

McLean County Museum of History

**Old North Normal Historic District Association Collection**

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## Brief History

Old North Normal is the oldest intact area of continuous residential development north of Illinois State University and Uptown Normal. The District features homes built between 1870 and 1950, representing more than 30 different architectural styles. Originally designated the McCord addition, it is comprised of Normal Avenue and School Street, bordered on the north by Clay Street and on the south by Bowles Street. From its earliest days, Old North Normal has been a favorite neighborhood for Illinois State University faculty, staff and students. In 2003 it was designated The Old North Normal Historic District by the Town of Normal. The Association was formed in 2003, with the following officers: John R. Poole, Paul Phillips, Barbara Scanlan, Margaret Ann Williams, Juergen Schroerer, and Margaret Fuller. The first *North Normal News*, newsletter of the Old North Normal Historic District Association, was issued in Summer 2004.

## Scope

This collection contains all issues of the *North Normal News*, issued twice yearly beginning Summer 2004, meeting minute of the Old North Normal Neighborhood Association, neighborhood news and problems, as well as materials contributing to the designation of the Old North Normal Historic District.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: ONN Exploratory Committee, 2003

- 1.1 "An Unexcelled Opportunity," *Daily Bulletin*, February 8, 1914, advertising lots and plat of McCord's Addition to Normal.
- 1.2 "Auction Sale," *Daily Bulletin*, September 19, 1915, advertising auction of lots on September 27, 1915, in the McCord addition, with photo of model home at 623 N. School Street.
- 1.3 "Open for Inspection," *Pantagraph*, December 4, 1927, features the sale of the Spanish House at 716 Normal Avenue.
- 1.4 "Trio of I.S.N.U. Students Like Economic Solitude Offered by Their Camp Far From the City's Noise," *Pantagraph*, June 24, 1928, about tent on Normal Avenue.
- 1.5 Report from The Exploratory Committee for a possible Old North Normal Historic District, May 3, 2003, 25pp.
- 1.6 Proposed Historic District map, undated.
- 1.7 Abstract of Title of the south 50 feet of Lot 2 in the Subdivision of Lot 23 in Capen and Company's Subdivision of 80 acres in the South 1/2 of Section 21 and the North 1/2 of Section 28 Township 24 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian in McLean County.

### Folder 2: North Normal News, 2004-2014

Copies of the newsletter, issued twice a year.

**Folder 3: North Normal News, 2015-2021**

Copies of the newsletter, issued twice a year

**Folder 4: Meeting minutes**

- 4.1 School Street Neighborhood Association, October 21, 2006.
- 4.2 School Street Neighborhood Association, February 3, 2007.
- 4.3 School Street Neighborhood Association, April 21, 2007, 3pp.
- 4.4 School Street Neighborhood Association, September 8, 2007.
- 4.5 Old North Normal Neighborhood Association, January 26, 2008, 2pp.
- 4.6 Letter to Bryan Chase, Normal Public Library, asking him to attend meeting on January 31, 2008.
- 4.7 Description of meeting of Old North Normal Neighborhood Association, May 17, 2008; letter to Normal Mayor Chris Koos, inviting him to meeting; list of attendees.
- 4.8 Neighbors Association of Normal, August 7, 2010, 4pp.
- 4.9 Town of Normal Historic Preservation Commission, February 9, 2016, 5pp.
- 4.10 ONNNA Newsletter committee, February 13, 2016.

**Folder 5: ONNNA Miscellaneous**

- 5.1 One O’Clock Schoolers’ Club, list of officers and hostesses, 1946-1947.
- 5.2 My First Three Months from President Mark Wyman, School Street Neighborhood Association.
- 5.3 Letter from the Chair, Mark Wyman, President, Old North Normal Neighborhood Association.
- 5.4 Press release, Normal Announces 2004 Citizen of the year, about Ed Jelks, July 14, 2004, 3pp.
- 5.5 Email from Mark Wyman to Margaret Williams, about picnic, September 10, 2007, attached is list of those attending.
- 5.6 Old North Normal Neighborhood Association Bylaws, with proposed revisions, January 26, 2008.
- 5.7 Letter from Mark Wyman to James Shaw, Principal, Fairview School, inviting him to speak at spring meeting, February 24, 2009.
- 5.8 Text of emails from Julie Gordon and Paula Seamon about purchasing videos for Fairview School, February 2009.
- 5.9 List of attendees at May 16, 2009, meeting of ONNNA.
- 5.10 ONNNA Directory, 2006.
- 5.11 ONNNA Directory, 2008-2009.
- 5.12 Gift Agreement for donation of ONNNA newsletters 2004-2021.

**Folder 6: Neighborhood General**

- 6.1 “Foes of Added Load on Normal Sewer Threaten Court Action,” *Pantagraph*, August 4, 1953.

- 6.2 “Normal Facing Draining Problem, *Pantagraph*, August 6, 1953.
- 6.3 “Normal Sewer Wrangle Ends,” *Pantagraph*, August 18, 1953.
- 6.4 “School Street Downspout Ban On Town Council’s Agenda,” *Pantagraph*, August 19, 1953.
- 6.5 Neighborhood Watch Program Operation/Policy Manual, revised, March 31, 1992.
- 6.6 Draft of letter to ISU President Bowman regarding off-campus student behavior, 2pp, undated.
- 6.7 Email from Ruth Wyman, Urbana City Council, regarding rental registration program, with further comments, 2pp, November 12, 2006.
- 6.8 Letter from Mark Wyman to Mark Peterson, City Manager about neighborhood issues, undated.
- 6.9 Email from Curt Broughton to Marsha Fogarty about noisy and drunken neighbor, June 30, 2007.
- 6.10 Email from Roy Treadway regarding contacts at the town and ISU about noise ordinance, September 4, 2008.
- 6.11 Ticket for winter meeting of School Street neighbors, February 3 (no year).
- 6.12 Copy of Historic District Guidelines from Mercy Dawson, sent to Ellen [Morgan], February 20, 2016.