

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Barn Keepers of Central Illinois Collection**

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## Brief History

Barns are the most important structure on a farmstead. The earliest barns in Central Illinois were modest log buildings, but by the mid-1800s post-and-beam construction using massive timbers for the framing, held together with wooden pegs, was standard. These barns were built in a variety of styles. Barns became less and less essential to the farm's operation with the steady increase in mechanized farming in the 1900s, as specialized structures were built to house machinery and to store crops. Existing barns fell into disrepair and many were torn down. For example, a 1955 listing cited 120-130 barns in Arrowsmith Township, whereas a survey in the early 21st century identified only 42 remaining.

Interest in preserving old barns arose in subsequent years. The McLean County Barn Group was formed in 2002 to promote the documentation, restoration and preservation of these vanishing landmarks of our rural countryside. The McLean County Barnologists met March 27, 2003, to explore ideas.

Barn Keepers evolved from the McLean Co. Barn Group. On February 12, 2004, twenty-two persons voted on a new set of By-laws and elected an official Board. The "Barn Board" members elected were: Jean Cooper, Dave Burroughs, Mark Edwards, Ron Ropp, Laura Whelton, Jim Williams, and Wallace Yoder. The following were elected as officers: Ropp (president), Yoder (vice president), Whelton (secretary), and Cooper (treasurer). Several committees were established to organize the on-going work of Barn Keepers.

Barn Keepers is an active organization. In addition to annual September barn tours, the organization holds meetings which are open to the public, writes a newsletter, participates in the "Old House Fair," hosts speakers, organizes a Barn Christmas Decorating Contest, and supports various educational programs about the importance of barns in Central Illinois.

## Scope

This collection contains booklets from the Barn Keepers annual tours, information and newspaper clippings about meetings and special events, correspondence mostly between board members, lists of officers, monthly meeting minutes, applications for Centennial Barns designations, newspaper articles about barns in general and other barn organizations (1888-2008). Boxes 2 and 3 contains photos and plat maps of all barns in McLean County photographed as part of the Barn Keepers project.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### Box 1:

#### Folder 1: History and By-Laws

- 1.1 Timeline late 90's-2005, compiled by Wallace Yoder, November 2009
- 1.2 Write up for page #2 of 501(c)3 application by R. Ropp – provides history of organization and its activities, 3pp
- 1.3 McLean County Barn Group, May 2003 – from University of Illinois Extension website – very brief history of organization, April 2003 Barnologists News, notice of June 2003 barn dance
- 1.4 Summary of Bylaws Committee Meeting, July 22, 2003
- 1.5 Bylaws, August 26, 2003
- 1.6 Bylaws meeting, January 29, 2004
- 1.7 Bylaws, handwritten date February 12, 2004

- 1.8 Notice from IRS with organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN), December 11, 2002
- 1.9 Email from Wallace Yoder regarding election of officers at annual meeting Nov. 8, 2007
- 1.10 Approval page of Bylaws Change passed November 16, 2009
- 1.11 Bylaws, Revised November 9, 2011, including Approval page November 9, 2011
- 1.12 Guidelines for captions/information to include with barn photographs
- 1.13 Letter from Ron Ropp to Ken Kashian accompanying barn pictures, December 27, 2001
- 1.14 List of volunteers who photographed 1221 barns in McLean County
- 1.15 List of things learned from doing Allin Township barn photos project, September 2001, with letter to owners and Old Barn Record Program information sheet

**Folder 2: Tour Booklets 2006-2011**

- 2.1 September 16, 2006 (2 copies)
- 2.2 September 8, 2007 (2)
- 2.3 September 13, 2008 (2)
- 2.4 September 12, 2009 (2)
- 2.5 September 11, 2010 (2)
- 2.6 September 10, 2011 (2)

**Folder 3: Tour Booklets 2012-2017**

- 3.1 September 8, 2012 (2)
- 3.2 September 14, 2013 (2)
- 3.3 September 13, 2014 (2)
- 3.4 September 12, 2015 (2)
- 3.5 September 10, 2016 (2)
- 3.6 September 9, 2017 (1)

**Folder 4: Tour Booklets 2018-**

- 4.1 September 8, 2018 (2)
- 4.2 September 14, 2019 (2)

**Folder 5: Tour Publicity and Information**

- 5.1 Notice in GO! Calendar regarding tour Sept. 16, 2006
- 5.2 Brochure, information sheet, press release, and Daily digest article for Sept. 16, 2006
- 5.3 Guidelines for Barn Tour – September 26, 2006, memo attached
- 5.4 News release for Fifth Annual Barn Tour, 2010
- 5.5 Flyer and news release for tour on Sept. 10, 2011
- 5.6 Poster, September 10, 2011
- 5.7 Email from Laurie Vial outlining help needed on Saturday, September 4, 2012
- 5.8 Flyer, information sheet, poster, September 8, 2012
- 5.9 Tour Tally from Susan Sears, September 10, 2012
- 5.10 Poster, September 14, 2013
- 5.11 Summary of tour, September 14, 2013, 2pp
- 5.12 Poster and flyer, September 13, 2014
- 5.13 Email from Susan Sears providing tour up-date, September 25, 2014
- 5.14 Posters (2) and flyer, September 12, 2015
- 5.15 Flyers (2), notice, posters, notice of meeting, and news release, Sept. 10, 2016
- 5.16 Poster, September 9, 2017
- 5.17 Memo to 2017 tour participants, with attached information sheets about individual barns, wrap-up report by Pat Huth
- 5.18 Flyer, poster, commentary, newspaper clippings, financial report, and summary report about tour September 8, 2018

- 5.19 Article about September 9, 2017, tour in *50Plus News & Views* (August 2017)
- 5.20 Article about September 8, 2018, tour in *50Plus News & Views* (August 2018)
- 5.21 2002 McLean County Plat Map, large
- 5.22 Notice of program, Feb. 14, 2008 plus one saying and one poem
- 5.23 Funk Prairie Home Barn Tour, May 8, 2008
- 5.24 Flyer, posters (3), newspaper clippings, financial reports, and individual barn history forms about September 14, 2019 tour

**Folder 6: Barnologist News/Barn Keepers Newsletter – March 2002-Present**

Note: Barnologist News is comprised of issues March 2002—February 2004. The Barn Keepers Newsletter is published sporadically beginning 2017

- 6.1 2002 – March, May, July, September, October, December
- 6.2 2003 – February, April, July, August, November
- 6.3 2004 – January, February
- 6.4 2017 – September
- 6.5 2018 – May, September
- 6.6 2019 – February

**Folder 7: 2004 Barn Calendar**

- 7.1 Pride of McLean County – 2004 Barn Calendar
- 7.2 Quotes for printing calendar, May 14, 2003
- 7.3 Agenda Items for June 2, 2003, meeting
- 7.4 Barn Calendar Subcommittee agenda, list of sponsor status and deadlines
- 7.5 Barn Calendar Subcommittee tasks, June 23, 2003
- 7.6 Drafts of sponsors, contributors, advisors, copies of checks, etc.
- 7.7 Email from RzCobb to Ken Yanzy regarding text revisions, July 6, 2003
- 7.8 Final Calendar List
- 7.9 Invoice from ‘prographics’ for calendar, July 25, 2003
- 7.10 Invoice from ‘prographics’ for calendar, December 15, 2003
- 7.11 Letter from Jim Williams to Professional Graphics to accompany payment, September 10, 2003
- 7.12 Order form for calendar
- 7.13 Ad for calendar
- 7.14 Invitation to Appreciation Reception
- 7.15 Email from Erma Kahle to Jim Williams of notes of progress to-date, November 23, 2003
- 7.16 Agenda for November 26, 2003, meeting of sales sub-committee
- 7.17 Cash Flow, July 8, 2003, includes calendar sponsors list, 2pp
- 7.18 Email from Sandy McGhee with transcript of voicemail from Margaret McLean praising the calendar, January 10, 2005

**Folder 8: Correspondence 1986-2005**

- 8.1 Letter from Professor Ted Kohlmeyer to Keith Sculle with sources about round barns, June 20, 1986
- 8.2 Letter of thanks from Sculle to Kohlmeyer, June 24, 1986
- 8.3 Memo from The County Barn Group to McLean Co. Twp. Supervisors regarding survey conducted by Barn Group, April 10, 2001
- 8.4 Letter from Ron Ropp to Marcia Young regarding Old House Fair, November 6, 2001
- 8.5 Email from Mary Kamplain resigning from Barn Keepers, October 23, 2001
- 8.6 Letter from Frank Dry to Ron Ropp and Mark Edwards regarding Illinois Foundation FFA, January 17, 2002
- 8.7 Email from Sandy McGhee to Mary Kerber regarding photos, July 2, 2002
- 8.8 Emailed information from John Patrick Hooks regarding his barn in Lexington, March 20, 2003

- 8.9 Email to Ron Ropp regarding Barns as a 4-H project, undated
- 8.10 Email from Mark E. to Sandy McGhee saying the Barn Group would be included on the Old House Society's IRS Form 990 through end of 2003, May 23, 2003
- 8.11 Email from Gail Earles to Ron Ropp, with article for newsletter, June 19, 2003
- 8.12 Group Email from Jennifer Fisher with subject Rally to defend \$2 million for barn program, November 14 & 18, 2003
- 8.13 Email receipt for COM payment, February 23, 2004
- 8.14 Letter from Jeff Wood to Ron Ropp requesting he represent the Barn Group at two Summer Ag Institutes, February 26, 2004
- 8.15 Emails and information about Marshall/Lehnen barn in Danvers
- 8.16 Email from David Burroughs to Ron Ropp with draft of brochure, May 4, 2004
- 8.17 Memo from John Ray with schedule for fair booth, July 26, 2004
- 8.18 Email from James Chesebro suggesting an article about his brother Shawn Swanson's restoration of historic barns, August 24, 2004
- 8.19 Letter from James Williams to Rick Collins confirming his speaking at Barn Keepers meeting, August 26, 2004
- 8.20 Emails to Ron Ropp confirming renewal in domain registry, August 31 and September 1, 2004
- 8.21 Email from Wallace Yoder updating some activities, September 16, 2004
- 8.22 Email from West Winter of thanks for aking Barn Conference a success, September 22, 2004
- 8.23 Letter from James Williams to D. O. Kuntz regarding his presentation, October 20, 2004
- 8.24 Email receipt for payment of A5 COM, December 20, 2004
- 8.25 Email to Ron Ropp regarding A5 COM fee for domain, December 22, 2004
- 8.26 Email from Laurie Benjamin with ideas for outings, March 15, 2005
- 8.27 Email from John to Ron Ropp requesting to be replaced as Event Chair, April 18, 2005

**Folder 9: Correspondence 2006-2015**

- 9.1 Email from Sandy McGhee to Dave Wilson regarding speaker at Feb. 9 meeting, January 18, 2006
- 9.2 Email account statement, May 8, 2006
- 9.3 Letter from Jeanne and John Wroan to Bill Steinbacher-Kemp with information about three photos of Barn II Theater, June 11, 2006
- 9.4 Memo from David Wilson to Laurie Vial regarding PR for May meeting, March 25, 2008
- 9.5 Forwarded email from Laura Dolan regarding restoring her old barn, November 23, 2009
- 9.6 Email from Mike Lamb to Laurie Vial requesting resources to preserve his barn, undated
- 9.7 Email summary of meeting about possible "barn museum," April 21, 2011
- 9.8 Email from Susan Sears summarizing Old Town Township building meeting, May 2, 2012
- 9.9 Email exchange with Amy Schlappi about 4-H Club Barn Quilt involvement, April 27, 2012
- 9.10 Letter from Ron Ropp thanking Sandy McGhee for her work on the Barn Keepers Board, May 12, 2012
- 9.11 Email from Susan Sears to Ron Ropp about the township assessor being member of Barn Keepers, July 7, 2012
- 9.12 Email from Susan Sears to Ron Ropp with updates from board meeting, April 22, 2013
- 9.13 Email exchange between Chuck Law and Ron Ropp about arrangements for his visit and program, March 30-November 20, 2013
- 9.14 Email exchange with Chuck Law et al about Facebook, May 13-June 10, 2014
- 9.15 Memo from Chuck Law to Jim Williams about Facebook, December 10, 2014
- 9.16 Email from Jean Follett about several items, January 4, 2015
- 9.17 Letter from Bill Kemp about donation of Barn Keepers materials to the MCMH, February 19, 2015
- 9.18 Email with work schedule for booth at the fair, July 15, 2015

**Folder 10: Correspondence 2016-Present**

- 10.1 Letter of thanks from Sheri Brownfield for donation to David Davis Mansion Foundation, newsletter attached, November 8, 2018
- 10.2 Letter of thanks from Chris Ayers for donation to Wish Bone Canine Rescue, August 5, 2019
- 10.3 Letter of thanks from Divah Griffin for donation in support of the McLean County Museum of History's Stevenson-Ives Library, August 12, 2019
- 10.4 Email from Diane and William Johnston thanking Judy Sullivan for personal Barn Tour of Bell Ringer Farm, September 21, 2019

**Folder 11: Officers and Membership**

- 11.1 Old Barn Group Roster, undated
- 11.2 List of Barn Keepers Board Members – 2007-2013
- 11.3 2007 Board of Directors
- 11.4 2008 Board of Directors
- 11.5 2010 Board of Directors
- 11.6 January 2013 Board of Directors
- 11.7 December 2013 Board of Directors
- 11.8 2017 Board Members
- 11.9 2017 Board of Directors and Calendar of meetings
- 11.10 2019 Board of Directors and meeting dates and contact information
- 11.11 2019 Corporate Officers
- 11.12 List of Charter Members
- 11.13 2006 Membership list
- 11.14 2007 Membership list
- 11.15 2008? Membership list

**Folder 12: McLean County Old Barn Record Program**

- 12.1 McLean County Old Barn Record Program information sheet
- Completed forms for:
- 12.2 Earl Alwes (Maxine Augstine)
  - 12.3 Grant Basting and Catherine Metsker
  - 12.4 Ralph and Dorothy Deterding
  - 12.5 Tom and Konnie Korn
  - 12.6 Leo D. Miller
  - 12.7 John B. Nafziger
  - 12.8 Larry Paschold
  - 12.9 Ron and Jo Ropp
  - 12.10 Joe Schaefer
  - 12.11 Ronald and Kay Sutton
  - 12.12 Al Veitengruber
  - 12.13 Emails from several individuals

**Folder 13: Miscellaneous Photographs**

- 13.1 McLean County Fair 2002
- 13.2 Barn Group 2003
- 13.3 Bloomington city map and two photos

**Folder 14: Newspaper Articles 2001-Present**

Notes: Limited to articles about the Barn Keepers group. Articles are from *The Pantagraph* unless noted otherwise

- 14.1 Gaboda, Gail, "Barn preservation group raises awareness," *Twin City Community News*, July 25, 2001: 1-2.
- 14.2 Anderson, Chris, "Barns' history being salvaged," Oct. 17, 2001.
- 14.3 Ropp, Ron, "Barns Group shares update on goals, activities," *Garden Patch Dispatch*, n.d.: 10.
- 14.4 "Barn group honor," April 28, 2002: F3.
- 14.5 "2nd Annual Barn Dance set," *McLean County Farm Bureau Messenger*, May 2002: B-1.
- 14.6 Anderson, Chris, "History inspires barn restoration," May 30, 2002: C1.
- 14.7 Anderson, Chris, "Barn enthusiasts in pursuit of statewide appeal," August 27, 2003.
- 14.8 "Barn enthusiasts to meet Sept. 20," *Farmweek*, September 8, 2003.
- 14.9 "Barn contest," Oct. 23, 2005.
- 14.10 "Barn Calendars," Oct. 23, 2003.
- 14.11 "Decorated barn contest deadline extended," December 3, 2003.
- 14.12 "Barn calendars," December 3, 2003.
- 14.13 Anderson, Chris, " 'Less is best' theme wins barn decorating contest," December 25, 2003.
- 14.14 Photo, "Kim and Dan Steenz of Anchor won the 2003 McLean County Barn lighting contest. December 2003.
- 14.15 Anderson, Chris, "Barn group gets new name, charter," February 17, 2004: 3.
- 14.16 "Decorated barns sought for contest," Nov. 8, 2004.
- 14.17 "Walnut Grove Farm barn to be featured," *University of Illinois, Extension-McLean County Newsletter*, Jan-Feb 2005.
- 14.18 "Barn Keepers announce winners of annual lighting contest," *University of Illinois, Extension-McLean County Newsletter*, Jan-Feb 2005.
- 14.19 "Farm Clips," February 6, 2006.
- 14.20 "Barn Keepers to hear about House Barns," *University of Illinois, Extension-McLean County Newsletter*, May 2006: 1.
- 14.21 "Barnstorming," Sept. 14, 2006: D5.
- 14.22 Holliday, Bob, "Barns red because of cost," June 23, 2006.
- 14.23 "Barn Keeper Tour set," *McLean County Farm Bureau Messenger*, Sept. 2006.
- 14.24 "2017 McLean County Barn Tour Visits Hudson Township," [source unknown], September 21, 2017: 6.
- 14.25 "Barn Keepers Tour Held in Bellflower Township," *The Lexingtonian*, Sept. 20, 2018: 15.

**Folder 15: Promo Materials 2006-Present**

- 15.1 McLean County Old Barn Group flyer
- 15.2 Barn Keepers flyers, 2 copies
- 15.3 "Building Effective Collaborations in Communities," 5pp
- 15.4 Draft of letter from Wally Yoder intended to various organizations about Barn Keepers group, April 27, 2006
- 15.5 "Passing the Passion to the Next Generation" statement of goals
- 15.6 Barn Keepers membership application draft, 3pp
- 15.7 Barn Keepers: Preserving barns and their histories so we can see them as they were: information about meetings, goals, 7pp
- 15.8 Brief biography and resume of Janis King, presenter
- 15.9 Announcement about photo contest, 2013
- 15.10 "Interglobe Genetics, Historic Round Barn," by William Nolan, Images from PowerPoint presentation, undated, 8pp
- 15.11 Flyer, application, and information about McLean County Centennial Barn Program, 2016

**Folder 16: Announcements about Meetings and Other Events 2002-2007**

- 16.1 Invitation to Barn Dance, June 1, 2002, and packet of other information, flyers
- 16.2 Flyer and information about barn decorating contest, winners, 2002

- 16.3 Printout from University of Illinois Extension Calendar of Events with notices of Barn Groups
- 16.4 Meetings, May 9, 2003
- 16.5 Barn Dance invitation, June 14, 2003
- 16.6 Barn decorating contest flyers and entry forms, 2003
- 16.7 Barn Keepers meeting, Sept. 9, 2004; opposite side: Amish Country Tour, Oct. 1, 2004
- 16.8 State Barn Conference, Sept. 16-18, 2004
- 16.9 Barn Keepers meeting, Nov. 11, 2004
- 16.10 "Decorating McLean County Barns for the Holidays 2004" contest rules
- 16.11 2005/2006 Program Guide; opposite side: Piatt County Barn and Rural Heritage Tour, Oct. 8, 2005
- 16.12 Notice about McLean County Fair, 2005; opposite side: notice of meeting at Funks Grove
- 16.13 Notice of meeting, Nov. 10, 2005
- 16.14 Notice of meeting, Feb. 9, 2006
- 16.15 2005/2006 Program Guide – must be typographical error as dates are for 2006/2007; opposite side: press release for Sept. 16 [2006] barn tour
- 16.16 Notice of meeting, May 11, 2006
- 16.17 Two Announcements of barn dance, June 23, 2006
- 16.18 Notice of meeting, Nov. 9, 2006
- 16.19 Notice of meeting, Feb. 8, 2007
- 16.20 Notice of meeting, May 10, 2007
- 16.21 Notice that Week of Sept. 3, 2007, proclaimed Barn Preservation Week; opposite side: List of Board of Directors
- 16.22 Notice of "The Art of the Barn" exhibit of watercolor paintings by Peg Schickedanz, on display in Lexington, during the September 14, 2019, Barn Keepers tour, plus scan of one painting.

**Folder 17: Announcements about Meetings and Other Events 2009-17**

- 17.1 2007-2008 Program and Event Guide Notice of retreat, May 28, 2009
- 17.2 Notice of meeting, Sept. 8, 2009
- 17.3 Notice of meeting, Nov. 16, 2009
- 17.4 Notice of meeting, Feb 25, 2010
- 17.5 Notice of meeting, Nov. 10, 2010
- 17.6 Invitation to program, Nov. 10, 2010
- 17.7 Notice of meeting, May 19, 2011
- 17.8 Notice of meeting, Sept. 6, 2011
- 17.9 Notice of meeting, Nov. 9, 2011
- 17.10 Notice of meeting, Feb. 16, 2012
- 17.11 Notice of meeting, May 10, 2012
- 17.12 Notice of meeting, Nov. 8, 2012
- 17.13 Notice of meeting, March 26, 2013
- 17.14 Notice of meeting, May 8, 2013
- 17.15 Notice of meeting, Sept. 12, 2013
- 17.16 Notice of meeting, Nov. 14, 2013
- 17.17 Notice of meeting, Feb. 20, 2014
- 17.18 Notice of meeting, May 15, 2014
- 17.19 Notice of meeting, Sept. 12, 2014
- 17.20 Notice of meeting, Nov. 12, 2014
- 17.21 Notice of meeting, February 19, 2015
- 17.22 Bus trip notice, May 14, 2015
- 17.23 Press release for meeting November 12, 2015
- 17.24 Notice of meeting, February 11, 2016
- 17.25 Notice of meeting, September 8, 2016



- 17.26 Notice of meeting, November 10, 2016
- 17.27 Notice of meeting, poster and news clipping of meeting, May 10, 2017
- 17.28 Notice of meeting, Nov. 9, 2017
- 17.29 Press release and article "Barn expert set for local meeting," February 8, 2018
- 17.30 Field trip to Garfield Farm Museum, July 28, 2018, includes press release, poster, highlights report, two brochures
- 17.31 Notice of meeting, May 9, 2019

**Folder 18: Minutes 2000-2001**

Note: Meetings are listed, several have attached agendas, minutes/notes, related documents

- 18.1 Presentation to Twp. Supervisors on "Barns" by R. Ropp, Nov. 16, 2000, 2pp + notes
- 18.2 Notes from meeting on Nov. 20, 2000, 3pp
- 18.3 January 7, 2001
- 18.4 February 5, 2001
- 18.5 April 2, 2001
- 18.6 June 4, 2001
- 18.7 July 17, 2001
- 18.8 September 4, 2001
- 18.9 November 1, 2001

**Folder 19: Minutes 2002-2003**

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- 19.1 January 7, 2002
- 19.2 February 28, 2002
- 19.3 March 25, 2002
- 19.4 April 1, 2002
- 19.5 April 11, 2002
- 19.6 April 29, 2002
- 19.7 May 13, 2002
- 19.8 June 13, 2002
- 19.9 July 1, 2002
- 19.10 July 22, 2002
- 19.11 August 29, 2002
- 19.12 September 23, 2002
- 19.13 October 17, 2002
- 19.14 November 18, 2002
- 19.15 January 6, 2003
- 19.16 January 9, 2003
- 19.17 March 3, 2003
- 19.18 March 27, 2003
- 19.19 May 8, 2003
- 19.20 July 7, 2003
- 19.21 August 6, 2003
- 19.22 September 11, 2003
- 19.23 September 29, 2003
- 19.24 November 13, 2003
- 19.25 Cash Flow statement 2003

**Folder 20: Minutes 2004-2005**

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- 20.1 January 29, 2004

- 20.2 February 12, 2004
- 20.3 March 11, 2004
- 20.4 April 1, 2004
- 20.5 April 15, 2004
- 20.6 May 13, 2004
- 20.7 May 27, 2004
- 20.8 July 7, 2004
- 20.9 July 28, 2004
- 20.10 August 24, 2004
- 20.11 October 12, 2004
- 20.12 November 11, 2004
- 20.13 December 13, 2004
- 20.14 Annual Budget 2005
- 20.15 January 17, 2005
- 20.16 January 27, 2005
- 20.17 February 20, 2005
- 20.18 March 17, 2005
- 20.19 April 28, 2005
- 20.20 May 12, 2005
- 20.21 June 23, 2005 plus Summary
- 20.22 July 28, 2005
- 20.23 September 8, 2005
- 20.24 October 27, 2005
- 20.25 November 10, 2005
- 20.26 December 12, 2005

**Folder 21: Minutes 2006-2007**

Note: Meetings are listed, several have attached agendas, minutes/notes, related documents

- 21.1 February 9, 2006
- 21.2 February 2006 (no day)
- 21.3 February 27, 2006
- 21.4 March 23, 2006
- 21.5 April 27, 2006
- 21.6 May 11, 2006
- 21.7 May 13, 2006
- 21.8 June 15, 2006
- 21.9 July 27, 2006
- 21.10 August 31, 2006
- 21.11 September 22, 2006
- 21.22 October 12, 2006
- 21.23 November 9, 2006
- 21.24 December 7, 2006
- 21.25 February 1, 2007
- 21.26 February 8, 2007
- 21.27 Annual Meeting (no date) 2007
- 21.28 March 14, 2007
- 21.29 April 26, 2007
- 21.30 June 21, 2007
- 21.31 July 16, 2007
- 21.32 September 6, 2007
- 21.33 October 24, 2007

- 21.34 November 8, 2007
- 21.35 December 6, 2007
- 21.36 2007 Statement of Income

**Folder 22: Minutes 2008-2009**

Note: Meetings are listed, several have attached agendas, minutes/notes, related documents

- 22.1 January 15, 2008
- 22.2 March 18, 2008
- 22.3 April 15, 2008
- 22.4 June 5, 2008
- 22.5 June 18, 2008
- 22.6 July 15, 2008
- 22.7 September 3, 2008
- 22.8 October 21, 2008
- 22.9 December 16, 2008
- 22.10 January 30, 2009
- 22.11 April 21, 2009
- 22.12 July 21, 2009
- 22.13 September 1, 2009
- 22.14 October 20, 2009
- 22.15 November 16, 2009
- 22.16 December 1, 2009

**Folder 23: Minutes 2010-2012**

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- 23.1 February 8, 2010
- 23.2 April 5, 2010
- 23.3 July 12, 2010
- 23.4 September 6, 2010
- 23.5 October 18, 2010
- 23.6 November 10, 2010
- 23.7 December 8, 2010
- 23.8 January 18, 2011
- 23.9 May 19, 2011
- 23.10 November 9, 2011
- 23.11 December 1, 2011
- 23.12 Board of Directors January 2012
- 23.13 January 12, 2012
- 23.14 January 18, 2012
- 23.15 February 16, 2012
- 23.16 March 7, 2012
- 23.17 April 11, 2012
- 23.18 April 25, 2012
- 23.19 May 10, 2012
- 23.20 June 13, 2012
- 23.21 July 11, 2012
- 23.22 August 8, 2012
- 23.23 September 6, 2012
- 23.24 October 10, 2012
- 23.25 October 23, 2012
- 23.26 November 8, 2012

**Folder 24: Minutes 2013-2015**

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- 24.1 January 17, 2013
- 24.2 March 26, 2013
- 24.3 April 18, 2013
- 24.4 May 8, 2013
- 24.5 June 13, 2013
- 24.6 July 11, 2013
- 24.7 August 7, 2013
- 24.8 August 22, 2013
- 24.9 September 12, 2013
- 24.10 October 7, 2013
- 24.11 November 5, 2013
- 24.12 November 14, 2013
- 24.13 December 12, 2013
- 24.14 January 16, 2014
- 24.15 February 20, 2014
- 24.16 March 21, 2014
- 24.17 April 10, 2014
- 24.18 May 8, 2014
- 24.19 May 15, 2014
- 24.20 June 12, 2014
- 24.21 July 10, 2014
- 24.22 August 14, 2014
- 24.23 September 12, 2014
- 24.24 October 16, 2014
- 24.25 November 13, 2014
- 24.26 December 11, 2014
- 24.27 January 15, 2015
- 24.28 January 21, 2015
- 24.29 February 19, 2015
- 24.30 March 12, 2015
- 24.31 June 11, 2015
- 24.32 July 9, 2015
- 24.33 August 11, 2015
- 24.34 October 15, 2015
- 24.35 November 12, 2015
- 24.26 December 17, 2015

**Folder 25: Minutes 2016-2018**

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- 25.1 January 14, 2016
- 25.2 February 11, 2016
- 25.3 March 10, 2016
- 25.4 April 14, 2016
- 25.5 May 2, 2016
- 25.6 June 9, 2016
- 25.7 July 14, 2016
- 25.8 August 11, 2016
- 25.9 September 8, 2016

- 25.10 October 13, 2016
- 25.11 November 10, 2016
- 25.12 December 8, 2016
- 25.13 January 12, 2017
- 25.14 February 9, 2017
- 25.15 March 9, 2017
- 25.16 April 20, 2017
- 25.17 May 10, 2017
- 25.18 June 8, 2017
- 25.19 July 13, 2017
- 25.20 August 10, 2017
- 25.21 October 12, 2017
- 25.22 November 9, 2017
- 25.23 January 11, 2018
- 25.24 January 18, 2018
- 25.25 March 8, 2018
- 25.26 April 12, 2018
- 25.27 May 10, 2018
- 25.28 June 14, 2018
- 25.29 July 12, 2018
- 25.30 August 9, 2018
- 25.31 September 6, 2018
- 25.32 October 11, 2018
- 25.33 November 8, 2018

**Folder 26: Minutes 2019-Present**

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- 26.1 January 10, 2019
- 26.2 February 14, 2019
- 26.3 March 14, 2019
- 26.4 April 11, 2019
- 26.5 May 9, 2019
- 26.6 June 13, 2019
- 26.7 August 8, 2019
- 26.8 September 12, 2019
- 26.7 October 20, 2019
- 26.8 November 14, 2019

**Folder 27: Centennial Barns Applications A-F**

News release August 206

News release April 2017 and article

Chronological List of Approved Applications

- 27.1 David Ashbrook
- 27.2 John and Teresa Blakeney
- 27.3 Norman Brown
- 27.4 Lauren and Jill Brown
- 27.5 Thomas E Cherry
- 27.6 David Davis Estate
- 27.7 David V. and Leigh Ann Dorris
- 27.8 Steve and Kay Edgcomb
- 27.9 Jerry and Melanie Evelsizer

- 27.10 Paul and Lisa Freitag
- 27.11 Funk Prairie Home Museum

**Folder 28: Centennial Barns Applications G-M**

- 28.1 Daryl Haney
- 28.2 Wesley Hill
- 28.3 Todd and Susan Hospelhorn
- 28.4 John Kahle, etc.
- 28.5 Rick and Rey Jannusch
- 28.6 Jim and Sue Larkin
- 28.7 Sandy McGhee Family
- 28.8 Shirley Megli
- 28.9 Jo Morrison

**Folder 29: Centennial Barns Applications N-S**

- 29.1 Charles Neubauer
- 29.2 Theron and Fern Noth
- 29.3 Jere Payne
- 29.4 Larry and Louise Reeser
- 29.5 Richard Rhoda
- 29.6 Ron and Jo Ropp
- 29.7 Gary and Jean Schmidt Family
- 29.8 Dean N. Sommer
- 29.9 David and Diane Stephens
- 29.10 Jon and Sharon Stephens
- 29.11 Dale M. Sutter

**Folder 30: Centennial Barns Applications T-Z**

- 30.1 Travis and Katie Taylor
- 30.2 Ronald and Cynthia Wade
- 30.3 Don and Connie Warsaw
- 30.4 Rodney and Kathy Weinzierl
- 30.5 George and Jean Wendt
- 30.6 Kurt Williams
- 30.7 Matt and Jacqueline Witte
- 30.8 Thomas Young
- 30.9 Ron and Betty Zook

**Folder 31: Ephemera and Miscellaneous**

- 31.1 Letterhead, images, and envelope for Barn Keepers
- 31.2 Placemat illustrating types of barns
- 31.3 Text of HB4723 regarding the property tax code, February 3, 2012
- 31.4 Bibliography of books in MCMH about barns, 2pp
- 31.5 Resolution of the McLean County Board proclaiming week of September 1-8, 2007 "McLean County Barn Preservation Week"
- 31.6 Information regarding promotion of 4-H project, February 2004
- 31.7 Story about an old barn, 4pp
- 31.8 "Only a Barn" by Litta Kinsella of Gridley, 2pp
- 31.9 "Financial Assistance for Historic Preservation Projects"
- 31.10 "Barns Remembered" poem by Peg Schickedanz, 2019

- 31.11 Postcard publicizing “The Art of the Barn” watercolor paintings by Peg Schnickedanz, display at Church of Christ Uniting, Lexington, in connection with Barnkeepers Tour, September 14, 2019

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32.2 Kruckman, Laurence and Darrell L. Whiteman, “Barns, Building, and Windmills: A Key to Change on the Illinois Prairie,” article from uncited journal, 257-266.  
32.3 “A Big Barn,” July 6, 1888.  
32.4 “A New Barn,” June 18, 1909.  
32.5 “Barn is 200 X 140 feet,” October 18, 1910.  
32.6 “Concrete Block Barn on C. A. Funk Farm near M’Lean—The Blocks Home Made,” February 13, 1913.  
32.7 “Tourists From Chenoa Visit Ancestral Home,” October 8, 1929.  
32.8 “Convenient Dairy Barn,” photo, September 26, 1939.  
32.9 “Historic Barn To Be Leveled,” *Vidette*, March 20, 1969.  
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33.11 “The Round Barn in Illinois,” *Historic Illinois*, February 1983: 10-13.  
33.12 “Old barn inspires essay winner,” October 23, 1983.  
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33.14 “Abandoned beauty,” photo, April 29, 1984.  
33.15 “Dutch décor,” photo, July 8, 1984.  
33.16 Graybill, Elaine, “Lively memories populate quiet hilltop,” December 6, 1984.  
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33.18 Humstone, Mary, *Barn Again! A Guide to Barn Rehabilitation*, 1988.  
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33.21 “Old-time builder recalls ‘lost art’ of crafting barns,” August 29, 1990.  
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- 34.1 Internet Research of other barn groups, undated, 3pp
- 34.2 Illinois Rural Preservation Programs & Activities by County, February 2006, 16pp
- 34.3 Announcement, State Farm Classic Homes Fair Barn Conference and flyer, September 14, 2002
- 34.4 Email from Sandy McGhee to Ron Ropp regarding Mercer County forming barn group, March 10, 2003
- 34.5 Anderson, Chris, "Barn dance finds home," *Pantagraph*, June 11, 2003, about Burroughs barn in El Paso
- 34.6 "New Hampshire Gives Barns a Break," *Governing*, July 2003
- 34.7 Announcement, Rural Heritage in Illinois meeting and registration and agenda, September 20, 2003
- 34.8 Letter from Dale Claus to Sandy McG[h]ee regarding Tazewell County Historic Places Society promoting barn preservation in Tazewell County and information about workshop, March 2, 2004
- 34.9 Tentative Agenda, The National Barn Alliance's 8th Annual Meeting on Barn Rehabilitation and Rural Preservation, February 10-11 (year?)
- 34.10 Program, Seventh Annual Working Session on Barn Preservation, Chicago, February 4-5, 2002
- 34.11 Press release and flyer for Annual Barn Tour, Piatt County, October 11-13, 2002

**Box 2:**

Note: Each folder contains plastic sleeves, inside of which are photos and a plat map for each barn photographed as part of this project. The folders are organized by township:

**Folder 1: Allin Township**

**Folder 2: Anchor Township**

**Folder 3: Arrowsmith Township**



- Folder 4: Bellflower Township**
- Folder 5: Bloomington City Township**
- Folder 6: Blue Mound Township**
- Folder 7: Cheney's Grove Township**
- Folder 8: Chenoa Township**
- Folder 9: Cropsey Township**
- Folder 10: Dale Township**
- Folder 11: Danvers Township**
- Folder 12: Dawson Township**
- Folder 13: Downs Township**
- Folder 14: Dry Grove Township**

### **Box 3:**

Note: Each folder contains plastic sleeves, inside of which are photos and a plat map for each barn photographed as part of this project. The folders are organized by township:

- Folder 1: Empire Township**
- Folder 2: Funk's Grove Township**
- Folder 3: Gridley Township**
- Folder 4: Hudson Township**
- Folder 5: Lawndale Township**
- Folder 6: Lexington Township**
- Folder 7: Martin Township**
- Folder 8: Money Creek Township**
- Folder 9: Mount Hope Township**
- Folder 10: Normal Township**
- Folder 11: Old Town Township**
- Folder 12: Randolph Township**
- Folder 13: Towanda Township**
- Folder 14: West Township**
- Folder 15: White Oak Township**
- Folder 16: Yates Township**

### **Box 4:**

This box contains unscanned photos organized into folders by township

Loose binders for winners of the Historic Barn Contest, sponsored by Barn Keepers. Each binder contains some pages of text plus photographs.

- Binder 1: "My 4-H Old Barn Story" by Ella Gregory, Bloomington – Red Award
- Binder 2: "Historic Barn Context" by Zachary Wood, no town given – White Award
- Binder 3: "Ream Barn History" by Maegan Ream, Saybrook – Blue Award
- Binder 4: "The Little Red Barn" by Shelby Enghausen, Saybrook
- Binder 5: "My historical barn essay" by Charlotte Knoblock, Normal -- 3rd place, 2019
- Binder 6: "The Stone Barn" by Ella Gregory, Bloomington – 2nd place, 2019
- Binder 7: "The Old Rugged Barn, 1920-2019" by Ashley Miller, Hudson – 1st place, 2019