

McLean County Museum of History

Jean Quinn Family Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	
RESTRICTIONS:	None
PROVENANCE:	Gift from Cindy Quinn (daughter of Ray Quinn) of Colorado (second cousin to Jean)
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Brief History

Jean Quinn was born Shirley Jean Quinn on November 3, 1927, the only child of Forrest and Ruth Maquire (of Alton, IL) Quinn of McLean, IL. Forrest was a graduate of University High School and attended Wesleyan Law School. The family resided in McLean, IL. Jean attended Illinois Wesleyan University and then the University of Illinois, graduating with a master's degree in education. Jean taught in numerous schools, predominantly in Springfield, IL. She was also known for her time teaching briefly at Ben Funk School near Shirley, IL. Beginning in 1968 she was certified as a school psychologist, and she served in that capacity for the remainder of her career. Jean died August 31, 2017.

Scope

The collection includes wedding and anniversary notices of Forrest and Ruth Quinn, Forrest's graduation information, and correspondence to Ruth. Birth announcements and cards celebrating the arrival of Jean are numerous. Photos of Jean as a baby, a child, and as an adult are included. A scrapbook of Jean's includes newspaper clippings of schoolmates, friends, as well as valentines from students during her first year of teaching at Palmer School.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: General

- 1.1 Obituary and Celebration of Life service, Jean Quinn, 15, September 2017.

Folder 2: Information related to Parents of Jean Quinn (Forrest & Ruth)

- 2.1 Receipt for Roses (21 June 1923, \$3.06), Wedding Invitations (1 June 1922, \$11.00)
- 2.2 List of visitors, nurses, gifts, and flowers. Undated.
- 2.3 Journal Entries from August 1928 and December 1928
- 2.4 Hospital Bill from 22 June 1944, Ruth Quinn. Total billed \$111.62 for 4 days stay.
- 2.5 Telegrams to congratulate Ruth and Forrest Quinn on their marriage (June 1925) and anniversary (June 1922)
- 2.6 Jean's Health Score Card (approx. 18 months old)
- 2.7 Letter dated 9 Aug 1927 to Ruth congratulating her on pregnancy.
- 2.8 "Health in the Victory Program" from McLean Co Home Bureau. 1 April 1943, 2 pp.

Folder 3: Correspondence to Ruth Maquire Quinn

- 3.1 Various undated notes and letters to Ruth Quinn.
- 3.2 Regrets to invitation of marriage between Ruth Evelyn Maquire to Forrest Quinn, 5 notes dated June 1922.
- 3.3 Acceptance note to wedding of Ruth Maquire and Forrest Quinn, 2 notes, dated June 1922.
- 3.4 Correspondence to Ruth Quinn dated 1925, 3 letters (February, June, August).

- 3.5 Letters and notes to Ruth Quinn dated 1927, 7 letters (September – December).
- 3.6 Letter to Ruth Quinn from her mother with additional note to Shirley Jean Quinn, May 1928.
- 3.7 Letter to Ruth Quinn from her brother, Fred Graydon, dated 3 March 1959
- 3.8 Handwritten Christmas gift list. Undated.

Folder 4: Notebooks, Handbooks, Lists, etc.

- 4.1 Various small notebooks with notes regarding the farm and household expenses.
- 4.2 Lists and possible daily journal entries.

Folder 5: Photos – Forrest & Ruth Quinn

- 5.1 Photos

Folder 6: Photos – McLean Home and 1909 Address

- 6.1 Photos

Folder 7: Photos – Shirley Jean Quinn (Baby)

- 7.1 Photos
- 7.2 Cute Baby Contest, The Sunday Pantagraph, 7 April 1929, Shirley Jean Quinn one of 12 finalists.

Folder 8: Photos – Shirley Jean Quinn (Child)

- 8.1 Photos

Folder 9: Photos – Shirley Jean Quinn (Adult)

- 9.1 Photos

Folder 10: Photos – Misc Parents Forrest & Ruth

- 10.1 Photos

Folder 11: Legal Correspondence – Sale of Quinn Home in McLean

- 11.1 Settlement statement of Lots 1 and 4 in Block 17 of McLean, IL between Matthews, Emma Margaretta to Quinn, Forrest & Ruth, 31 July 1965, 1 pp.
- 11.2 Warranty Deed from Matthews, Emma to Quinn, Forrest & Ruth, 10 Sept 1965, 1 p.
- 11.3 Quit Claim Deed from Quinn, Ruth to Quinn, Jean, Lots 1 and 4 in Block 17 of McLean, IL, 19 July 1984, 1 pp.
- 11.4 Correspondence and Settlement Sheet from Markowitz & Lawrence Law Firm to Dennis Smith regarding Lots 1 and 4 in Block 17 of McLean, IL, 4 June 1992, 4 pp.

Folder 12: Baby Book and Baby Care Booklets

- 12.1 “The Dear Baby” – baby book gifted to Shirley Jean Quinn from her great aunt Amanda, Christmas 1927.
- 12.2 “Diet Lists for Infants and Children,” Illinois Department of Public Health, June 1925, 12 pp.

- 12.3 “Our Babies – How to Keep Them Well and Happy ,” Illinois Department of Public Health, undated, 24 pp.

Folder 13: Holiday Cards, Congratulation Cards (Baby), Letters

- 13.1 Cards and notes of congratulations related to birth of Shirley Jean Quinn

Folder 14: Wedding and Anniversaries of Forrest & Ruth Quinn

- 14.1 Newspaper clippings of engagement and wedding between Forrest Quinn and Ruth Maquire.
14.2 List and receipts related to 50th anniversary reception for Forrest and Ruth Quinn
14.3 50th Wedding Anniversary Book with names of friends and family attending reception.

Folder 15: University High School

- 15.1 Graduation Program, June 5, 1918
15.2 Photo, U High Classmates, 60th Reunion 1978 Committee.
15.3 “U High Class Planning 60th Class Reunion ,” *Pantagraph*, May 7, 1978.
15.4 Photo, U High Classmates, 60th Reunion 1978 (includes Forest Quinn)
15.5 Group Photo, undated, no names.
15.6 Photo Identification List – U High Classmates 50th Anniversary (1918) Reunion, June 15, 1968 Student Union Bldg. ISU Campus, Normal, IL.
15.7 Photo - U High Classmates 50th Anniversary (1918) Reunion, June 15, 1968 Student Union Bldg. ISU Campus, Normal, IL. 2 copies.
15.8 Photo Identification List – U High Classmates 60th Reunion, May 9, 1978, Bloomington Country Club.
15.9 Photo - U High Classmates 60th Reunion, May 9, 1978, Bloomington Country Club.
15.10 Four (4) undated, unidentified group photos.

Folder 16: Diplomas, Report Cards

- 16.1 Diploma, McLean County Public Schools, Shirley J. Quinn, 1941.
16.2 Report Cards, Shirley J. Quinn, 1933-1939, 7 reports cards.
16.3 Diploma, McLean Community High School, Shirley J. Quinn, 1945.
16.4 Diploma, University of Illinois, Shirley J. Quinn, Master of Education, 1958.
16.5 Grade Report, University of Illinois, Spring & Summer Semester, 1967, 2 pp.

Folder 17: Newspaper Articles

- 17.1 “Why Tax Credit for Breweries? ,” *Pantagraph*, 3 June 1981. Written by R.E. Quinn.
17.2 “25 Years Ago – In and About Alton ,” 29 May 1943. Mentions Ruth Maquire as one of four graduates in 1918.
17.3 Newspaper clippings, undated, related to family trips to visit Mrs. Forrest Quinn as well as a birthday party held in honor of a Maguire family member.
17.4 Scrapbook of newspaper clippings of schoolmates, friends, as well as valentines from students during Jean’s first year of teaching at Palmer School., etc. compiled by Shirley Jean Quinn.