

**McLean County Museum of History**

**John F. Myers**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	6 folders & 2 books
COLLECTION DATES:	Approx 1900-20.
RESTRICTIONS:	None
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the McLean County Museum of History
ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	See Photos-People-Myers

## Brief History

Born in 1834 in Kentucky, John Frances Myers came to McLean County as an infant and grew up on a farm. He attended Illinois Wesleyan University and became a farmer himself near Fairbury and in Vermillion County. Later he retired to Bloomington.

Myers began writing poems as a youngster and as an adult published two books of poetry and had poems published in newspapers and magazines.

## Scope

This collection contains hundreds of Myers' poems, a couple essays, and a publicity brochure.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### **Folder 1: Early Days in Old Mclean**

- 1.1 "Early Days in Old Mclean" by John F. Myers, undated. Essay on his father's settling in Blooming Grove and local land deals as well as Myers' own land dealings. 6 pp.

### **Folder 2: Comments of the Press**

- 2.1 Publicity pamphlet with quotes from newspapers and individuals on the second volume of John Francis Myers poems. Undated.

### **Folder 3: Flax Manufacturing**

- 3.1 A handwritten speech concerning the making of Flax for family use presumably by John F. Myers, undated. 3 pp.
- 3.2 A typed copy of the handwritten essay.

### **Folder 4: John Grove Myers**

- 4.1 A handwritten essay on the life of John Grove Myers by his son John F. Myers, undated. 4pp.
- 4.2 A typed copy of the handwritten essay. 2 pp.

### **Folder 5: Poetry**

- 5.1 Approx. 55 typed poems by John F. Myers, some with multiple copies.

### **Folder 6: Newspaper articles**

**Loose Books:** Two scrapbooks containing over 200 of Myers' poems.