

McLean County Museum of History

Packard Duck Pin Bowling Alley Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1941-1953
RESTRICTIONS:	None
PROVENANCE:	Book was a gift of Mike Dolan of Pantagraph Printing & Stationery in 2023
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Brief History

W.C. Packard originally entered the tenpin business in Ohio and later moved to Evanston, IL. About 1940, he moved to Bloomington-Normal. By 1941, his company was making duckpin bowling alleys in Normal for distribution to several US states and employing 80 to 90 union mechanics.

According to a September 1947 newspaper article, he also owned twenty-six duck pin alleys in the U.S.

Scope

The collection includes a bound book containing legally required records of Packard Duck Pin Bowling Alley, Inc. which was created primarily to operate “games, duckpins, tenpins, and kindred business for profit”.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: General

- 1.1 “Packard Duckpin Factory Is Thriving Normal Industry,” *Pantagraph*, Nov 15, 1941.
- 1.2 “Normal Man Secretary of Duck Pin Group,” *Pantagraph*, Sep 3, 1947.
- 1.3 Advertisement for Packard Duck Pin Alleys, Inc. for opening of 7th season at 609 N. Main St, Blm, *Pantagraph* Sep 4, 1947.
- 1.4 Gift agreement, Aug 2023.

Loose Book

Bound book containing incorporation documents, bylaws, minutes of shareholders’ and directors’ meetings from April 1947 to Dec 1953.

Initial shareholders included locals A.N. Mantzoras, W.C. Packard, Mary E. Packard, Edna B. Packard and Anne Mantzoras. When the Mantzoras’ disposed of all their shares, Alonzo and Barbara Dolan became directors.