

McLean County Museum of History

McLean County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	One Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1911- 2009
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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Brief History

The McLean County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, dedicated in 1913, is located at Miller Park on Bloomington's west side. The monument honors McLean County servicemen who participated in the Black Hawk, Mexican, Civil, and Spanish-American Wars, as well as the American Revolution and the War of 1812. Bloomington resident, Dwight E. Frink designed the 75 feet high, 52-ton monument which replaced a Civil War monument at Franklin Park.

Scope

The collection includes newspaper articles, a 67-page specifications book, a list of the names on the monument, and the booklet from the Memorial Day dedication on May 13, 1913.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Newspaper Articles (*Pantagraph*, unless noted)

- 1.1 "County's Stately Military Memorial [:] Soldiers' Monument Is Described," November 11, 1911
- 1.2 "Let Contract for Soldiers' Memorial [:] To Be Completed by November 1," *Pantagraph*, February 1, 1912. (2 copies of image).
- 1.3 "The Color Bearer [:] Statue to Be Erected at Top Of New Soldiers' Monument In Miller Park," *Daily Bulletin*, April 21, 1912.
- 1.4 "Miller Park Notes," *Daily Bulletin*, June 9, 1912.
- 1.5 "Present State of Co. Soldiers' Monument," unknown source, February 19, 1913.
- 1.6 "All Presidents Broken in Memorial Day Celebration In Dedication of Soldiers' Monument At Miller Park," 6 pieces, *Daily Bulletin*, May 30, 1913.
- 1.7 "For...53 years--we have designed, and erected monuments of character," advertisement, August 26, 1930.
- 1.8 "Imposing Miller Park monument dedicated Memorial Day 1913, May 24, 2009.

Folder 2: Specifications Book

- 2.1 "Specifications, Form of Bid and Inscriptions For Bronze Tablets In McLean County Soldiers and Sailors Monument at Bloomington, Illinois," Dwight E. Frink, Secretary, January 21, 1913, 67pp., stamped, "Received drafting room Jan 21 1913 the Winslow Bros. Company."

Folder 3: List of Soldiers and Sailors

- 3.1 Overview of Miller Park monument, McBarnes Building plaque, and Miller Park artillery piece, 1 p., typed, Syfert, March 10, 1936.
- 3.2 Index card with handwritten numbers of McLean County war dead, Revolutionary War to Spanish-American War.
- 3.3 List of names on the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, undated, typed, 49 pp.

Folder 4: Dedication

- 4.1 “Dedication, McLean County Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Monument, Bloomington, Illinois,” booklet, May 13, 1913, 12 pp. (45 copies).
- 4.2 Text of dedicatory Tablet, 2 pp.
- 4.3 One-paragraph summary regarding the McLean County Historical Society and the printing of the dedicatory booklet.