

McLean County Museum of History

Union School (Allin Township) Collection

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Collection Information

Volume of Collection:	One Box
Collection Dates:	1885-1928
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Location:	Archives
Notes:	Missing and fragmented pages

Historical Sketch

Originally laid out with three sections in this county and about the same number in Tazewell County, this district, composed entirely of low prairie land, was last to be settled. About 1866, however, a neat frame school was constructed near the center of the west side of Section 18, but it was replaced by a much larger building in 1894. Many residents of German descent gave rise to the name, *Germany*, for this school. Later called German Union, since 1918 it has been known as *Union School*. Large homecomings spoke for the value of Union School, well managed by interested directors. Once very large, the enrollment dwindled until it was necessary to close the school and transport the pupils to other districts. The part of this district, which lay in McLean County, petitioned into the Standard Consolidated District in 1948.

--Taken from William B. Brigham's *The Story of McLean County and Its Schools* (1951).

Scope Note

This collection contains two ledger books, and five articles from *The Pantagraph* pertaining to Union School.

LOOSE ITEMS

Ledger 1: 1885-1890

District Record ledger

Proceedings of School District Meetings and Board of Directors Meetings

Short directory of school officers

Teachers' contracts

Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statements

Ledger 2: 1910-1925

Annotated map of boundaries of school districts

Proceedings of the Board of Directors, 1910-1925

Records of levies "for educational purposes"

Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statements, 1911 to 1926

School censuses and Teacher's Reports, partially filled-in, 1917-1925.

Folder 1: *Pantagraph* Articles

1. Untitled piece about a box social fundraiser at the German Union School, December 17, 1915, p. 4.
2. "Imig Family Holds Reunion Near Minier," May 31, 1937, p. 2.
3. "German Union School Plans Homecoming June," May 7, 1938, p. 8.
4. "Reunion Dates," June 1, 1941, p. 5.
5. "10 of Them Closed by 2 Consolidations," Aug 28, 1946, p. 5. The former German Union school was later incorporated the Stanford Community Consolidated school district.