

McLean County Museum of History

Winklepleck Family Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1870 – 1988
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	See also Winklepleck photos, various, in People and Oversize Photo Collections.

Brief History

The Winklepleck family included mostly farmers and teachers in and around Bloomington, IL. This collection of family papers spans four generations beginning with the death of David Winklepleck in 1891, and continuing through a property disagreement in 1962.

Scope

The collection includes family papers, 1870-1970 generally, mostly 1890-1940. The collection includes wedding and death announcements, birth and graduation announcements, numerous letters, and other documents.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Gift Agreement and Clippings

- 1.1 Gift Agreement, Winklepleck family papers, donated by Jim White, Gridley Antiques, May 11, 2025.
- 1.2 Wedding announcement of Clark Winklepleck and Stella St. Clemmens, *Woodford County Journal* (Eureka, Illinois) August 29, 1907.
- 1.3 Death of Mrs. Clark Winklepleck, *Pantagraph*, June 19, 1911.
- 1.4 Wedding announcement of Clark Winklepleck and Blanch Riseling, *Pantagraph*, December 17, 1913.
- 1.5 Statement on Will of Elizabeth Betser, *Pantagraph*, February 8, 1916.
- 1.6 Death of Clark Winklepleck, *Pantagraph*, April 19, 1940.
- 1.7 "Winklepleck, Sohn Rites Celebrated", marriage of Virginia Winklepleck and Ralph W. Sohn, *Pantagraph*, May 12, 1943.
- 1.8 "Sohn Infant", graveside services for David William Sohn, *Pantagraph*, August 2, 1948.
- 1.9 Funeral for Mrs. Blanche Winklepleck, *Pantagraph*, July 18, 1960.
- 1.10 Funeral of Ralph W. Sohn, *Pantagraph*, November 12, 1997.
- 1.11 Virginia E. Sohn, obituary, *Pantagraph*, September 24, 2000.
- 1.12 Thomas Sohn, obituary, *Pantagraph*, June 7, 2018.

Folder 2: Winklepleck Obituaries and Funeral Records

- 2.1 David Winklepleck death announcement, *Pantagraph*, May 29, 1891.
- 2.2 Receipt for funeral expenses from Mrs. David Winklepleck, Mayers and Enlow Undertakers, May 30, 1891.
- 2.3 *Pantagraph* receipt for funeral notice for Winklepleck, July 1, 1893.
- 2.4 Receipt for funeral expenses for Henry Winklepleck, Mayers and Enlow Undertakers, June 27, 1893.
- 2.5 Funeral Notice and Death Notice for Henry Winklepleck, *Pantagraph*, May 31, 1893.

Folder 3: Sohn property for I-55

- 3.1. Letter from Ralph and Virginia Sohn to Rex M. Whitten, Bureau of Public Roads, Washington, D.C. regarding their property taken for construction of I-55, November 17, 1965.
- 3.2. *Pantagraph* clippings regarding Sohn land taken for I-55, February – April 1962

Folder 4: Postcards

Two very old personal postcards, one postcard from Census Bureau, June 1, 1891; a rural box holder, and two postcards from Michigan, 1924.

Folder 5: Miscellaneous Receipts

- 5.1 Receipts from Dick McCullough, 1876 – 1879.
- 5.2 Livestock and farm equipment receipts, 1887 – 1890.
- 5.3 Checks and receipts of Elizabeth Betzer, 1908 – 1914.
- 5.4 Contracts with and receipts from Sarah B. Withers, 1877 – 1882.
- 5.5 Miscellaneous receipts for household goods and medical procedures, including dentist, butcher, insurance, etc.
- 5.6 Booklet with Mrs. Winklepleck's grocery purchases December 1892 – January 1893.

Folder 6: Tax Receipts

- 6.1 Postcard to David Winklepleck regarding personal taxes in Normal, February 14, 1887.
- 6.2 Tax Receipts from McLean County Treasure, 1887 – 1889, and 1894.
- 6.3 State of Illinois Receipt for poll tax, June 7, 1892.

Folder 7: Business Cards, Tickets, etc.

- 7.1 Business cards for Blanch Eleanor Reisling, teacher; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Winklepleck, and various business cards, undated.
- 7.2 Card from birth announcement for Virginia Eleanor Winklepleck, August 16, 1915.
- 7.3 Winklepleck Concert, two tickets, no date.
- 7.4 Winklepleck Orchestra Concert, May 28, 1904, three tickets.
- 7.5 Clipping of Pauline Sohn announcing her appointment to County Disaster Council, no date.
- 7.6 Rainbow Girls certificate of retirement for Virginia Winklepleck, no date.
- 7.7 Shadow picture, no date.

Folder 8: Letters and Greeting Cards

- 8.1 Four Christmas/Seasons Greetings letters, three from "Ginny and Ralph", one dated 1988.
- 8.2 Four undated valentines, one signed Ralph Sohn, one Wayne Thompson.
- 8.3 Birthday gift card, undated, from Ginny and Ralph.
- 8.4 Second birthday greeting, postcard from The Cradle Roll to Ralph Walter Sohn, no date.
- 8.5 Wedding congratulations card with envelope to Mary Harper from Aunt Blanch and Uncle Clark, no date.
- 8.6 Four reward cards from teachers Clara Winklepleck and Clark Winklepleck.

- 8.7 Three cards with Bible verses, names on back: Clara Winklepleck, Clark Winklepleck, and Abner(?) Winklepleck, no date.

Folder 9: Checks

Three checks, David Winklepleck, Bloomington People's Bank, March-April, 1882.

Folder 10: War Ration Books

- 10.1 Two War Ration Book No. 3, signed by Mrs. Ralph Sohn and Blanch E. Winklepleck.
10.2 Three War Ration Book Four, signed Blanch E. Winklepleck, Ralph W. Sohn, and Virginia E. Sohn.

Folder 11: Correspondence

- 11.1 To Dear Brother from Geo Winklepleck in "Chili", a letter detailing several land transactions and deaths, including a body stolen from the coffin, January 4, 1870.
11.2 To Clark from GW in Chili, details a visit to Lish Swighert and a visit to Aunt Mag and Aunt Lize where he sees other relatives, January 1887.
11.3 To My Dear Sister, Ann, and family from Samuel Winklepleck in Aden, Indiana; he tells of the cold weather letting people butcher, of family going to church and gathering. The lyrics of a song are included in the letter. December 9, 1890
11.4 To "Friends", a letter of family news, illness, and deaths from G. Winklepleck, June 21, 1891.
11.5 To My dear Cousin, a letter of family connections and health, C.W. Mindard, St. Charles, Madison County, Iowa, June 23, 1891.
11.6 To David Winklepleck from his nephew David Winklepleck Matlock informing him of the death of his mother, with envelope, from Leesville (?) Ohio (?), Feb. 1, 1891.
11.7 To Miss Winklepleck from R.D. Minard telling of the death of her mother, with envelope, St. Charles, Madison Co. Iowa, October 17, 1892.
11.8 To Messrs. Winklepleck Bros. from McGee Marble and Granite Co. requesting approval for inscription, December 9, 1892.
11.9 Letter to Dear Cousin acknowledging a letter about Henry's death and telling of the farm, with envelope, from Wallace Smiley, Smiley, IN, June 5, 1893
11.10 Letter to Cousins, with envelope addressed to Clark Winklepleck, about family health and horses, May 1894.
11.11 Letter to Clara describing family health and farm matters, from Lizze (?), August 11, 1901.
11.12 Letter to Clara telling of the death of Aunt Elizabeth, with envelope, from Libbie Turner, Avondale, Ohio, February 11, 1902.
11.13 Letter to Dear Brother and Sister with envelope addressed to David Winklepleck, includes information about the family and farm, Oblong [IL] July 29, 1807.
11.14 Letter to Blanche Riseling from Charles E. R[iseling] with envelope. He offers her a camera and will teach her to use it and talks about coming Christmas, Murphysboro, IL, December 8, 1911.
11.15 Dear Jennie from Mary with news of distributing the *Aegis* and riding her horse, May 16(?) 1929.
11.16 Letter to Mary from [?] with information about socializing, with envelope from Chicago, IL, July 28, 1930.

- 11.17 To Virginia Winklepleck about adopting a German Shepherd dog, from Marilyn Harper, with envelope, May 14, 1929.
- 11.18 To Dear Daughter and Deary Roommate, a joking letter to Virginia Winklepleck in Urbana from her father, with information about difficult winter travel, February 5, 1936.
- 11.19 To Virginia [Winklepleck] from Mary, copy of a 9-page letter, typed and handwritten detailing a journey by car to San Francisco, September 29, 1939.
- 11.20 To Miss [Virginia] Winklepleck from Everett Warner, Superintendent of Schools, Hindsboro, IL, with envelope, accepting her resignation, August 21, 1940.
- 11.21 Letter from "Ginny" with envelope to Mrs. Darwin Forbes, discussing a possible bridal shower, Delevan, IL, May 5, 1943.
- 11.22 Letter to Mary and Jack (Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Forbes) from Ginny (Virginia) thanking them for their participation in her wedding, May 26, 1943.
- 11.23 Christmas Card with note from Ralph W. Sohn to Mary and Jack Forbes, no date.
- 11.24 Thirteen envelopes.

Folder 12: Personal Effects

- 12.1 Illustrated Family Christian Almanac of the United States, 1859.
- 12.2 Dr. Harter's Almanac and Receipt Book for 1876.
- 12.3 Third Pupils' Recital, Wesleyan College of Music, Programme, January 13, 1891.
- 12.4 Announcement of the auction of the farm of David Winklepleck, December 6, 1913.
- 12.5 Marriage Certificate for Clark Winklepleck and Blanche Eleanor Riseling, Niantic, IL, December 16, 1913.
- 12.6 Marriage announcement by Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Riseling of the marriage of their daughter Blanche Elenor (sic) to Clark Winklepleck, December 16, 1913.
- 12.7 Clipping of old photo of musicians in Bloomington, IL circa 1920. Clark (Winklepleck) is noted in the margin. *Pantagraph*, March 6, 1992.
- 12.8 Handwritten genealogy and history, beginning with Blanch Eleanor (Riseling) Winklepleck, born December 29, 1891 to Thomas Michael Sohn, born February 17, 1950.

Folder 13: Booklets

- 13.1 Small booklet compliments of Peoples Bank, Bloomington, IL, contains notes for a club by Marilyn Harper, January 1, 1917.
- 13.2 Baby book for Virginia Eleanor Winklepleck, born May 26, 1915.
- 13.3 Booklet for Commencement Exercises with list of graduates, card for Virginia E. Winklepleck enclosed, University of Illinois, June 13, 1938.