

McLean County Museum of History

4-H Federation / McLean County Fair Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	3 Boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	1920 to 2005
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Additional McLean County Fair books in stacks for 1998, 2001, 2007-2013, 2015-2019

Brief History

The 4-H Federation is an aggregate of 4-H members from clubs in McLean County, grouped into one representative body. The primary focus of Federation is the improvement of the 4-H program in McLean County. Members contribute by making general recommendations in regards to bettering everyone's 4-H experience. Members are expected to participate in 4-H promoting activities such as: fundraisers, volunteer work, community service, as well as conducting educational workshops and presentations. The group offers unique leadership opportunities not offered at standard 4-H clubs.

Federation is the place where 4-H members get to take their experience to the next level. 4-H members wishing to join Federation must be in 8th-12th grade, and have been a member of 4-H for a minimum of three years.

Scope

This collection includes Federation Board minutes (1970-1984), Constitution and By-laws, scripts for officer installation ceremonies, achievement programs (1959-1969), Youth Council minutes (1979-1990), and miscellaneous correspondence relating to the 4-H Federation. Box 2 contains McLean County Fair books (1920, 1933, 1939-2005).

Box and Folder Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1: Federation Board Minutes 1970-1975

Folder includes monthly Federation Minutes and Federation Board Minutes, as well as some agendas and relevant attachments.

January 12, 1970 – September 8, 1975

Folder 2: Federation Board Minutes 1976-1979

Folder includes monthly Federation Minutes and Federation Board Minutes, as well as some agendas and relevant attachments.

January 26, 1976 – November 1979

Folder 3: Federation Board Minutes 1980-1984

Folder includes monthly Federation Minutes and Federation Board Minutes, as well as some agendas and relevant attachments.

January 1980 – May 26, 1984

Folder 4: Attendance Sheets

Attendance sign-in sheets, mostly undated.

Folder 5: Constitution and Installation of Officers Ceremonies

5.1 Constitution for McLean County 4-H Federation, revised 1976; Policy statement;

- 5.2 Constitutional Amendment, undated, 5pp.
- 5.3 4-H Federation By-Laws, approved and adopted 10/18/76.
- 5.4 Constitution for McLean County 4-H Federation Council, revised January 1958, 2pp.
- 5.5 Federation Officer Duties, 1977-78.
- 5.6 Letter from Barbara Jurgens, Extension Adviser, Home Economics, McLean County, to 4-H Organizational Leaders, dated September 15, 1976, regarding information about officer election, 2pp.
- 5.7 The County 4-H Federation, description of purpose, membership, etc., undated, 3pp.
- 5.8 4-H Club Officers' Installation Ceremony – description of how such ceremonies should be conducted and script, undated.
- 5.9 Officers' Installation Ceremony, description of ceremony and script, undated, 3pp (note: different from 5.8)
- 5.10 Officers' Installation Ceremony, description and script, undated, 3pp.
- 5.11 4-H Candle Lighting Ceremony, undated, 2pp.
- 5.12 Officers' Installation Ceremony 1964-1965, 4pp.
- 5.13 Script for installation ceremony, undated, 4pp.
- 5.14 Script for installation ceremony, 1968-1969, 4pp.
- 5.15 Script for installation ceremony, 1969-1970, 5pp.

Folder 6: Activities and Programs

- 6.1 McLean County 4-H Trip/Activity Guidelines.
- 6.2 1978 McLean County Ski Trip Guidelines.
- 6.3 Evaluation questionnaire for meetings.
- 6.4 4-H Skit, Rally 1967, 3pp.
- 6.5 Program used for McLean County 4-H Rally, 1962, 5pp.
- 6.6 1961-62 Federation Program, list of Board officers and dates for meetings, 2pp.
- 6.7 1959-60 Federation Program, list of Board officers and dates for meetings.
- 6.8 1959 Federation Program, list of Board officers and dates for meetings, 2pp.
- 6.9 1958 Federation Board, list of Board officers and dates for meetings.
- 6.10 1957 Federation Program, list of Board officers and dates for meetings.
- 6.11 McLean County 4-H Federation, 1956 Program, dates for meetings.
- 6.12 1955 McLean County 4-H Federation Program, list of Board officers and dates for meetings.
- 6.13 1954 McLean County 4-H Federation Program, list of Board officers and dates for meetings, 2pp.
- 6.14 McLean County 4-H Federation Program, list of meetings, 2pp.
- 6.15 McLean County 4-H Federation Program, 1952, list of meetings, 4pp.

Folder 7: Achievement Programs and Award Winners, 1959-1971

- 7.1 4-H Achievement Banquet, 1959
- 7.2 4-H Achievement Banquet, 1960
- 7.3 Achievement Program, 1962
- 7.4 Award Winners, 1963
- 7.5 Achievement Program, 1964
- 7.6 Award Winners, 1964
- 7.7 Award Winners, 1965

- 7.8 Achievement Program, 1966
- 7.9 Achievement Program, 1967
- 7.10 4-H Awards, 1968
- 7.11 Achievement Program, 1969
- 7.12 4-H Award Winners, 1970
- 7.13 Achievement Night, 1971

Folder 8: Achievement Programs and Award Winners, 1972-1978

- 8.1 4-H Achievement Night, 1972
- 8.2 4-H Achievement Night, 1973
- 8.3 4-H Achievement Night, 1974
- 8.4 4-H Achievement Night, 1975
- 8.5 4-H Achievement Night, 1976
- 8.6 4-H Achievement Night, 1977
- 8.7 Achievement Night, 1977
- 8.8 4-H Achievement Night, 1978
- 8.9 McLean County Achievement Night, 1978

Folder 9: Miscellaneous

- 9.1 Handwritten figures for East Gate and West Gate, possibly attendance figures, for an event on August 11 and 13, 1942.
- 9.2 Carbon copy of form that Notary Public would complete and sign indicating certification that the President and Secretary of the McLean County Farm Bureau had appeared before him/her. Carbon copy of trust agreement. None of these documents is filled in or signed and dated. 5pp.
- 9.3 Copy of Regulations Governing Livestock Exhibited at Illinois Fairs, May 1, 1944.
- 9.4 Two Form letters from Cooperative Extension Service notifying recipient he/she was nominated for an office by the McLean County 4-H Federation, undated and May 16, 1977.
- 9.5 Form letter to "4-Her" about forthcoming meeting with list of people nominated for office, May 4, 1973.
- 9.6 Letter to 4-H Club Federation from Jesse Smart expressing appreciation from the Mosbacher 4-H Scholarship Fund for \$200 contribution, January 25, 1974.
- 9.7 List of 1977-78 Federation Officers, 2pp.
- 9.8 Letter to 4-H Federation from Susan Reimer of thanks for contribution to the Illinois 4-H Foundation, September 25, 1978.
- 9.9 Thank you card from family of Charles Fink for expression of sympathy, 1978.
- 9.10 Letter from Easter Seal Society of McLean County in thanks for funds raised for McLean County Crippled Children's Camp, April 21, 1978.
- 9.11 Letter from Rhonda and Randy Fry of thanks for presentation gifts, November 2, 1979.
- 9.12 Note to Council of thanks for plant Valerie Dick received while in the hospital, December 14, 1979.

Folder 10: Youth Council Minutes 1979-1981

Folder includes monthly meeting minutes for Expansion and Review Committee, the 4-H Youth Council, and Adviser's Report, as well as some agendas and relevant attachments.

January 3, 1979 – December 17, 1981

Folder 11: Youth Council Minutes 1982-1983

Folder includes monthly meeting minutes for Expansion and Review Committee, the 4-H Youth Council, and Adviser's Report, as well as some agendas and relevant attachments.

January 14, 1982 – December 1, 1983

Folder 12: Youth Council Minutes 1984-1985

Folder includes monthly meeting minutes for Expansion and Review Committee, the 4-H Youth Council, and Adviser's Report, as well as some agendas and relevant attachments.

January 3, 1984 – November 13, 1985

Folder 13: Youth Council Minutes 1986-1987

Folder includes monthly meeting minutes for Expansion and Review Committee, the 4-H Youth Council, and Adviser's Report, as well as some agendas and relevant attachments.

January 2, 1986 – November 11, 1987

Folder 14: Youth Council Minutes 1988-1990

Folder includes monthly meeting minutes for Expansion and Review Committee, the 4-H Youth Council, and Adviser's Report, as well as some agendas and relevant attachments.

January 7, 1988 – June 15, 1990

Box 2 – McLean County Fair Books

1920*	1951*	1965	1979	1993
1933	1952	1966	1980	1994
1939	1953	1967	1981	1995
1940	1954	1968	1982	1996
1941	1955	1969	1983	1997*
1942	1956	1970	1984	2000*
1943	1957	1971	1985	2002*
1944	1958	1972	1986	2003
1945	1959	1973	1987	2004*
1946	1960	1974	1988	2005*
1947	1961	1975	1989	
1948	1962	1976	1990	
1949	1963	1977	1991	
1950*	1964	1978	1992	

*duplicate in MCMH Library stacks

Box 3

Folder 1: Handicraft handbook

Copy of *handicraft: A 4-H Club Handbook*, by Jane Ellen Kidd, stapled, 85pp.

Folder 2: Miscellaneous Pamphlets

- 2.1 Illinois Girls' Club Work: *Meal Planning and Preparation Project* by Grace B. Armstrong and Nathalie Varbold, typed manuscript of table setting and service etiquette, meal planning, and recipes. Undated.
- 2.2 *Secretary's Record Book*, 1942. Provides advice for keeping minutes, attendance records, handwritten notes from meetings. Secretary: Richard Funk.
- 2.3 *Secretary's Record Book*, 1954. Provides advice for keeping minutes, attendance records, handwritten notes from meetings. Secretary: Janet K. Moberly.
- 2.4 *Illinois Home Making Record Book: Clothing Project*. Notes regarding clothing items made and some newspaper clippings compiled by Beatrice Blagg, 1930. Photo (of Beatrice?) in one of her garments enclosed in booklet.
- 2.5 *Clothing Record Book for Illinois 4-H Club Members*. Notes regarding clothing items made and some newspaper clippings compiled by Beatrice Blagg, 1932. Photo enclosed in booklet, identifications: Clarice Wills Brooks, Beatrice Blagg Armstrong, Mary Manahan Tipsord, Mary Ruth Phipps Ricketts.
- 2.6 Illinois Home Making Record Book: Clothing Project. Notes regarding clothing items made and some newspaper clippings compiled by Beatrice Blagg, undated. Photo enclosed in booklet of Beatrice Blagg.

Folder 3: Miscellaneous

- 3.1 Accession Record for light blue, organdy formal dress with underslip made by Beatrice Blagg Armstrong for the 1932 McLean County 4-H Fair.
- 3.2 Handwritten description of Third Year Clothing suit and undergarment made by Beatrice Blagg, description and photo.
- 3.3 Handwritten description of Fourth Year Clothing informal party dress and slip made by Beatrice Blagg, description and two photos.
- 3.4 Typed list of 4-H Club organized in 1930, very poor copy.
- 3.5 List of Entries of the McLean Co. Fair from Saybrook, Illinois, August 22-25, 1899.
- 3.6 Jolly Twisters 4-H Club Program, 1942. Dates of meetings and topics discussed.

Folder 4: Joint Agriculture and Home Economics 4-H Committee

Includes minutes and agendas for meetings December 13, 1962 – January 28, 1965.

Folder 5: 4-H Achievement Night papers, 1979-1984

- 5.1 November 1, 1979.
- 5.2 November 6, 1980.
- 5.3 November 24, 1981.
- 5.4 November 4, 1982.
- 5.5 November 10, 1983.
- 5.6 November 1, 1984.

Folder 6: 4-H Achievement Night papers, 1985-1992

- 6.1 November 7, 1985.
- 6.2 November 13, 1986.
- 6.3 November 12, 1987.
- 6.4 October 9, 1988.
- 6.5 October 9, 1989.
- 6.6 September 30, 1990.
- 6.7 October 11, 1992.

Loose

McLean County Boys and Girls 4H Club Report. Contents are in two sections: (1) History from 1917-1933 of Boys and Girls Cub and 4-H Club with photos and newspaper clippings, and (2) 4-H Club Activities for 1934 which includes narrative and statistical report, newspaper clippings and photos. Green cloth boards with black leather at corner, metal bound, 11.5 x 9”.

Illinois Country Living, March 2002, includes article about 4-H.

2016 Program Guide McLean County 4-H.