

McLean County Museum of History

Lois Wood Postcard Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	Postmarked ranging 1906-2017
RESTRICTIONS:	None
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the McLean County Museum of History
ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Collection created by former Bloomington Public Librarian Lois Wood. Donated after her death by her husband, Donald D. Wood, in 2021.

Brief History

This is a collection of over 250 postcards collected by Lois Wood over the years to show life in Bloomington-Normal and surrounding communities in Central Illinois. Lois was born in 1935 in Bloomington Illinois, daughter of Lola and Theodore Steege. She was the third of seven children. She graduated from Bloomington High School in 1953, attended Illinois State University (ISU) for 3 years while working part time at State Farm Insurance Company. She later returned to ISU to complete her studies in Library Science. She married Donald D. Wood on 20 September 1975 in Bloomington, IL. Lois was the family historian and skilled genealogist. Lois worked at and retired from Bloomington Public Library after 43 years of service. She was a gifted archivist and cataloged the Illinois Collection at BPL. Lois died peacefully in her home 28 June 2021 and her husband donated this collection to the McLean County Museum of History.

Scope

Lois Wood collected these postcards, assuming often purchased at her own expense, which reflect Central Illinois life. Lois was an excellent cataloger as evidenced by her numbering and classifying of each postcard. Lois created a note card for each postcard that states what was on the postcard. It was a pleasure to work on this collection due to Lois' expertise. In addition to the wonderful breadth of the postcards that show life in Bloomington, IL, Lois also noted if a postcard was postmarked, meaning it had been written on and sent to someone. Additional notes have been added to Lois' in this finding aid to help with the reading of the postcards. Of particular interest is postcard #50, line 5.6, in Folder 5, that has an older written dialect of German that was able to be translated.

***All postcard locations are in Bloomington, Illinois and are 3.5" x 5.5" unless otherwise indicated. Notecards are typewritten unless otherwise indicated.**

Folder 1: Lois Wood Obituary

- 1.1 Photocopy of obituary, *Pantagraph*, 4 Jul 2021. Lois R. Wood, 15 Jul 1935-28 Jun 2021.

Folder 2: Postcard List

- 2.1 Typewritten list of postcard collection for Bloomington-Normal, McLean County, Illinois, p1-13; final addition was 18 Nov 2019; 2 copies; Author Lois Wood.

Folder 3: Miscellaneous and American Passion Play Postcards

- 3.1 **Miscellaneous:** Note card for postcard #1. Postcard (plastic sleeve) "Plain Kids" not many miles from here; location unknown; 320 C. U. Williams, Photoette, Bloomington, IL; boys swimming in a lake or phone. Written to Sam Sutter, Cooksville, IL.
- 3.2 Note card for postcard #2. Postcard Pipeline & Ziebarth, Normal, IL. Strathmore, Ament & Co.

- 3.3 Note card for postcard #3. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Unknown location, possibly ISNU. Picture of a statue surrounded by a circular planter; Published by Read & White, Bloomington, IL; Printed in Germany.
- 3.4 Note card for postcard #219. Postcard (plastic sleeve) W9MRT (radio); Bloomington, IL; 2 Dec 1933 to Amateur Radio W9OCR, Girard, IL.
- 3.5 **American Passion Play:** Note card for postcard #4. Postcard The American Passion Play, Bloomington, IL; "The Christus."
- 3.6 Note card for postcard #5. Postcard "The Marriage in Cana"
- 3.7 Note card for postcard #6.
- 3.8 Postcard (; plastic sleeve) "The Sermon on the Mount."
- 3.9 Note card for postcard #7. Postcard "Jesus Before Herod."
- 3.10 Note card for postcard #8. Postcard "Pilate's Judgement Hall."
- 3.11 Note card for postcard #9. Postcard "Jesus Carrying His Cross (Via Dolorosa)."
- 3.12 Note card for postcard #10. Postcard (2 copies, one in plastic sleeve) " The Last Supper."
- 3.13 Note card for postcard #11. Postcard "The Crucifixion."
- 3.14 Note card for postcard #12. Postcard (2 copies; plastic sleeve) "The Ascension."
- 3.15 Note card for postcard #13. Postcard "The Ascension."
- 3.16 Note card for postcard #255. Postcard "Jesus carrying his cross (Via Dolorosa).

Folder 4: Buildings Postcards

- 4.1 Note card for postcard #14. Postcard The Jewel Box, American State Bank of Bloomington at E. Washington St., and McLean St.
- 4.2 Note card for postcard #15. Postcard Beck Memorial Home.
- 4.3 Note card for postcard #16. Postcard Bloomington Club; written to Mrs. Isaac Eisiminger, Broadwell, Logan Co., IL.
- 4.4 Note card for postcard #17. Postcard Bloomington-Normal Sewage Disposal Plant.
- 4.5 Note card for postcard #18. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Central Fire Station
- 4.6 Note card for postcard #19. Postcard Children's Discovery Museum, Uptown Normal.
- 4.7 Note card for postcard #20. Postcard Chatterton Opera House.
- 4.8 Note card for postcard #21. Postcard New Consistory Temple; written to Mr. John R. Streibich of Crawfordsville, IN from his mother. Post marked 25 Apr 1931.
- 4.9 Notecard for postcard #22. Postcard Bloomington Corn Palace, 1916
- 4.10 Notecard for postcard #23. Postcard Country Club Drive.
- 4.11 Notecard for postcard #24. Postcard Country Club. Published by W.B. Read & Co.
- 4.12 Notecard for postcard #25. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Bungalow and Spanish Garden, Ensenbergers Furniture Store.
- 4.13 Notecard for postcard #26. Postcard (plastic sleeve) John McBarnes Memorial Building. Louis E. Davis Post 56 American Legion Club Rooms, 2nd floor.
- 4.14 Notecard for postcard #27. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Majestic Theatre. Postmarked 5 Dec 1910, noted by L. Wood; Written to Mr. Kelson Garner of Mansfield, IL.
- 4.15 Notecard for postcard #28. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Maplewood Country Club. Postmarked 28 Aug 1924; written to Mrs. Geo. L. McKenzie of Tampico, IL from Bernice at 208 Normal Ave.
- 4.16 Notecard for postcard #29. Postcard (plastic sleeve) McLean County Coal Mines. Postmarked 15 Aug 1914; written to Mr. A. Weinzierl of Wellington, Kansas from Mama, and the girls.
- 4.17 Notecard for card #30. Blotter for S.F. Miller Garage, 1102 W. Mouton and 803 S. Western Ave.

- 4.18 Notecard for postcard #31. Postcard Historical Landmark Normal Theater, Normal, IL.
- 4.19 Notecard for postcard #32. Postcard New People's Bank Building.
- 4.20 Notecard for postcard #33. Postcard Post Office. Postmarked 1910(?) written to Mrs. H. Franklin of Maroa, IL, Route 2 from daughter Bertha. She is making \$4 a week.
- 4.21 Notecard for postcard #34. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Post Office. Postmarked 1907, noted by L. Wood; written to Mrs. Florence Giselo of St. Louis, MO from Nora.
- 4.22 Notecard for postcard #35. Postcard U.S. Post Office. Postmarked 18 Aug 1943; written to Mrs. Virgil R. Brewer of Findlay, IL from daughter Mary.
- 4.23 Notecard for postcard #36. Postcard (; plastic sleeve) Pumping Station and Reservoir, Water Works Plant. Written to Mrs. E. Grumbine of Chicago, IL. Dated 9 Nov 1910 on front.
- 4.24 Notecard for postcard #37. Postcard State Farm Insurance Co. Building, corner of Washington and East St.
- 4.25 Notecard for postcard #38. Postcard State Farm Insurance Headquarters Building dominates the Bloomington, IL skyline.
- 4.26 Notecard for postcard #39. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Artist James Butler painting for 60th Anniversary of State Farm Mutual.
- 4.27 Notecard for postcard #40. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Aerial view of Corporate Headquarters of State Farm Insurance, Bloomington-Normal's largest employer. Copyright 1999.
- 4.28 Notecard for postcard #41. Postcard State National Bank. Postmarked 12 Apr 1909; written to Mrs. Cora Johnson of Bloomington from Mrs. Lottie Long of "Coalfax" IL. Check boxes desired versus writing.
- 4.29 Notecard for postcard #42. Postcard Withers/Bloomington Public Libraries.
- 4.30 Notecard for postcard #43. Postcard The Bloomington Public Library Bookmobile.
- 4.31 Notecard for postcard #44. Postcard The Bloomington Public Library Bookmobile.
- 4.32 Notecard for postcard #45. Postcard Withers Public Library. Postmarked 31 Jul 1911; written to Mrs. Mac Gregory of Denver, CO from sister Nina.
- 4.33 Notecard for postcard #46. Postcard New YMCA Building; Postmarked 19 Nov 1913; written to Mr. Dwight Moore of Granville, OH.
- 4.34 Notecard for postcard #47. Postcard Gymnasium, YMCA.
- 4.35 Notecard for postcard #48. Postcard YMCA Building. Postmarked 11 Oct 1909; written to Mrs. Lester Polite of Baltimore, MD from Etta of 1205 N. Oak St.
- 4.36 Notecard for postcard #49. Postcard Young Women's Christian Association building.
- 4.37 Notecard for postcard #227. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Country Club. Postmarked 24 Mar 1909 written to Miss Eleanor Vin Zant of Decatur, IL from Howard E. Russell, 204 E. Beecher St., Bloomington, IL.
- 4.38 Notecard for postcard #228. Postcard Illinois Regional Office of State Farm Insurance, South Campus.
- 4.39 Notecard for postcard #229. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Livingston Building and South Side Square; written to Mrs. B. J. Ritter, Clifton, IL from Bernard; dated 21 Sep 1915.
- 4.40 Notecard for postcard #256. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Bloomington Club

Folder 5: Businesses and Churches Postcards

- 5.1 **Businesses:** Notecard for card #230. Card (3.5" x 6.5"; plastic sleeve) Fitzgerald Coal Company; Uncle Sam "Hoard Coal."

- 5.2 Notecard, written for card #262. Postcard (4" x 6") Sprague Super Service. 305 Pine Street, Normal, IL opened in 1930-31. Grand opening 12 Aug 2017 as Ryburn Place Gifts & Gab, ryburnplace.com.
- 5.3 Notecard for postcard #231. Postcard (4" x 6") "Why buy from State Farm?"
- 5.4 Notecard for postcard #232. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Wonderlin Galleries, Ltd., 405 N. Main Street. "Super Minis" picture, explanation, and price.
- 5.5 Notecard for postcard #233. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Union Gas & Electric Co., 316 N. Main Street. Meter card for Bond at 1502 N. Fell.
- 5.6 **Churches:** Notecard for postcard #50. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Ev. Lutheran Trinity Church, corner of Madison and Olive Streets. Postmarked 19 Aug 1910; written to Mrs. Peter Lanzer of Lexington, IL from Katrin Lanzer; translation help was given; It is written in an old German dialect, devised in the late 1890's and was replaced in the mid to late 1930's. Translation of handwriting: "I like it very well. Arrived well. She/We got us (translator states she found the person she was looking for). It was nice to listen (translator assumes a talk). I was yesterday evening with son Jakob and Marlene east from here. Greetings, Katrin Lanzer."
- 5.7 Notecard for postcard #51. Postcard (plastic sleeve) First Baptist Church.
- 5.8 Notecard for postcard #52. Postcard First Christian Church. Written to Miss Ethel Johnson of Greenview, IL from Charles Robert, possibly her brother.
- 5.9 Notecard for postcard #53. Postcard Looking west on Ash Street, First M. E. Church in foreground, Normal, IL. Postmarked 18 Oct 1911; written to Mr. Lewis Wilson of Vernon, IL from his sister Edna.
- 5.10 Notecard for postcard #54. Postcard (plastic sleeve) First Presbyterian Church and Manse, Normal, IL.
- 5.11 Notecard for postcard #55. Postcard (plastic sleeve) German Evang. Luth. Church of Peace, Corner of Front and Lee Streets, 1884-1909.
- 5.12 Notecard for postcard #56. Postcard Grace M. E. Church.
- 5.13 Notecard for postcard #57. Postcard Holy Trinity Church.
- 5.14 Notecard for postcard #58. Postcard Holy Trinity Church.
- 5.15 Notecard for postcard #59. Postcard Park M. E. Church.
- 5.16 Notecard for postcard #60. Postcard (plastic sleeve) St. Patrick's Church. Postmarked 28 Feb 1911; written to Miss Anna Lanigow of Bloomington, IL from Ida Schwandt.
- 5.17 Notecard for postcard #61. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Second Christian Church. Postmarked 27 Feb 1910; written to Mr. Clarence Dugan of Jerseyville, IL from Alice of 901 W. Locust St, Bloomington, IL.
- 5.18 Notecard for postcard #62. Postcard Trinity Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, 801 S. Madison Street. Postmarked 28 May 1981 written to Mr. & Mrs. John Meiners of 616 E Mulberry St, Bloomington in remembrance of Louise Simpsen, from Pastor Ernest L. Gericke.
- 5.19 Notecard for postcard #63. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Wesley United Methodist Church.
- 5.20 Notecard for postcard #220 and second blank unnumbered copy. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Second Presbyterian Church. Postmarked 21 Jul 1910; written to Miss Sue Bowles of Vandalia, IL from Fay.
- 5.21 Notecard for postcard #234. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Interior Holy Trinity Church. Postmarked 28 Apr 1910; written to Mrs. Leland Seed, of Bridgeport, IL from Georgie.
- 5.22 Notecard for postcard #235. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Wesley United Methodist Church, church interior. Addressed to Jean Fulton, 1015 E. Jefferson St.
- 5.23 Notecard for postcard #236. Postcard (plastic sleeve) St. Luke Union Church, 2101 E. Washington St.

- 5.24 Notecard for postcard #237. Postcard (plastic sleeve) First Church of Christ Scientist.
- 5.25 Notecard for postcard #238. Postcard (plastic sleeve) First M. E. Church.
- 5.26 Notecard for postcard #239. Postcard Centennial Christian Church. Postmarked 28 Oct; written to Mr. W. G. Henning of Fairbury, IL from Walter.
- 5.27 Notecard, handwritten for postcard #261. Postcard (plastic sleeve) J.E. Will Co, 508-512 N. Main St. The White Front Furniture Shop. Postmarked 3 Oct; written to Mrs. J. A. Becker on 1310 W. Claw.
- 5.28 Notecard, handwritten for postcard #259. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Geo. Brand & Sons, third floor, annex, 319 N. Main St. Postmarked 14 Mar 1912: written to Mrs. Frank J. Becker, Covel, IL.

Folder 6: Courthouse and Farms and Funks Grove Postcards

- 6.1 **Courthouse:** Notecard for postcard #64. Postcard The Old Courthouse, 200 N. Main Street.
- 6.2 Notecard for postcard #65. Postcard (plastic sleeve) McLean County Court House. Postmarked 6 Apr 1910; written to Miss Alice Rush or Onarga, IL from Grace M. Mentions dry towns of Tremont and Elm Grove, with no more saloons.
- 6.3 Notecard for note card #66. Note card (4" x 6") Bloomington Courthouse; watercolor by Russian artist Anton Shamenkov, 1996.
- 6.4 Notecard for postcard #67. Postcard (4" x 6") McLean County Museum of History, formerly Bloomington Courthouse.
- 6.5 Notecard for postcard #68. Postcard (4" x 6") Lincoln Bench; bronze sculpture by Rick Harney.
- 6.6 **Farms:** Notecard for postcard #69. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Herd of cows, J.W. Staten Land Agent.
- 6.7 Notecard for postcard #70. Postcard McLean County Corn stretching to the sky near Bloomington/Normal, IL.
- 6.8 Notecard for postcard #71. Postcard McLean County's bountiful harvest overflowing the Yuton Elevator near Bloomington/Normal, IL.
- 6.9 Notecard for postcard #72. Postcard (plastic sleeve) A product of our County (sheep); written from Mr. Arthur Rath.
- 6.10 **Funks Grove:** Notecard for postcard #73. Postcard Funks Grove scene, southeast of Bloomington, IL. Postmarked 11 Jun; written to Mrs. W. H. Franklin of Maroa, IL by daughter Effie.
- 6.11 Notecard for postcard #74. Postcard Chapel of the Templed Trees. Watercolor print by Barbie Brubeck.
- 6.12 Notecard for postcard #75. Postcard Funk's Grove Church, McLean County, IL.
- 6.13 Notecard for postcard #76. Postcard Historic Funk's Grove Church, winter scene.
- 6.14 Notecard for postcard #77. Postcard Old C & A [Chicago & Alton] train depot at Funks Grove, IL. Watercolor print by Barbie Brubeck.
- 6.15 Notecard for postcard #78. Postcard Funks Grove Country Store. Watercolor print by Barbie Brubeck.
- 6.16 Notecard for postcard #79. Postcard Funks Grove Country Store. Watercolor print by Barbie Brubeck.

Folder 7: Hospitals and Hotels, Motels

- 7.1 **Hospitals:** Notecard for postcard #80. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Brokaw Hospital, Normal, IL. Postmarked 20 Jul 1915, written to Miss Cecile Newby from Beatrice and Muriel Standley.
- 7.2 Notecard for postcard #81. Postcard Brokaw Hospital, Bloomington, IL.
- 7.3 Notecard for postcard #82. Postcard (in plastic) Fairview McLean County Tuberculosis Sanatorium. Three miles north of Bloomington on Main Street Road. Second county sanatorium built under the County Tuberculosis Sanatorium Law. Fireproof building, 34 bed capacity.
- 7.4 Notecard for postcard #83. Postcard (in plastic) Mennonite Hospital.
- 7.5 Notecard for postcard #84. Postcard Mennonite Hospital, 807 N. Main Street. Postmarked 1983, reminder of I.O.F. Meeting.
- 7.6 Notecard for postcard #85. Postcard St. Joseph's School of Nursing.
- 7.7 Notecard for postcard #86. Postcard (plastic sleeve) St. Joseph's Hospital. Postmarked 25 Mar 1911.
- 7.8 Notecard for postcard #87. Postcard (plastic sleeve) St. Joseph's Hospital.
- 7.9 **Hotels, Motels:** Notecard for postcard #88. Postcard Best Western University Inn, #6 Traders Circle, Normal, IL.
- 7.10 Notecard for postcard #89. Postcard (plastic sleeve) The Coachman Motel and Coffee Shop, 408 E. Washington St.
- 7.11 Notecard for postcard #90. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Hotel Hamilton.
- 7.12 Notecard for postcard #91. Postcard (plastic sleeve) The Hills Hotel. Postmarked 23 Mar 1911, written to Miss Keating in Wapella, IL from Katie.
- 7.13 Unnumbered postcard (plastic sleeve) The Hills Hotel. Postmarked 28 Jul 1908, written to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Davel of Los Angeles, CA, from niece Rose.
- 7.14 Notecard for postcard #92. Postcard Holiday Inn, U.S. Highway 66, and Illinois 9. Postmarked 1973, written to Bozo, WGN TV, 2501 W. Bradley Pl, Chicago, IL 60618. From Kevin Rondoni, 1703 W. Wrightwood Ave, Chicago, IL 60614.
- 7.15 Notecard for postcard #93. Postcard Illinois Hotel. Postmarked 2 Jun 1942, written to Mrs. K. Prisl of Decatur, Il from husband KP.
- 7.16 Notecard for postcard #94. Postcard L & L Motel, 1/2 block north of 66, Belt Line on U.S. 150.
- 7.17 Notecard for postcard #95. Postcard (4" x 5.5") Marriott Hotel, Uptown Normal, IL.
- 7.18 Notecard for postcard #96. Postcard Hotel Rogers, 112 E. Grove St.
- 7.19 Notecard for postcard #97. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Hotel Tilden Hall.
- 7.20 Notecard for postcard #221. Postcard (4" x 5.5") Marriott Hotel, Normal, IL.

Folder 8: Houses, Housing and ISSCS (Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's School) and Lake Bloomington

- 8.1 **Houses, Housing:** Notecard for postcard #98. Postcard David Davis Mansion.
- 8.2 Notecard for postcard #99. Postcard Historical David Davis Mansion. Decorated for Christmas.
- 8.3 Notecard for postcard #100. Postcard Historical building of McLean County series. Davis Mansion, Ca. 1870-1872.
- 8.4 Notecard for postcard #101. Postcard David Davis Mansion, 1000 E. Monroe St. Interior with Christmas trees.
- 8.5 Notecard for postcard #102. Postcard David Davis Mansion. Feather trees in the Parlor Chamber.
- 8.6 Notecard for postcard #103. Postcard David Davis Mansion. Christmas in the pink chintz bedroom.

- 8.7 Notecard for postcard #104. Postcard Historical building of McLean County series. Duncan Manor, Towanda, ca. late 1860's.
- 8.8 Unnumbered Postcard Duncan Manor at Towanda Meadows, Towanda, IL.
- 8.9 Notecard for postcard #105. Blank note card (4" x 6") Ewing Manor. Watercolor by Russian artist Anton Shamenkov, 1996.
- 8.10 Notecard for postcard #106. Postcard Ewing Manor front view.
- 8.11 Notecard for postcard #107. Postcard Historical building of McLean County series. Ewing Castle, ca. 1927-1928.
- 8.12 Notecard for postcard #108. Postcard Historical building of McLean County series. Fell House, Normal, IL, ca. 1856-1857 to 1980.
- 8.13 Notecards for postcard #109. Postcard Historical building of McLean County series. Patton Cabin, Lexington, ca. 1829.
- 8.14 Notecard for postcard #110. Postcard D.A.R. Parlor. Erected 1857 Matthew T. Scott House, Chenoa, IL.
- 8.15 Notecard for postcard #111. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Stipp House, built 1830.
- 8.16 Notecard for postcard #112. Postcard Wood Hill Housing Complex, developed by the Housing Authority of the City of Bloomington. Wood Hill Towers - North, 101 E. MacArthur St; Wood Hill Towers - South, 104 E. Wood St.
- 8.17 **ISSCS:** Notecard for postcard #113. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Administration Building, Soldiers Orphans Home, Normal, IL. Postmarked 20 Sep 1909, written to Mrs. E.B. Wise of Iowa.
- 8.18 Notecard for postcard #114. Postcard Cottages, Soldiers' Orphans' Home, "Bloomington," IL. Postmarked 21 Jul 1914, written to Miss Mable Hotchkiss, 711 W. Jefferson St., City. "Friend Mable," planning to see her, possibly go to Peoria. From D. E. Carlson, 209 W. Packard St., City.
- 8.19 Notecard for postcard #115. Postcard Cottages, Soldiers' Orphans' Home, "Bloomington," IL. Postcard in poor condition. Written on 3 Jun 1915, to Miss Anna of 861 State St.
- 8.20 Notecard for postcard #116. Postcard Hospital building, Soldiers Orphans Home, Normal, IL.
- 8.21 Notecard for postcard #241. 2 Postcards (plastic sleeves) Greenhouse, S.O. Home (Soldiers, Orphans), Normal, IL.
- 8.22 Notecard for postcard #242. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Manual Training Building, Soldiers Orphans Home, Normal, IL. Postmarked 26 Aug 1910, written to Mrs. William B. Potter of Sequim, WA. Spoke of the weather.
- 8.23 Notecard for postcard #257. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Cottages, Soldiers' Orphans' Home, "Bloomington," IL. Postmarked 20 Jul 1914, written to Master Eldon Kauffman of Congerville, IL from Cousin Edna. Edna spoke of several relatives.
- 8.24 **Lake Bloomington:** Notecard for postcard #117. Postcard (plastic sleeve) East Bay Camp, Lake Bloomington. Postmarked 7 Jun 1947, written to Mr. and Mrs. Owen Edwards, 114 W Mulberry St., Normal, IL. From niece Evelyn while at camp. She stated she had hoped to see them while at camp but is unable to leave.
- 8.25 Notecard for postcard #118. Postcard (plastic sleeve) East Bay Camp, Lake Bloomington. Postmarked 12 Jul 1947, written to Mrs. Carl Burnett, from daughter Lola while at camp.
- 8.26 Notecard for postcard #119. Postcard (plastic sleeve) East Bay Camp, Lake Bloomington. Written to Mr. Carl G. Smith of Springfield, Il from daughter Doris who is having a grand time at camp.
- 8.27 Notecard for postcard #120. Postcard Lake Bloomington, Water fun on Lake Bloomington.
- 8.28 Notecard for postcard #121. Postcard Pump and filtration plant, Lake Bloomington.
- 8.29 Notecard for postcard #243. Postcard (plastic sleeve) East Bay Camp, Lake Bloomington. Three Bears Area?? Postmarked 26 Aug 1944, written to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Peterson of Woodhull, IL

from Marian. Gives information that camp has 10-13 cabins with 276 girls as campers. Doing lots of crafts and swimming but not boating.

- 8.30 Notecard for postcard #244. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Lake Bloomington, aerial view.
- 8.31 Notecard for postcard #245. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Pilchard Hall, East Bay Camp. Named to honor Edwin I. Pilchard, Methodist lay leader, friend of youth. Postmarked 30 Jul 1958, written to Miss Linda Toburen of Granite City, IL from friend Sue. "We had hopes of getting in here but since there are 90 girls and 48 boys the boys got in here. Ok they are so cute but almost all taken. The kids in my cabin are really a lot of fun. Having a ball."

Folder 9: Parks and Railroads

- 9.1 **Parks:** Notecard for postcard #122. Postcard Eloise B.....r Craig Park, Town of Normal Park, Normal, IL.
- 9.2 Notecard for postcard #123. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Soldier's Monument, Franklin Park.
- 9.3 Notecard for postcard #124. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Soldier's Monument, Franklin Park. Postmarked 26 Feb 1909, written to Mr. D. Murray of Cessna Park, IL from son, M.M.
- 9.4 Notecard for postcard #125. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Bridge at Houghton's Lake.
- 9.5 Notecard for postcard #126. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Island, Houghton's Lake. Postmarked 19 Sep 1906, written to Warren J. Heldman of Cincinnati, Ohio. On front, handwritten "Do you remember this place."
- 9.6 Notecard for postcard #127. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Houghton Lake. Postmarked 31 Jul 1909, written to Miss Blanche Turner of Farmer City, IL. "Sat. afternoon. Am feeling all right now as I have just ate my dinner. Wish you were here." Signed E.C.(?)M.
- 9.7 Notecard for postcard #128. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Pavilion Lake Park. Postmarked 17 May, year unknown. Written to L. Strawn, 810 Danford/Sanford St., Peoria. IL. On front, handwritten "This is the 'Al Fresco'."
- 9.8 Notecard for postcard #129. Postcard (4" x 6") Miller Park Pavilion, at night.
- 9.9 Notecard for postcard #130. Postcard Miller Park Pavilion at night.
- 9.10 Notecard for postcard #131. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Pavilion Miller Park.
- 9.11 Notecard for postcard #132. Postcard Pavilion, Miller Park. Looks similar but different than postcard #131. Postmarked 11 Aug 1911, written to Mr. Lewis Wilson of Vernon, IL from his sister Edna. Message refers to riding on Miller Park Lake, as pictured on postcard.
- 9.12 Notecard for postcard #133. Postcard War Memorial, Miller Park.
- 9.13 Notecard for postcard #134. Postcard Soldiers' Monument, Miller Park.
- 9.14 Notecard for postcard #135. Postcard View at Millers Park. Postmarked 6 Apr 1912, written to Frank E. Roberts of Garfield, Utah. From friend, Winifred Thietzl, 604 Harris St., Normal, IL.
- 9.15 Notecard for postcard #136. Postcard (4" x 6") Miller Park in Winter.
- 9.16 Notecard for postcard #137. Postcard Bridge in Miller Park. East side of park, Summitt Street. Postmarked May 1915, written to Miss Margeret Rea of Ridgeville, IL from friend Ethel Ramserfer.
- 9.17 Notecard for postcard #138. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Stone Bridge (High bridge), Miller Park. Postmarked 15 Aug 1913, written to Mr. Frank Yeamans of Springfield, IL, from Loretta who states she is going to the park this afternoon.
- 9.18 Notecard for postcard #139. Postcard (plastic sleeve) High Bridge, Miller Park. Postmarked 23 Aug 1917, written to Mrs. Will Anthony of Terre Haute, IN, from May.

- 9.19 Notecard for postcard #140. Postcard Lily Pond in Miller Park. Postmarked 8 Jul 1910, written to Miss Elsie Koopman of Flanagan, IL from cousin Bertha, 204 S. School St., Normal, IL.
- 9.20 Notecard for postcard #141. Postcard Lily Pond, Miller Park. Postmarked 24 May 1911, written to Miss Irene Noble, from Agnes Noble.
- 9.21 Notecard for postcard #142. Postcard Miller Park Lake Boat House (rowboats). Postmarked 16 Jul 1907, written to Mrs. A. Stuart, 965 N. Edward St., Decatur, IL, from Ethel. Written on front "Got here all right."
- 9.22 Notecard for postcard #143. Postcard A scene in Miller Park. Deer in wood area, winter.
- 9.23 Notecard for postcard #144. Postcard Miller Park Zoo, red--headed Amazon parrot.
- 9.24 Notecard for postcard #145. Postcard Miller Park Zoo, snow leopard cubs born June 1986.
- 9.25 Notecard for postcard #146. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Bear den, Miller Park, 1895. Postmarked 11 Apr 1911, written to Mr. Bernie Barnes of 1014 E. Taylor St., Bloomington, from M.B.
- 9.26 Notecard for postcard #147. Postcard Miller Park Zoo, Animal house constructed 1913.
- 9.27 Notecard for postcard #148. Postcard Animal House, Miller Park.
- 9.28 Notecard for postcard #149. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Stone Bridge, Stein's Grove. Addition to Miller Park.
- 9.29 Notecard for postcard #150. Postcard Scene Stein's Grove, Miller Park. Postmarked 2 May 1916, written to Mrs. Wm. Franklin, of Clinton, IL, from daughter Kate.
- 9.30 Notecard for postcard #151. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Trotter Fountain, Withers Park. Postmarked 25 Oct 1917, written to Miss Ellen Enderson of Davis, IL from friend who moved to Madison, WI.
- 9.31 Notecard for postcard #222. Postcard (plastic sleeve) A Driveway, Miller Park, looks over lake to pavilion. Postmarked 14 Sep 1910, written to Miss Sue Bowles of Vandalia, IL from friend who moved to Normal, IL.
- 9.32 Notecard for postcard #225. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Miller Park, drive around south side of lake(?).
- 9.33 Notecard for postcard #246. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Entrance Miller Park. Written to Mrs. David Merwin of Ellsworth, Il, from friends with birthday wishes.
- 9.34 Notecard for postcard #247. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Around the Band Stand, Miller Park. Postmarked 29 Jun 1911, written to Miss Grace Born of Normal, IL from Violet requesting a visit with directions for which train to use.
- 9.35 Notecard, handwritten for postcard #260. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Pavilion Lake Park (Houghton Lake).
- 9.36 **Railroads:** Notecard for postcard #152. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Big Four Depot. Postmarked 4 Nov 1908, written to Mrs. M. M. Wugent(?) of Burlmell(?), IL.
- 9.37 Notecard for postcard #153. Postcard (heavy plastic sleeve) Big Four Depot. Postmarked 8 May 1913, written to Mrs. Jas. H. Thompson of Atlanta, IL, from sister Frances.
- 9.38 Notecard for postcard #154. Postcard Big Four Depot. Folded in half.
- 9.39 Notecard for postcard #155. Postcard Locomotive Shops, Chicago & Alton Railroad. Photo taken in 1886.
- 9.40 Notecard for postcard #156. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Bird's Eye View, C & A Shops. Postmarked 28 Jul 1915, written to Mrs. Geo. A. LeBeau (Nettie) of East St. Louis, IL from husband(?) George.
- 9.41 Notecard for postcard #157. Postcard (plastic sleeve) New Chicago and Alton Passenger Station, to be erected 1911. Dated 6 May 1912, written to Mr. W. S. Polk of Bellflower, IL from brother R. J. Polk. Spoke about cold weather and farming conditions.
- 9.42 Notecard for postcard #158. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Illinois Traction Co.'s Depot.

- 9.43 Notecard for postcard #159. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Looking west over C. & A. Shops. Postmarked 25 Dec 1920. Written to Mr. Henry Kirlen(?) of El Paso, IL from cousin, sending Christmas wishes.
- 9.44 Notecard for postcard #160. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Illinois Traction Co.'s Depot. Postmarked 31 Dec 1912, written to Mrs. Wm. Shirky (Dollie) of Alberta, Canada, long note written from sister Jessie. Dollie has chickens!
- 9.45 Notecard for postcard #161. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Illinois Railway Museum, Union, IL. Pictured IL Terminal Railroad, 3-car train.
- 9.46 Notecard for postcard #226. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Illinois, Traction Co's. Depot. Postmarked 10 Oct 1921, written to Mr. Frank Becker of Stanford, IL from daughter Beulah; probably written by Aunt Tillie or Grandmother.
- 9.47 Notecard for postcard #248. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Big Four Depot. Postmarked 22 Sep 1913, written to Mrs. Elias King of Hoopeston, IL, from granddaughter Myrtle.

Folder 10: Restaurants and Route 66 and Schools

- 10.1 **Restaurants:** Notecard for postcard #162. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Colonial Pancake House, Inc., 608 S. Main St., Normal.
- 10.2 Notecard for postcard #163. Postcard Green Mill Café.
- 10.3 Notecard for postcard #164. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Quality Café and Rathskeller, 426 N. Main St.
- 10.4 Notecard for postcard #165. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Quality Café, 426 N. Main St. Interior view of Rathskeller. Postmarked 17 Aug 1939, written to Mrs. Edwin Monteith of London, Ontario, Canada, from VCCM. Stated that they lunched at café and will head to Chicago that afternoon.
- 10.5 Notecard for postcard #166. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Sinorak Smorgasbord, 1720 S. Main. "Lunches \$.95, dinners \$1.75."
- 10.6 **Route 66:** Notecard for postcard #167. Postcard Cozy Dog Drive In, 2935 So. 6th St., Springfield, IL.
- 10.7 Notecard for postcard #168. Postcard Ernie Edwards' Pig Hip restaurant, opened 1937 in Broadwell, IL.
- 10.8 Notecard for postcard #169. Postcard Fun Times on Route 66! Pictured convertible car with family.
- 10.9 Notecard for postcard #170. Postcard We Got our Kicks on Route 66, map.
- 10.10 Notecard for postcard #171. Postcard Greeting from Illinois, Old Route 66, map from Chicago to St. Louis.
- 10.11 Notecard for postcard #172. Postcard Atlanta, Illinois, Old Route 66 scenes.
- 10.12 Notecard for postcard #173. Postcard Chenoa, Illinois, Old Route 66 scenes.
- 10.13 Notecard for postcard #174. Postcard Dwight, Illinois, Old Route 66 scenes.
- 10.14 Notecard for postcard #175. Postcard Elkhart, Illinois, Old Route 66 scenes.
- 10.15 Notecard for postcard #176. Postcard Pontiac, Illinois, Old Route 66 scenes.
- 10.16 Notecard, handwritten for postcard #258. Postcard Coming soon, The Unofficial Old Route 66 Mobile Information Center.
- 10.17 **Schools:** Notecard for postcard #177. Postcard High School, E. Washington St.
- 10.18 Notecard for postcard #178. Postcard (plastic sleeve) High School Building. Postmarked 17 Jun 1908, written to Master R. N. Polk of Farmer City, IL from W. S. P. from Fort Morgan, CO.

- 10.19 Notecard for postcard #179. Postcard Edwards School. Postmarked 17 May 1909, written to Mrs. M. Hirst of Towanda, IL from R. W. B. with birthday greetings.
- 10.20 Notecard for postcard #180. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Emerson School Building.
- 10.21 Notecard for postcard #181. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Irving School. Postmarked 23 Jul 1908, written to Mrs. L. E. Judy of Los Angeles, CA, from friend Emma S. Mentions postcard as first found of a school.
- 10.22 Notecard for postcard #182. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Evangelical Lutheran School. Postmarked 11 Sep 1908, written to Ethel Jangling of Hopedale, IL from friends Edna and Florence. Mentions postcard is picture of their school and said would mark their rooms but unable to tell. Residential school?
- 10.23 Notecard for postcard #183. Postcard Normal Community High School.
- 10.24 Notecard for postcard #240. Postcard (plastic sleeve) School House, Solders Orphans Home, Normal, IL.

Folder 11: Street Scenes and Universities

- 11.1 **Street Scenes:** Notecard for postcard #184. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Circus Day, Bloomington, IL. Circus parade with elephants in downtown.
- 11.2 Notecard for postcard #185. Postcard (heavy plastic sleeve) Ruins of Bloomington, IL after Fire of June 1900. Postmarked 10 Jul 1913, written to Miss Lorene Shanklin of Toluca, IL, from Millie Ensign, 307 North St., Normal, IL.
- 11.3 Notecard for postcard #186. Postcard Downtown Bloomington, copyright 1989 by Larry Kanfer Gallery.
- 11.4 Notecard for postcard #187. Postcard Downtown, Bloomington. View of North Center Street taken in 1928.
- 11.5 Notecard for postcard #188 and #188.5 (unmarked). Postcard (plastic sleeve) East Side Square. Postmarked 16 Apr 1908, written to Master Roland Moratz of Huntsville, Alabama from Papa. "My Dear Little Rolie..." Grandpa Moratz is feeling much better.
- 11.6 Postcard (plastic sleeve) East Side Square, electric trollies, horses, and buggies. Postmarked 5 Feb 1910, written to Mrs. George Le Beau of E. St. Louis, IL from husband George.
- 11.7 Notecard for postcard #189. Postcard East Side Square.
- 11.8 Notecard for postcard #190. Postcard (plastic sleeve) North on Main Street from the Livingston Building.
- 11.9 Notecard for postcard #191. Postcard North on Main Street from the Livingston Building. Postmarked 12 Oct 1910, written to Miss Laura Johnson of Nashport, OH from Pearl. "Careless kill me quick."
- 11.10 Notecard for postcard #192. Postcard Camelback Bridge, Normal, IL, 1992. Virginia Avenue bridge(?)
- 11.11 Notecard for postcard #193. Postcard (plastic covering) Scene on Broadway, Normal, IL.
- 11.12 Notecard for postcard #249. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Trinity High School.
- 11.13 Notecard for postcard #250. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Main Street, south from Jefferson St.
- 11.14 Notecard for postcard #251. Postcard (plastic sleeve) A Fell Avenue view, Normal, IL.
- 11.15 Notecard for postcard #252. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Cedar Crest, Bloomington (Normal?), IL. Postmarked 7 Nov 1917, written to Mrs. Roy Baker from sister Verna.
- 11.16 **Universities:** Notecard for postcard #194. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Illinois State University, Normal, IL. Aerial view with high rise residence halls and other new buildings.

- 11.17 Notecard for postcard #195. Postcard Driveway, Illinois State Normal University, Normal, IL. Postmarked 22 Ju 1931, written to Miss Theo. L. DeWitt of Decatur, IL, from Jon(?). "Theo darlin'" "Love and lots of it."
- 11.18 Notecard for postcard #196. Postcard Original seal of Illinois State University, Normal, IL.
- 11.19 Notecard for postcard #197. Postcard Atkin and Colby residence halls, Illinois State University, Normal, IL.
- 11.20 Notecard for postcard #198. Postcard Cook Hall, Illinois State University. "Old Castle."
- 11.21 Notecard for postcard #199. Postcard Cook Hall, Illinois State University. Built in 1895, called the "Old Castle."
- 11.22 Notecard for postcard #200. Postcard Eyestone School (originally Rose Hill School) located on Hovey Road.
- 11.23 Notecard for postcard #201. Postcard Fell Hall, Illinois State University.
- 11.24 Notecard for postcard #202. Postcard Clifford E. Horton Physical Education building, Illinois State University.
- 11.25 Notecard for postcard #203. Postcard Felmley Hall of Science, Illinois State University.
- 11.26 Notecard for postcard #204. Postcard Library and New Science building, Illinois State Normal University, Normal, IL.
- 11.27 Notecard for postcard #205. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Lily Pond and Tennis Courts, Illinois State Normal University, Normal, IL. Postmarked 3 May 1916, written to Nellie Dearman of Decatur, IL from teacher Harry G. Kruse.
- 11.28 Notecard for postcard #206. Postcard Schroeder Hall, Illinois State University.
- 11.29 Notecard for postcard #207. Postcard Turner Hall, Illinois State University.
- 11.30 Notecard for postcard #208. Postcard Special Education Building, Illinois State Normal University, Normal, IL. Completed in 1950. (Metcalf Elementary School).
- 11.31 Notecard for postcard #209. Postcard Watterson Towers, Illinois State University, 28 stories high, is the tallest university residence hall in the world.
- 11.32 Notecard for postcard #223. Postcard (plastic sleeve) New manual Training School, Normal, IL.
- 11.33 Notecard for postcard #224. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Old Main, Normal University, Normal, IL. Written to Nellie E. Carver of Ellensburg, WA.
- 11.34 Notecard for postcard #210. Postcard (plastic sleeve) St. Joseph Academy.
- 11.35 Notecard for postcard #211. Postcard Illinois Wesleyan University, Gate.
- 11.36 Notecard for postcard #212. Postcard Illinois Wesleyan University, aerial view.
- 11.37 Notecard for postcard #213. Postcard Campus View, Illinois Wesleyan University. Postmarked Aug 1913, written to Mrs. Aaron Armstrong of Secor, IL from sister Edith. Spoke of roads outside of town that were muddy after rain.
- 11.38 Notecard for postcard #214. Postcard Memorial Center and Pfeiffer Hall, Illinois Wesleyan University. Dedicated in 1949 to those who fought in WWII. Postmarked 23 Oct 1965 with Stevenson 5 cent stamp.
- 11.39 Notecard for postcard #215. Postcard Memorial Gymnasium of the Wesleyan University.
- 11.40 Notecard for postcard #216. Postcard Presser Hall, Illinois Wesleyan University. Written to Ruth from Mary, 5 Jul, year unreadable, but might be 1940?
- 11.41 Notecard for postcard #217. Postcard Wesleyan University (Hedding Hall). Postmarked 17 Jun 1909, written to Miss Hattie Breeze or Avena, IL from sister Minnie at 201(?) N. University.
- 11.42 Notecard for postcard #218. Postcard Illinois Wesleyan University.
- 11.43 Notecard for postcard #253. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Ladies Dormitory, Illinois Wesleyan University.

- 11.44 Notecard for postcard #254. Postcard (plastic sleeve) Buck's Memorial Library. Postmarked 9 Nov 1931, written to Miss Lilyon May Green of Ann Arbor, MI from Gerald. Evidence that he had lunch here today, nice place.
- 11.45 Postcard (plastic sleeve) Unnumbered, no notecard. Main Building, Soldiers' Orphans' Home.