognition Banquet program for General Telephone Co. of Illinois and GenTel Illini Pioneer Club, 29 April, 1974, 5pp.
- 2.1.9 7th Annual Awards Banquet program for General Telephone Co. of Illinois and GenTel Illini Pioneer Club, 1969, 4pp.
- 2.1.10 2nd Annual Service Awards Banquet program for GenTel Illini Pioneer Club, 1964, 4pp.
- 2.1.11 General Telephone at Normal, IL to Geraldine McKeon at Bloomington sending invitation to 2nd Annual Service Awards Banquet, 1 May 1964.
- 2.1.12 Telephone Co Banquet booklet with names and work anniversaries, 1976, 26pp.
- 2.1.13 13th Annual Recognition Banquet for General Telephone Co. and GenTel Illini Pioneer Club, 23 April 1975, 32pp.
- 2.1.14 Invitation to 2nd Annual Awards Banquet for General Telephone Co. and GenTel Illini Pioneer Club, May 20 1969.
- 2.1.15 Non-Contributory Pension Plan booklet for Illinois Telephone Co for members of the IBEW Local Union No. 51 & 78., 1 June 1954, 26pp.
- 2.1.16 Non-Contributory Pension Plan employee booklet for Illinois Telephone Co, 1 June 1954, 23 pp.
- 2.1.17 Employee's Disability and Death benefits booklet for Wabash Telephone Co., 1 Feb 1941, 20pp.
- 2.1.18 Letter from Illinois Telephone Co about the Non-Contributory Pension Plan booklet.

Folder 2: IBEW and Local Union Booklets

- 2.2.1 "A Review of the New England Secession Movement" booklet telephone operator's organizations resisting attempts to push away them from the trade union movement published by the Telephone Operators Department of the IBEW, 21pp.
- 2.2.2 IBEW Constitution for Local Unions, amended 6 May 1935, 51pp.
- 2.2.3 IBEW Constitution for Local Unions, amended 3 Nov 1921, 56 pp. 2 copies.
- 2.2.4 IBEW Constitution for Local Unions, amended 25 Sept 1919, 72pp., 2 copies
- 2.2.5 IBEW Constitution for Local Unions, amended 10 Sept 1946, 59pp.
- 2.2.6 IBEW Constitution for Local Unions, amended Oct 1952, 86pp.
- 2.2.7 IBEW Constitution for Local Unions, amended 1 Nov 1941, 56pp., 2 copies.
- 2.2.8 By-Laws booklet of IBEW Local Union No. 51, 3 Jan 1955, 40pp.
- 2.2.9 By-Laws booklet of IBEW Local Union No. 51, 25 Dec 1955, 32pp.
- 2.2.10 By-Laws booklet of IBEW Local Union No. 78-A, n.d. 8pp.
- 2.2.11 By-Laws booklet of IBEW Local Union No. B-78, 20 Feb 1941, 11pp.
- 2.2.12 "ABC of Parliamentary Law" handbook on rules of order for meetings for labor groups by published by Rand School Press, New York, NY, 1936, 32pp.
- 2.2.13 Report of Officers to the Second Biennial Convention booklet for the IBEW, 31 Oct 1921, 66pp.
- 2.2.14 "Your Trade Union" booklet giving guidelines to how to start a run a local union published by the IBEW of Washington, DC, Jan 1948, 32pp.

Folder 3: IBEW Electrical Workers Magazines

- 2.3.1 The Electrical Workers' Journal, Vol 54, No 1, Jan 1955, 80pp.
- 2.3.2 The Electrical Workers' Journal, Vol 50, No 10, Oct 1951, 80pp.
- 2.3.3 The Journal of Electrical Workers and Operators, Vol 40, No 10, Oct 1941, 63 pp.

Folder 4: Bloomington Trades & Labor Assembly Booklets

- 2.4.1 Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order for the Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly, adopted Jan 1895, 19pp.
- 2.4.2 Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order for the Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly, adopted 4 Sept 1918, 20pp.
- 2.4.3 Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order for the Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly, adopted 2 March 1921, 24pp., 2 Copies
- 2.4.4 Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order for the Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly, adopted 15 Nov 1922, 23pp.
- 2.4.5 Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order for the Blooming Trades and Labor Assembly, adopted 15 Feb 1930, 19pp.
- 2.4.6 Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order for the Blooming Trades and Labor Assembly, adopted 2 Sept 1936, 22pp, 2 copies.
- 2.4.7 Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order for the Blooming Trades and Labor Assembly, July 1939, 22pp.
- 2.4.8 Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order for the Blooming Trades and Labor Assembly, adopted 20 June 1934, 24pp.
- 2.4.9 Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order for the Blooming Trades and Labor Assembly, adopted July 1941, 22pp, 2 copies.
- 2.4.10 Handbook on Labor Laws No.3 "Hours and Days of Work", November 1950
- 2.4.11 Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order for the Blooming Trades and Labor Assembly, July 1955, 32pp, 2 copies
- 2.4.12 Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order for the Blooming Trades and Labor Assembly, Nov 1959, 19pp.

Folder 5: U.S. and Illinois Department of Labor Booklets

- 2.5.1 "When Women Work" pamphlet published by the U.S. Department of Labor, 1920.
- 2.5.2 "Standards for the Employment of Women in Industry" booklet published by the U.S. Department of Labor, 1 March 1919, 7pp.
- 2.5.3 Annual Digest of State and Federal Legislation booklet published by Bureau of Labor Standards of U.S. Department of Labor, 1 Sept 1947-Nov 15 1948, 22pp.
- 2.5.4 "Federal Labor Laws and Agencies—A Layman's Guide" booklet published by Bureau of Labor Standards of U.S. Department of Labor, 1948, 94pp.
- 2.5.5 "Eight Hour Day For Women" booklet outlining the Illinois state law published by the Illinois Department of Labor, April 1950, 4pp.
- 2.5.6 Annual Report for the Illinois Department of Labor for fiscal year 1954-1955, 88pp.
- 2.5.7 Illinois Laws Relating to Labor and Employment book published by the Illinois Department of Labor, 1955, 337 pp.

Folder 6: U of I Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations

- 2.6.1 8th Annual Central Labor Union Conference pamphlet by the Illinois State Federation of Labor and University of Illinois Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations.
- 2.6.2 Constitution for the Illinois State Federation of Labor, amended 3 Nov 1945, 34 pp.
- 2.6.3 Proceedings of 36th Annual Convention for Illinois State Federation of Labor, 2-7 Dec 1918, 325 pp.
- 2.6.4 "Who's Too Old to Work" bulletin about issues surrounding age and employment published by U of I Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations of Champaign, IL Vol 48, No 14, Sept 1950, 27 pp."
- 2.6.5 "Making Unions Meetings Effective" booklet published by Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations of Champaign, IL 27pp.
- 2.6.6 "Handling Grievances" booklet about how to handle conflict within a union published by U of I Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations of Champaign, IL, 14 Feb 1956, 30pp.
- 2.6.7 7th Annual Central Labor Union Conference booklet for U of I Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations and Illinois State Federation of Labor, 6-7 Jan 1956.

Folder 7: AFL-CIO

- 2.7.1 "Equal Right For All" booklet addressing the main platform of the AFL-CIO published by the AFL-CIO of Washington, D.C., Sept 1964, 22pp.
- 2.7.2 Pamphlet listing different union affiliated shoe companies published by the Boot and Shoe Workers Union of Boston, MA, 1 Sept 1961, 11pp.
- 2.7.3 "Civil Rights" pamphlet including a statement the Executive Council adopted regarding Civil Rights Act published by the AFL-CIO of Washington, D.C., 4 Aug 1964.
- 2.7.4 "Your AFL-CIO Auxiliaries" pamphlet about organizing an auxiliary published by the ALF-CIO of Washington, D.C.
- 2.7.5 "AFL-CIO Codes of Ethical Practices" pamphlet published by the AFL-CIO of Washington, D.C., Feb 1957, 31pp.
- 2.7.6 *International Affairs Bulletin* published by the AFL-CIO of Washington, D.C., Vol I, No 4, Feb-March 1957, 12pp.
- 2.7.7 *International Affairs Bulletin* published by the AFL-CIO of Washington, D.C., Vol I, No 3, Dec 1956-Jan 1957, 12pp.

Folder 8: Women's Union Label League Conventions

- 2.8.1 26th Biennial Convention Program Port Arthur, TX, 8-10 Aug 1950.
- 2.8.2 35th Biennial Convention at Bradford, PA program contains menu, misc. notes, pamphlet, and about Bradford PA, 12-15 Aug 1968, 2 copies.
- 2.8.3 20th Biennial Convention program at Tulsa, OK, 13-15 Aug 1935.
- 2.8.4 30th Biennial Convention program at Bloomington IL, 11-14 Aug 1958.
- 2.8.5 22nd Biennial Convention program at Bloomington IL, 9-10 Aug 1939, 2 Copies.
- 2.8.6 31st Biennial Convention program at Pocatello, ID, 8-11 Aug 1960.
- 2.8.7 39th Biennial Convention program at Bloomington, IL, 12-13 Aug 1975.
- 2.8.8 37th Biennial Convention program at Kansas City, MO, 10-12 Aug 1971.
- 2.8.9 List of 10 songs.
- 2.8.10 Itinerary of Sight-seeing trip of Bloomington, IL for the 22nd Biennial Convention, 9 Aug 1939.
- 2.8.11 38th Biennial Conference program at Tulsa OK, 13-15 Aug 1973.
- 2.8.12 Misc. Union Label League notes

Folder 9: Women's Union Label League Booklets

- 2.9.1 Ritual for Subordinate Leaguer booklet published by the Women's International Union Label League, 41pp.
- 2.9.2 Chicago Trades Union Label League pamphlet, containing flyer for Chicago Trades Union Label League special meeting and Marshall Field and Company pamphlet.
- 2.9.3 Flyer for Women's Union Label League Christmas sale, 6 Dec 1947. "History of Union Labels, Shop Cards, & Service Buttons" booklet published by the ALF-CIO of Washington, D.C., 15 p.
- 2.9.4 Ritual for Subordinate Leaguer booklet published by the Women's International Union Label League, 19pp.
- 2.9.5 International Ladies Garment Workers Union bookmarks, 2 copies.
- 2.9.6 "Stiches in American History" pamphlet about American made garments published by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.
- 2.9.7 General Constitution for Women's International Union Label League, adopted 9 Aug 1927, 30 pp.
- 2.9.8 General Constitution for Women's International Union Label League, adopted Aug 1939, 22 pp.
- 2.9.9 General Constitution for Women's International Union Label League, adopted Aug 1950, 23 pp, 2 copies.
- 2.9.10 By-Laws for Women's Union Label League No. 341, 7 Jan 1930, 4pp.
- 2.9.11 By-Laws for Women's Union Label League No. 341, 2 June 1949, 4pp.
- 2.9.12 By-Laws for Women's Union Label League No. 341, 20 Dec 1938, 4pp., 2 copies.
- 2.9.13 Geraldine McKeon's Membership Cards to the Women's International Union Label League, 11 cards, years ranging 1927-1976

Folder 10: Women's Union Label League News Articles

Misc. Clippings about Women's International Union Label League and Local No. 341 conventions, members, League anniversaries, and various projects, most from *Bloomington Labor News* and *Labor Temple New*, ranging 1944-1966

- 2.10.1 "International Convention of Women's Union Label League Will Open on Aug 9" The *Labor Temple News*, pp. 3, Aug 1948.
- 2.10.2 "Label League Letters" by Geraldine McKeon, *Bloomington-Normal Labor News*, Sept 1954.
- 2.10.3 "Label League Letters" by Geraldine McKeon, *Bloomington-Normal Labor News*, pp. 10.
- 2.10.4 "Label League Letters" by Geraldine McKeon, Labor *Temple News*, Feb 1948, pp 18.
- 2.10.5 *Union Label Facts* quarterly published by Women's International Union Label League, Vol V, No 4, 4 Sept 1950, 23pp.
- 2.10.6 *B & C Journal*, No 9, Sept 1968, 8 pp.
- 2.10.7 Labor Temple News, Vol 3 No 2, Sept 1948.

Folder 11: Telephone News Articles

Articles about local telephone companies and telephone operators, Murphysboro, IL telephone operators strike, and the switch to dial telephones, ranging 1928-1972

2.11.1 *Telenews* published by Illinois Bell Telephone Co, Vol. 5, No. 18, 5 June 1967, 8pp.

Folder 12: Telephone Company Employees

Announcements of retirement, years of service recognitions, and new job acceptances of employees of General Telephone Company and its affiliated names, including Geraldine McKeon's retirement announcement and 40, 45-year anniversary, most from *Illinois General News* and *The Pantagraph*, ranging 1953-1975.

Folder 13: Illinois General News

Various pages of *Illinois General News* relating to telephone employees and company business, ranging from 1963-1974.

Folder 14: Bloomington-Normal Labor News

- 2.14.1 Vol. 1, No. 6, 7 April 1944, pp 1-2.
- 2.14.2 Vol. 1, No.1, 3 March 1944, 8pp.
- 2.14.3 Vol. 2, No. 8, Dec 1951, 16pp
- 2.14.4 Vol. 2, No. 9, Jan 1952, 14pp.
- 2.14.5 Vol. 4, No. 10, Feb 1954, 16pp.
- 2.14.6 Vol 5., No. 5, Sept 1954, pp1-2.
- 2.14.7 Vol. 5, No. 6, Oct 1954, 16pp.
- 2.14.8 Vol 5., No. 10, Feb 1955, 16pp.
- 2.14.9 Vol. 7, No. 8, Dec 1956, 16pp.

Folder 15: Labor Temple News

"Bloomington Normal Edition" or pertaining to Bloomington-Normal of the *Labor Temple News* Published in Peoria, IL

- 2.15.1 Vol. 2, No. 7, Feb 1946, pp. 1-2.
- 2.15.2 Vol. 1, No. 1, Aug 1946, pp. 1-2, 15-16.
- 2.15.3 Vol. 11, No. 36, Section B, 19 Sept 1947, pp. 1-16.
- 2.15.4 Vol. 3, No. 1, Aug 1948, 20pp.
- 2.15.5 Vol. 3, No. 9, April 1949, 20pp.
- 2.15.6 Vol. 3, No. 11, June 1949, 20 pp.
- 2.15.7 Vol. 4, No. 7, Feb 1950, 20pp.
- 2.15.8 "Centennial—Labor Day Edition", 31 Aug 1945, pp. 11-12.

Folder 16: Misc. Union Newspapers

- 2.16.1 *The Searchlight* published in Bloomington, IL, Vol. 5, No. 9, 6 May 1921.
- 2.16.2 *Union World* published by the IBEW, Vol. 24, No. 23, 1 Dec 1964, 12pp.
- 2.16.3 Labor's Daily published in Charleston, W. VA, Vol. 1, No. 161, 1 May 1963, 8pp.

Folder 17: Misc. Local Newspaper Clippings,

About local news including Illinois State University and local schools, St. Matthews Episcopal Church, city light plant, most from the *Pantagraph*, ranging 1932-75

Folder 18: Local Obituaries

Most from the *Pantagraph*.

2.18.1 Arnold Riegger 2 Sept 1973,

- 2.18.2 Russel A. Saylor, 22 Jan 1966.
- 2.18.3 Pearl Liable, Aaron Cook Sr., Helen Sweeney, 7 Nov 1971.
- 2.18.4 Flossie Grosso, Aidaline Rogers, n.d.
- 2.18.5 Leona Munro, 21 Feb 1973.
- 2.18.6 Dorothy Belz, n.d.
- 2.18.7 John C. Devault, n.d.
- 2.18.8 Elmer Short, Violet Williams, Mary Holtz, Clyde Wells, 27 May 1971.
- 2.18.9 J. Leonard Leeming, n.d.
- 2.18.10 Jerry Withers, n.d.
- 2.18.11 Lee S. Key, n.d.
- 2.18.12 Lucille Maddux, 30 Dec 1963.
- 2.18.13 Edna Goodwin, 18 Nov 1969.
- 2.18.14 Jesse E. Yarger, 3 July 1970.
- 2.18.15 Pete Karonis, n.d.
- 2.18.16 Milbert Cary, n.d
- 2.18.17 Irene Davis, n.d., *The Searchlight*.
- 2.18.18 Geraldine McKeon, December 29 1975

Loose Items:

Personal Financial Ledger, 1963-1967.

Geraldine McKeon's IBEW Local Union No. 78 Secretary-Treasure's Expense Book, April 1944-May 1947.

IBEW Local Union No. 78 financial ledger notebook.

Marguerite McKeon's IBEW Local Union No. 78 notebook with meeting minutes, June 1918-June 1921.

IBEW receipts 1937-1960

Photo Album