

McLean County Museum of History

Minutes Books Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1876-1906
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Brief Histories

Washingtonian Society

The Washingtonian movement was a 19th-century temperance fellowship founded in 1840 in Baltimore. The intent was for members to rely upon one another in keeping each other sober.

Our local group, called the Washingtonian Society, was founded in May 1876 in Bloomington.

Nineteenth Century Club

Apparently begun in late 1895, the group met largely in members' homes with programs covering many topics, especially historical ones. Rachel Crothers was their first president.

Bloomington Law Library

Incorporated 17 Jun 1868, this stock organization assessed dues to maintain a law library for members use.

Citizens Alliance

Citizens' Alliances were state and local anti-trade union organizations prominent in the U.S. during the first decade of the 20th century. They included both employers likely to be affected by strikes as well as other citizens. Many local Citizens' Alliances and employers' associations joined to create a national Citizens' Industrial Association of America at a convention in Chicago in October 1903.

The *Pantagraph* contains references to local Citizens Alliance meetings in 1903-04

Nineteenth Century Club

Members met mostly in homes on Saturday evenings with programs covering a wide range of topics, especially historical ones.

Scope

The collection includes single volumes of minutes of various local organizations.

Loose Book Inventory

Washingtonian Society (Black cover with black spine)

Book of minutes and pledged members, 18 May 1876 (local inception) – 26 Nov 1878.

Bloomington Law Library (Red multi tone with red spine)

Minutes of the Board of Trustees and Stockholders meeting minutes, 21 Jun 1876 – 16 Jul 1906. Plus 1878 published By-Laws, showing incorporation 17 Jun 1868.

Nineteenth Century Club (Small burgundy book mislabeled “Minutes of the 20th Century Club”)

Minutes, financial records including dues by member, 23 Nov 1895 (inaugural meeting) - May 1896.

Citizens Alliance (Black cover with burgundy spine)

Minutes book, 5 Jan 1904- 10 Jan 1905.