McLean County Latino History Project Collection

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Collection Information

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Brief History

The McLean County Latino History Project seeks to research and record the culture and experience of Latinos who have settled in McLean County and identify artifacts, images and documents associated with their culture and lives for future programs and exhibits. The Museum of History teamed with the Illinois State University Latin American and Latino Studies Program for this project.

Early on, Latinos immigrating from the US Southwest, Puerto Rico, etc. found employment within homes (as domestics), railroads, farms, factories, circuses and as general laborers. Many
remained in the community, raising their families. Others moved on elsewhere in the US or back to their native countries. More recently, immigrant Latinos have found work at State Farm, ISU, Mitsubishi and elsewhere.

**Scope**

This collection includes project scope documents, newspaper articles from the 1950s onward, census research, business info and advertisements, info on local Latino organizations and individuals, etc. A goodly number of oral histories complete the collection.

**Box and Folder Inventory**

**Folder 1: Collection and Project Information**
1.2 14 November 2011. Background Information on the Latino history project, by Jeff Woodard
1.3 16 March 2011. Wyman Report on Research to Date on Recent Immigrants, by Mark Wyman to Greg and Susan (2 copies)
1.5 Photocopy of area business cards (18 names and phone numbers)
1.6 Outline of presentation at Art & Community Development Class Visit that Jeff Woodard, Sal Valadez, and Bill Kemp presented at.

**Folder 2: Newspaper Clippings 1956-1968** *(Pantagraph unless noted)*
2.1 "Foreign Teachers To Begin ISNU Visit Saturday," April 6, 1956. (Newspaper unknown).
2.2 "Six or Seven Mexican Farm Workers Die in 51 Tragedy," April 6, 1956, 2 copies (Newspaper unknown).
2.3 "Mexican Family Thinks It's Slang," September 15, 1957.
2.8 "Jose Rencurrell Family Formerly Lived in Cuba," September 24, 1967.
2.9 "Quiet, Peaceful; Cubans Call Bloomington Refuge," July 31, 1966.
2.10 "Language First Concern," and "Council To Aid Migrants; Language First Concern," February 4, 1968
2.11 "Government rates poorly in Hispanic hiring, wages," (unknown paper, undated).
2.12 "Race shouldn't be factor in awarding TV licenses," (undated).
2.13 "Mexico buys Illinois corn," (undated).
"President of Paraguay resigns," and "Puerto Rican activists won't give up dream," (undated).

Folder 3: Newspaper Clippings 1980s (Pantagraph unless noted)
3.3 "Guadalupe Day to be celebrated," December 11, 1980.
3.6 "Quincenera: Sandra is 'Sweet 15'," May 27, 1982.
3.8 "Volunteer translator a link for family," December 22, 1983.
3.9 "Program helps fill the gaps," July 29, 1984.
3.22 "Exchange program seeking families," December 1989 (unknown paper).

Folder 4: Newspaper Clippings 1990s (Pantagraph unless noted)
4.1 4 pages printed of Pantagraph searches of articles 1989-1998
4.5 "Don't judge people by the color of their skin," September 26, 1991.
4.6 "Arrest of illegal aliens may hit 1 million," February 9, 1992.
4.7 "Writer shuns Chicago as key to her success," December 21, 1992.
4.8 "1 out of 7in U.S. not speaking English at home," April 28, 1993.
4.9 "Aliens face deportation after feds raid restaurant," June 8, 1993.
4.20 "Wonderful to see so much diversity at University High," February 18, 1996.
4.22 "Heath Fair for Hispanics to encourage awareness," April 8, 1996.
4.26 "Time to rally against racism and reject racial injustice," July 9, 1997.
4.28 "B-N panel looks to recognize, erase racism," May 1, 1998.
4.29 "Father 'comfortable' with son's B-N burial," 1990.

Folder 5: Newspaper Clippings 2000s (Pantagraph unless noted)
5.1 1 copy of avisos de occasion newspaper, July 2009
5.4 "Leaders focus on Hispanic issues," November 5, 2000, p. A4.
5.14 3 pages printed of Pantagraph searches of articles 2006
5.15 "Bloomington needs law against illegals," September 14, 2006.
5.16 "Local immigrant parents blend best of both worlds for children," November 25, 2008.
5.17 10 photocopies from the Pantagraph of Latino events/activities, and accompanying CD containing digital versions of photos.

Folder 6: Newspaper Clippings 2010s (Pantagraph unless noted)
6.1 1 copy of La Palabra, “el unico periodic en espanol del condando del McLean” (The only newspaper in Spanish in McLean County)
6.2 "10 taken into custody by immigration officials after stop," April 15, 2010. 13 pages of comments included.
6.3 "Bloomington rally protests Arizona immigration law," May 1, 2010.
6.5 "IWU to host forum on immigration reform," September 5, 2010.
6.6 "Advocate to review immigrant discharge policy," February 8, 2011.
6.7 "Open house an introduction for Immigration Project," June 10, 2011.
6.10 “Authorities: Race not issue in charging decision,” February 11, 2015. Also includes obituaries for Pedro Guerrero and 2 yr old nephew Alejandro Guerrero, plus photos of the deadly crash site in Bloomington. 8 sheets.

Folder 7: Census Research
7.1 1920 & 1930 census records on names such as Herlindo Martinez, Thomas Guerrero, Grace Chazeb, Francisco Sanopos, Bravo Casios, Leo Alonza, Gertrude Newberry, and many others. Compiled by Sal Valadez.
7.2 General 1920 and 1930 Latino Census searches.
7.3 Copy of registration cards and certificates of marriage for Latino affiliated to McLean County.

Folder 8: Intern Notes & Papers
8.1 Letter to incoming interns from Jason Siska
8.2 Hispanic Heritage Project by Jason Wilder Siska
8.3 Rough draft of Project paper by Roman Barraza, December 2006
8.4 A Levantamiento Celebration in Bloomington by Joe Marino, Spring 2007
8.5 Recipes from Maribel Arias collected by Joe Marino, February 2007.

Folder 9: Immigration
9.3 Latinos Unidos (LUC) flier.
9.4 "Protection for DREAM Youths" packet on requirements and information regarding the DREAM act passed on June 15, 2012.
9.5 Immigration Presentation Outline by Jesse Iniguez and Jose Alonso
9.6 Myths vs. Reality- immigrant issues discussion sheet
9.7 UIC Immigrant Mobilization Project, printed power point

Folder 10: Latino Railroad Workers
10.1 Report from Sal Valadez about a trip with Jeff Woodard to Williamsville Museum to research Latinos who worked on the railroad
10.2 Research from Sal Valadez
10.3 Williamsville contact information
10.4 Email between Mike Matejka, Sal Valadez, and others regarding attached articles about McLean County Latino laborers.
10.5 “Alton Laborers’ Camp is One Complete Unit,” Bulletin, 25 May 1927(?) p2.
10.6 “West Side Notes-Accident Fatal to Bernarbe Sandobal” The Daily Pantagraph, October 16, 1925
10.7 “Irish ‘Forty Acres’ Speaks to City’s Railroad Past” Pantagraph September 18, 2011

Folder 11: Local Latino Businesses & Organizations
11.1 Mi Tierra Needs Your Local Support- Flier for Mexican grocery that used to be on Main St. in downtown Bloomington.
11.2 Business cards- Carniceria y Taqueria La Mexicana, Mie Tierra Mercado Latino, DJ GM Explosion, and a flyer for Servicio en Español at 808 E. Vernon
11.3 Brochure for International Friends
11.4 Menu for El Porton, 901 N. Main Street
11.5 Menu for Fiesta Ranchera, 2103 Veterans Parkway
11.6 ad for WJBC “Dilo en Español” con Ingrid Ramirez Sunday 8pm-9pm
11.7 OSF Medical Group. Directions for what to do in an urgent medical situation
11.8 NCLR question and answer packet and Janet Murguia seminar notes Roman Barraza
11.9 Photo & Schedule of local Latino soccer league, Summer 2005.
11.10 Hispanic Legends: a 2007 tribute. Calendar
11.11 “SU DERECHO A RENTAR O SER DUENO SIN LA DISCRIMINACION” (your rights to rent without discrimination) information pamphlet from Prairie State Legal Services
11.14 Instructions to contact your representative concerning the DREAM ACT. Printed and distributed by Sonny Garcia, Latinos United for Change. 2011
11.15 “Conexiones Latinas de McLean County” non-profit based on improving and creating opportunities for Hispanic and Latino families in McLean County. Information sheet.
11.16 History of La Mexicana grocery, 1416 S. Main St.
11.17 Bloomington Latino Soccer League schedule and regulations.
11.18 "A Powerful Latina," essay by Roman Barraza on president of the national council of la Raza Janet Murguia’s seminar on the Hispanic Institution State Farm Landmark, 1 page.
11.19 Email from Conexiones Latinas de McLean County regarding recent announcements of Latino organizations.
11.20 Online text of Pantagraph article "Hip-hop influences new Park Store occupant," December 1, 2005.
11.21 Online text of Pantagraph article "New restaurant gives diners taste of Mexico, Dominican Republic," February 7, 2009.
11.22 Brief biography of Paul Segobiano, Director of Development for the Great Plains LIFE Foundation.
11.23 Immanuel Health Center, address and hours of operation.
11.24 Flier for Conexiones Latinas de McLean County, probably 2016.

Folder 12: Advertisements & Ephemera: Social
12.1 People of the Sun, January 27, 2008.
Folder 13: Advertisements & Ephemera: Political

13.1 Email from Candace Summers announcing a presentation from Maura Toro-Morn, January 25, 2011
13.2 Hispanic Families Work Group of McLean County- Working with Differences within our Community, May 10, 2006.
13.3 Diversity Advocacy Disability Awareness & GLBT Weeks
13.4 U. S. Citizenship application day workshop May 2006
13.5 U. S. Citizenship application day workshop January 2007
13.8 Pilgrimage for Citizenship: A Walk Alongside the Stranger, October 2013
13.9 Advertisement for Hispanic and African-American voting presence, March 22, 2011
13.10 "Dreams and Life on the Prairie--The History of Latinos in McLean County: 1880 to the Present," discussion at McLean County Museum of History, presented by Sal Valadez and Dr. Maura Toro-Morn, November 3, 2013
13.11 Latino Coalition for Prevention presentation schedule
13.12 Illinois People’s Action Accion Popular de Illinois Lunchando por La Justicia Social Economica y Ambiental. Leaflet about the lobbying group and member recruitment.

Folder 14: Miscellaneous

14.1 The ABCs of Latino Heritage Month, September 2006
14.2 Background on Manuel B. and Margot Mendoza and Family Law Scholarship, 1p, undated.

Folder 15: Obituaries

15.1 Email of obituaries from Sal Valdez concerning Lucy J. Woosley, Lorenzo Garcia, and Margarito Ramirez
15.2 Pantagraph obituaries of October 12, 2007, Roberto Fuentes Bosquez Sr.
15.3 Pantagraph obituary of Lorenzo Garcia, May 23, 2011.
15.4 Pantagraph obituaries of October 7, 2011, Jose G. Gonzalez

Folder 16: Resources/Services
16.1 Directory of Resources, January 1, 2003
   Directory of Services in Spanish, December 2005. 64 pp.  Additional copy attached may be in process.
16.3 Peoria Hispanics bulletin, May 2012
16.4 Latinas Unidas Contra el Cancer de Seno advertisement, Community Cancer Center.
16.5 IMC’s Programa Nacional de Trabajos Para Campesinos (MFJP), Peoria, 2018. Appears to be advert for program to help those seeking training, etc.?

Folder 17: Miscellaneous lists
17.1 5 lists of names and numbers, including Manuella Almanza, Berta Diaz, Gloria Martinez, and Maria Luna
17.2 "Reporte Correspondiente a los meses de Febrero y Marzo," 1982
17.3 "Candidatas Para Reina," including Manuella Almanza, Berta Diaz, Gloria Martinez, and Maria Luna

Folder 18: Miscellaneous schedules/meetings
18.1 Meeting schedule for March 4, 1982, containing information on a Potluck event and other committee restructuring details
18.2 Undated February meeting outlines containing information on "Candidatas a reina," "programa de radio," and Valentine's Day
18.3 "Octavio Montenegro" arrest case information, July 5.
18.4 Undated committee preparation list for a Sunday event
18.5 "Junta de Feb. 28, 1982," meeting information on elections and finances.
18.6 "Jan. 11, 1982," meeting outline
18.7 Resume for Dorian B. Pelaez enclosed in envelope.
18.8 April 3 Easter Program preparation list
18.9 Letter from Sara Mendiola
18.10 "Meeting Feb. 15, 1982," meeting outline
18.11 "March 14, 1981," meeting outline
18.12 Western Avenue receipt of payment to J.S. Paluch Company Inc., May 8, 1981.
18.13 "Enero 24, 1981," Junta de la Directiva
18.14 Writing fragment mentioning a radio program
18.15 "Oct. 11, 1981," meeting outline
18.16 "Sept. 14, 1981," meeting outline
18.17 "Sept. 2, 1981," at Int'l House at ISU, topic points including electoral board and future plans for organization
18.18 "Junta de Marzo," undated, meeting outline
18.20 "Oct. 11, 1981," meeting outline


Folder 19: Latinos Unidos
19.1  August 1981 meeting outline
19.2  Names and addresses of known Latinos Unidos members
19.3  Clipping with names "para el Potluck"
19.4  Meeting outlines, noting Potluck on March 28, 1982
19.5  Latinos Unidos member names, addresses, and telephone numbers
19.6  List of names and addresses
19.7  January 18, 1981 list of names and dues
19.8  "Quotas," listing names and dues
19.9  Articles of Incorporation for Latinos Unidos, Inc.
19.10  "Constitucion Latinos Unidos," Constitution of Latinos Unidos

Folder 20: Latinos Unidos Members/Names/Figures
20.1  "Latinos Unidos Lista de Gente," list of names, addresses, and phone numbers, 3 pages
20.2  "Analysis Pad" green booklet containing slips of payment confirmation from LU members, and list of member dues
20.3  "Club Latinos Unidos Enero y Febrero 1981 ingesos y egresos," meeting outline

Folder 21: Western Avenue
21.1  Western Avenue membership card
21.2  Letter to Sara Mendiola from Wesley C. Wilcox concerning the completion of the Western Avenue Community Center building, December 5, 1983
21.3  Invitation to the Western Avenue Community Center dedication, April 29, 1984
21.4  Position description of the Director of Community Ministries
21.5  Letter to board member from president Bill Phillips, February 18, 1983
21.6  List of executive committee and board members of Western Ave., 1984 and 1986
21.7  Letter to Sara Mendiola from Chuck W. Judge concerning residence hall food service at ISU
21.8  Western Ave. agenda for board of directors meeting, May 26, 1983
21.9  Proposed budget for 1985
21.10  Budget for 1984 and proposed for 1985
21.11  Western Ave. budget comparison for May and June of 1984
21.12  Western Ave. budget comparison for July and August of 1984
21.13  Committee structure for 1983

Folder 22: Latino Services/Organizations
22.1  List of St. Mary's Parishioners
22.2  "Comite' de Can'ticos," members, addresses, and phone numbers
22.3  "Comite para recoger la ofrenda," members, addresses, and phone numbers
22.4  "Familia A Cenor Con el Padre Cuevas," members, addresses, and phone numbers
22.5  "Cauticisms" and "Bautismos," names, ages, dates, addresses, and telephone numbers
22.6  List of "Bautismos," "Comuniones," "Classes de Catisismos," and "Confirmaciones"
22.7  Names of "Confirmaciones"
22.8  Names of "Communiones"
22.9  "Coro De Misas," listing of names
Folder 23: Chavez, Pedro
23.1 Gift agreement for documents concerning Pedro Chavez
23.2 Copy of Declaration of Intention from Chavez, May 1, 1910
23.3 Certificate of Arrival, May 1910
23.4 Petition for Naturalization, May 1910
23.5 Marriage License, October 18, 1917
23.7 Packet of genealogy of Chavez family

Folder 24: Ramirez, Ingrid
24.1 Biography, 1 page

Folder 25: Reyes, Teresa
25.1 May 1, 2012 speech by Reyes as a representative of la Iglesia de Santa Maria.

Folder 26: Valdez, Sal
26.1 Illinois State University newspaper article, "Resolution honors University's efforts," October 21, 1993.
26.4 Sal Valdez's power point slides of "Dreams and Life on the Prairie"

Folder 27: Hispanic Families Work Group (HFWG) Organizational Papers 2006
27.1 Email from Karen Major attaching minutes of July 7 2006 meeting and reminding of upcoming August 4 meeting, 20 Jul 1006.
27.2 Event Committee for Hispanic Heritage Month, showing Aug-Oct activities, 2006?
27.3 Minutes, August 1, 2006. 2pp.
27.4 Agenda August 4, 2006.
27.5 Email from Sarah Montoya to The Copy Shop requesting quote for flyers, September 12, 2006.
27.6 Survey results on Survey Monkey.com, September 19 2006. 3pp.
27.7 Minutes, August 11, 2006?
27.8 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration Events, undated. Shows summary, objective, and list of September/October events. 2pp.
27.9 Volunteers or Donations Registration Form for Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations, undated.
27.10 Volunteer Sign-up Sheets, 10 pp. For September-October events.

Folder 28: Hispanic Families Work Group (HFWG) Organizational Papers 2007
28.1 By-Laws Committee Update, undated.
28.3 Email from Alex Cardona to Yadria Ruiz bout her proposal for Jan 30 agenda, January 17, 2011.
28.4 Meeting Agenda for February 8, 2011.
28.5 Meeting Agenda for March 2, 2007.
28.6 Survey Results March 2007 4pp.
28.7 Excerpts from Survey Results 28 Feb 2007. 3 pp.
28.8 Internship Proposal for a quantitative and qualitative study of McLean County Latino demographics. Undated. 2 copies.
28.9 State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship grant application, undated. 6 pp.
28.10 Email from Alex Cardona to Maura Toro-Morn with application for graduate intern February 8, 2007. 2 pp.
28.12 Open memo from University of Illinois Extension about WXRI 94.9 FM radio sponsorship, April 9, 2007. 2 pp.
28.13 “Welcome to our House” flier from Town of Normal Police Department with tips nd requirements for newcomers. Undated.

Folder 29: Hispanic Families Work Group (HFWG) Organizational Papers 2009-11

29.1 “Latino population in McLean County,” from Hispanic Outreach of Heartland Community College, undated.
29.2 “Identify the top 3 things you think HFWG should work on in the next year,” undated. 3 copies, 2 with notations.
29.3 HFWG Meeting sign in sheet, undated.
29.4 Email from Alex Cardona to HFWG with agenda of upcoming meeting.
29.5 Emil from Deborah Halperin soliciting input on focus, November 16, 2010.
29.6 HFWG Goals, response summary, December 7, 2010. 2 pp on 1 sheet.
29.8 Executive Board meeting agenda, February 20, 2011.
29.9 Talking points University of Illinois, February 21, 2011.
29.10 Email from Alex Cardona regarding talk at UIUC Interdisciplinary Class on Feb 21, 2011, undated.
29.11 Executive Board Meeting, October 14, 2011 agenda and minutes from September 12 meeting. 3 sheets.
29.12 General Meeting agenda, October 18, 2011.

Folder 30 : Conexiones Latinas de McLean County Organizational Papers 2011-13.
Note: Conexiones replaced HFWG in about 2011.
30.1 McLean County Latino census info, undated. 4 pp.
30.2 Cedar Ridge (Elementary School) options, undated.
30.3 Board meeting minutes, February 12 (no year)
Board meeting agenda, March 12, 2013.

Memo to Field Office Directors, et al from US Immigration and Customs Enforcement director Morton on prosecutorial discretion, June 17, 2011. 6 pp plus business card from attorney Amy M. Rupiper of Bloomington.

Talking Points for University of Illinois, March 5, 2012.

Email from Alex Cardona to Marcos Mendez about upcoming meeting, April 8, 2013.

Board meeting minutes, March 12, 2013. 2pp.

Board Meeting agenda, April 9, 2013.

Flier: The Tool Library with note that “need someone to translate this.” Undated.

Tool library member application, agreement, etc., in Spanish, undated. 4 pp.

Sign-in Sheet, undated.

Board meeting agenda, May 14, 2013.

Communication Committee - May board meeting update.

Board meeting agenda, June 11, 2013.

Communication Committee – June board meeting update.

Board meeting minutes, May 14, 2013. 2 pp.


University Housing Services invoice for Latino Cultural Dinner, December 17, 2012.

Survey questions in Spanish, undated. 3 pp.

Latino History Project internship, undated.

**LOOSE ITEMS:**

CDs:"Juan Maribel, Nino 3/31/07," and "Luis Sandoval H/L History Project"

VHS: History of Mexican Immigration to the Midwest

2 mini cassette tapes and 1 CD containing digital versions of oral histories

3 cassette tapes relating to Manuel and Margo Mendoza

**Box:** McLean County Latino History Project Collection: Oral Histories

Pending and completed oral histories from the following individuals:

- Almanza, Horacio
- Barnes, Irene
- Barrientes, John
- Cachola, José (DO NOT USE, no release)
- Campbell, Dolores M.
- Cordero, Manuel
- Cornejo, Esperanza
- Cornejo, Maria del Carmen
- Echeverria, Beth
- Garcia, Angel
- Garcia, Fernando
- Garcia, Sonny
Mendiola, Sarita
Mendoza, Manuel & Margot
Miller, Elidia
Sandoval, Luis
Sandoval, Salvador & Maria
Sejobiano, Paul
Thompson, Adam
Villanueva, Jesus
Woosley, Lucy