

McLean County Museum of History

Degree of Pocahontas Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1941-88
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Brief History

Degree of Pocahontas is the ladies auxiliary of the Improved Order of Red Men. The Red Men is a patriotic fraternity to “inspire a greater love for the United States.”

Pocahontas is structured with a national organization, a state great council and local “councils.” The organization supports selected charitable endeavors and has many structured rituals.

Scope

The collection includes constitution and bylaws, informational brochures, a book of forms and ceremonies, materials from state conventions, correspondence, local members’ lists, etc.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Informational Brochures

- 1.1 “What Every American Should Know About the Degree of Pocahontas,” undated, 16pp.
2 copies.

Folder 2: Constitution and General Laws

- 2.1 “Constitution and General Laws for the Government of the Great Council of Illinois Degree of Pocahontas,” revised 1 Oct 1941. 119 pp. Plus By-Laws of Pecawanda Council No. 80 of Bloomington, undated. 9 pp.
- 2.2 “Constitution and General Laws for the Government of the Great Council of Illinois Degree of Pocahontas,” revised 3 Oct 1962. 89pp.

Folder 3: Constitution and General Laws for Red Men

- 3.1 Constitution and General Laws, 1976. 110pp.

Folder 4: Forms and Ceremonies

- 4.1 Bound book of *Forms and Ceremonies*, for Degree of Pocahontas, August 1959. 45pp.

Folder 5: Official Proceedings (Illinois)

- 5.1 79th Great Sun Council, October 1977
- 5.2 83rd Great Council of Illinois, October 1981
- 5.3 88th Great Sun Council, October 1986.
- 5.4 90th Great Sun Council, October 1988.

Folder 6: Representative’s Credentials

- 6.1 Credentials for Helen Pruett/Helen Waddell of Bloomington for Great Council sessions in 1948, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, and 1974, plus 1979 credentials for Helen Waddell of Chicago.

Folder 7: Certificate

- 7.1 Certificate for Helen Waddell as a past Great Pocahontas in good standing.

Folder 8: Correspondence

- 8.1 Typed letter from Kathryn Curry of Decatur to all great chiefs, past great chiefs and members regarding the upcoming Great Council, 13 Aug 1986.
8.2 "Official Call," from Kathryn Curry for 87th Great Council Session, 13 Aug 1986. 2 pp.
8.3 Handwritten letter to Helen regarding personal acquaintances, etc., undated. 2pp.
8.4 Handwritten letter to Helen from Anna regarding recent illness, craft activities, shared acquaintances, etc., 12 Mar 1984. 2pp.

Folder 9: Member Lists

- 9.1 Handwritten member lists, many indicated 1984-85-86. 11pp.

Folder 10: Programs

- 10.1 88th Great Council of Illinois, 2pp plus cover. Cover appears include sketch by Waddell.
10.2 Covers only for a second copy of 88th Council and a copy of 83rd Council, each using same sketches on cover.

Folder11: Degree of Maud

- 11.1 Degree of Maud Muller, 1944. 8 pp. Plus By Laws of Maud Muller 8 pp.
11.2 Past Maud Certificate for Helen Pruett, Jan 1949
11.3 Receipt for Maud dues for Helen Waddell, April 1974
11.4 Greeting card welcoming Helen to the Maude unit, undated.
11.5 "Articles of Dissolution Pursuant to Section 48 of the 'General Not for Profit Corporation Act,'" for Past Great Mauds Assn 29 Oct 1954.