

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Harrold B. Wilson Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1920-1970
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

## Brief History

Harrold Braden Wilson was born June 13, 1904, in Weldon, Illinois, and died June 3, 1991, in Bloomington. He first married Alice Carlson on March 24, 1934, and after her death married Pauline Schmidt on August 3, 1957. He had one son. He was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Wilson was a registered architect, associated for many years with Schaeffer, Wilson and Evans in Bloomington. The firm designed many buildings in Bloomington on the Illinois State University and Illinois Wesleyan University campuses, and the downtown State Farm building.

## Scope

This collection includes two personal notebooks of dates which Wilson had with women (1920-1933), his handwritten notes about various aspects of building architecture, and information about the dormitories on the ISU West Campus and the University Union & Auditorium.

## Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: Biographical

- 1.1 Harrold Wilson obituary, *Pantagraph*, June 4, 1991.

### Folder 2: Date Books

- 2.1 Little black book chronicling Wilson's dates with various women from June 1920 to July 1929. The format follows woman's name, town, event (play, etc), and date. 4 x 5.5", black, ring-bound.
- 2.2 Little black book chronicling Wilson's dates with Alice Carlson, who became his first wife, from June 1929 to June 1933. The format follows Alice's name, date, and event (play, etc). 4 x 5.5", black, ring-bound.
- 2.3 Copy of catalog card for these little black books plus notes on Wilson.

### Folder 3: Architectural Notes

Folder contains handwritten notes on graph paper, all undated, relating to various aspects of architecture.

- 3.1 Conditions of thresholds of doors, with diagram
- 3.2 Schedules of Colors and Patterns.
- 3.3 Architectural details, 12pp, seem to be listings of rules and instructions.
- 3.4 Administrative Procedures, 2pp.
- 3.5 Checklist of various aspects of design process for several buildings (3pp) and list of comments and observations about different projects (5pp) and budgets for different projects (3pp) and ratio of dining spaces and kitchen areas (1pp).
- 3.6 Schedules of Colors and Patterns for various buildings, 9pp.
- 3.7 Foreign Plans, list of Central Illinois buildings.
- 3.8 Figures for I.S.N.U. residence halls.

- 3.9 Building Returns, figures for grade at building and grade at highest point for local buildings.
- 3.10 DeKalb Dates
- 3.11 Summary of Residence Hall Projects, 7pp.
- 3.12 Test Boring Report for Women's Residence Hall Group at I.S.N.U. by Raymond Concrete Pile Company, GOW Division, New York, December 4, 1958, 4pp.

**Folder 4: I.S.U. Dormitories West Campus and Auditorium**

- 4.1 Test Boring Results for West Campus Dormitory Complex by Layne-Western Company, February 1963, plus unit pressures by Schaeffer, Wilson & Evans, March 5, 1963, in folder.
- 4.2 Elevations of borings by Farnsworth & Wylie.
- 4.3 Foundation Report for Dormitory Complex by Robert K. Morse, April 29, 1963, 11pp.
- 4.4 Report on University Union/Auditorium by Evans Associated, with architectural drawings, costs, final estimate, January 2, 1970, 14pp.