

McLean County Museum of History

McLean County Asian Indian History Project

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1902-2013
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
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Brief History

The McLean County Asian Indian History Project was begun in the early 2000s to research and document the culture and experience of Asian Indians who have settled in McLean County. The project also seeks to identify and collect artifacts, images, and documents associated with their culture and lives. These will be used in programming, exhibits and for future researchers.

The project is a cooperative endeavor between local Asian Indians organizations and the McLean County Historical Society.

Scope

The collection includes project organizational materials, newspaper articles, local Asian Indian run businesses, sports, music performances, etc. A series of oral histories completes the collection.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Collection and Project Information

- 1.1 Flyer explaining the McLean County Asian Indian History Project
- 1.2 "The Heritage of India" poster detailing presentations held at the McLean County Museum of History (3)
- 1.3 Copies of thank you letters from McLean County Museum of History to individuals who participated in the Asian Indian History Project

Folder 2: Newspaper Articles

- 2.1 "The Great Hindoo Prof. Pamba: Modern See-er of Life Predictions" *Daily Bulletin*, November 16, 1902
- 2.2 Newspaper advertisement for "Hindu Philosopher" S. S. Synci, *Daily Pantagraph*, August 24, 1930
- 2.3 "India to Win, Says Speaker" *Pantagraph*, January 25, 1932
- 2.4 "Indian Teacher Describes Progress in His Country" *Pantagraph*, undated
- 2.5 Jaggi, Tonushree – Children's Museum benefit, *Pantagraph*, Jul 13, 1997. Indian classical dancer.

Folder 3: Youth Parallel Asian Indian History Project

- 3.1 Printout of PowerPoint presentation on local Asian Indian businesses by Neesath Shah, Shalin Desai, Alia Khan, Saurin Shah, and Hruday Mallubhotla, 2008, includes CD
- 3.2 List of businesses from project

Folder 4: Local Businesses and Organizations

- 4.1 Menu for India Bhavan, 716 South Eldorado Road
- 4.2 Menu for Little India Restaurant, 503 N. Prospect Rd.
- 4.3 Business card for Puran Indian Restaurant, 1704 Eastland Dr., Ste. 10 (2)
- 4.4 Ad for Namaste Plaza and Namaste India
- 4.5 Menu for Anand India, 122 E. Beaufort, 2015.
- 4.6 Ad for the Successful Aging Center operated by Uday and Anita Deoskar, 2103 E. Washington St.
- 4.7 Invitation to ceremonies at the site of what is to be The Vedic Center of Bloomington-Normal (408 Bronco Drive), August 18, 2013
- 4.8 Flier for BMI Bhaktivriksha group and The Vedic Center, 2014.
- 4.9 CD from BMI Bhaktivriksha group, 2014.
- 4.10 Lakshmi Software, Inc.: 15 invoices to Historical Society, 1995-96.
- 4.11 McLean County India Ass'n (MCIA) Uphaar, a 2007 Souvenir. Includes discussion of MCIA, its activities, etc. 32 pp. Plus Dec 6, 2007 website printout about the organization.

Folder 5: Cricket

- 5.1 Booklet from the McLean County India Association (MCIA) cricket tournament, 2004 (3)
- 5.2 Flyer from the Central Illinois Cricket Association (CICA) regarding a youth cricket summer camp, 2009 (2)

Folder 6: Programs/Performances

- 6.1 Lasya Sudha presents “Nruthyanjali,” University High School, January 27, 2008
- 6.2 Copy of email and program regarding a “South Asian” series planned by WJBC, 2008
- 6.3 Flyer for Parigyaan, a series of presentations about Indian music organized by the McLean County Indian Association, April 26, 2011
- 6.4 Printout of PowerPoint slides from Parigyaan
- 6.5 Card, BMI Bhaktivriksha invitation to Janmashtami 2013, September 7, 2013.
- 6.6 Flyer for the McLean County India Association (MCIA) for Republic Day of Indian, 26 Jan 2014.
- 6.7 Souvenir program for BMI Bhaktivriksha’s Jagannath Rath Yatra “The Festival of Chariots,” Miller Park, 28 Jun 2014. 2 copies.
- 6.8 Program for “Catwalk for Champions,” a Passage to India Event, 22 Aug 2015. 2 copies.
- 6.9 Invitation to Arangetram, Indian classical dance debut of Tonushree Jaggi, Aug 6, 1995. Plus invitation to dinner reception. Includes cover photo of dancer.

Folder 7: Miscellaneous

- 7.1 Invitation to the wedding of Raviprasad Duvvuri and Suchitra Rangarajan, August 27, 2010
- 7.2 Invitation to the wedding of Ramakrishna to Vandana in Hyderabad, Dec 11, 2013.
- 7.3 Email from Museum staffer Jeff Woodard about the first Hindu American wedding at the theatre of Scottish Rite Temple in 1998, dated 13 Dec 2013.

Oral Histories:

Oral histories will be alphabetized and foldered once they have been completed.