

McLean County Museum of History

Bieber Family / General Telephone Co. Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1878 - 1990
PROVENANCE:	
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Brief History

The Schwiemann family is traced from 1878 to Charles Schwiemann's death in 1945, and is linked through marriage to the Bieber family in 1916. The Bieber family of the early 1900's is represented through certificates and other documents.

Beryl Bieber's career at General Telephone Company of Illinois (GTI) is marked by awards and news items. There are also many articles marking the company's progress for the years of 1970 through 1990.

Scope

The collection includes the Bieber family history and, more extensively, the Schwiemann family history through birth certificates, marriage licenses and funeral notices.

Newspaper clippings of GTI employee retirements, wedding anniversaries and deaths during the 1970s through 1990 are included along with the invitations to anniversary and retirement parties. GTI Employees' Association By-Laws and a GTI 50th anniversary booklet are also included.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Documents about Beryl, Edward and Michael Bieber

- 1.1 Two Illinois Pupils Reading Circle Diploma certificates to Beryl Martin, April 30, 1937, and May 9, 1939.
- 1.2 GTE 35 year certificate of recognition (1979) to Beryl P. Bieber, notice of recognition dinner with photos.
- 1.3 Confirmation Certificate for Edward Wilbur Bieber, March 25, 1934.
- 1.4 Bloomington Public Schools report card for second semester, 1931(Edward W. Bieber).
- 1.5 Certificate of Promotion from Bloomington Public Schools to the High School dated June 1, 1934 (Edw. Bieber).
- 1.6 Application to Dept. of Building and Zoning for construction of addition dated June 19, 1972 (Edw. Bieber).
- 1.7 Lincoln graduating class newspaper photo, no date, (Edw. Bieber).
- 1.8 Marriage Certificate of Michael Bieber to Emma Schwiemann, January 12, 1916.
- 1.9 Two notices of 1A classification to Michael Bieber, 1918.
- 1.10 Registration Certificate to Michael Bieber from the Peoria Local Board, War Department, 1918.
- 1.11 Voter's Identification Card for Michael Bieber.
- 1.12 Michael Bieber Unemployment Compensation card, last entry of Jan. 19, 1945.

Folder 2: Schwiemann family papers

- 2.1 Certificate of Baptism for Frieda Therese Albina Schwiemann, August 3, 1878. In German.
- 2.2 Certificate of Confirmation for Daniel Schwiemann, April 3, 1898.
- 2.3 German language Certificate of Baptism for Carl Johann Hermann Schwiemann, September 1, 1889. In German.
- 2.4 Certificate of Baptism for Fredrich, Gustov (Behn?), March 27, 1901. In German.
- 2.5 Certificate of Confirmation for Johann Hermann Schwiemann, May 27, 1904. In German.
- 2.6 McLean County Common Schools, Pupil's Certificate, Emma Schwiemann, grades for the year ending June 1, 1899.
- 2.7 McLean County Common Schools, Pupil's Certificate, Emma Schwiemann, grades for the year ending June, 1900.
- 2.8 Envelope addressed to Miss Emma Schwiemann, May 10, 1915, note from a cousin.

- 2.9 Lease agreement between William Schwiemann and Dry Grove Township for 20 acres of picnic grounds for one year – June 16, 1917 to June 18, 1918.
- 2.10 Envelope to Mr. & Mrs. Schwiemann, Danvers, Ill., no contents.
- 2.11 Summons for Wm. Schwiemann regarding Joseph Feiner as his dependent child, February 16, 1918.
- 2.12 Annual Report of Zion Lutheran Church, Danvers, Illinois, Contribution of Members, 1928.
- 2.13 Annual Report of Zion Lutheran Church, Danvers, Illinois, Contribution of Members, 1932.
- 2.14 Daniel & Chas. Schwiemann, The Lutheran Hour envelope and receipt for \$5.00 contribution, August 2, 1944.
- 2.15 Flinspach Funeral Home receipt, received from Daniel Schwiemann \$296.00 for Chas. Schwiemann estate, August 25, 1945.
- 2.16 Affidavit notarized, signed by Daniel Schwiemann listing stock and property of brother Charles Schwiemann, deceased, and ten “Assignment of Interest” of all brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews dated July 17, 1954.
- 2.17 East Twin Grove Cemetery request for donation to Dan Schwiemann, April 3, 1957.

Folder 3: Newspaper clippings of weddings, births, anniversaries, deaths, miscellaneous

- 3.1 William J. Sullivan died April 30, 1985, GTE retiree.
- 3.2 W. Al Bradford died March 7 1987, GTE retiree. Anna Marie Pisell, died Oct. 12, 1991, GTE retiree.
- 3.3 50th anniversary, James W. and Alma Roberts, Dec. 2, 1989.
- 3.4 50th anniversary, Herman and Bessie Schuth, January 28, 1990.
- 3.5 40th anniversary, William and Velda Burke, Jan. 27, 1990, GTE retiree.
- 3.6 25th anniversary, Bill and Gloria Schuth, April 22, 1992 (2 items).
- 3.7 Wedding of Debra Wolf to James Wilkins, November 20, 1976, Debra is GT employee.
- 3.8 Birth of Timothy Michael Wistehuff, Jan. 12, 1990, to Michael and Jan Wistehuff.
- 3.9 Wedding Invitation of Bernice Florence Rueger to Albert Carl Wellenrieter on February 27.
- 3.10 Chicago Cubs general manager autographing for Norma Mohr of Bloomington, no date.
- 3.11 *Pantagraph* Photo of Marilyn Hargesheimer buying corn at farmer’s market in downtown Bloomington, August 13, 1978.
- 3.12 *Pantagraph*, Focus section, “Move over, Norman Rockwell,” article about large Leasch.
- 3.13 Family Sunday dinners with 5 photos, October 27, 1991.
- 3.14 Cooper Communities, Inc. foldout advertisement for Cherokee Village, Arkansas.

Folder 4: Amendment to Illinois Telephone IBEW Agreement

- 4.1 Amendment effective August 15, 1948 between Illinois Telephone Company and Local Union No. 51 of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Amends agreement entered May 1953.

Folder 5: GTI Employees’ Association By-Laws

- 5.1 GTI Employees' Association By-Laws, undated.

Folder 6: General Telephone 50th Anniversary

- 6.1 "1928 – 1978," 24 page booklet tracing the history of the General Telephone Company of Illinois.
- 6.2 "Our First Fifty Years," issue of "General News," Vol. 19, No. 3, March 24, 1978, 5 pages.

Folder 7: General Telephone Company miscellaneous

- 7.1 Subscriber's Line and Trouble Record (individual) card.
- 7.2 "Fortnightly Telephone Engineer," article with photo, June 1, 1953.
- 7.3 "Women setting poles instead of dinner table?" article with photos. *GTI Company of Illinois General News*, August 18, 1972.]
- 7.4 "Changes in repair procedures result from PIP task force study." Two pictures with description, September 15, 1972.
- 7.5 "Extension phone extends cash gift," *Pantagraph*, article with picture, no date.
- 7.6 "Gen Tel operators hold reunion," picture with description, no date.
- 7.7 5 pictures of GTI Data centers on both sides of one page.
- 7.8 "Women moving up in world," article with photos, *Pantagraph*, Feb. 22, 1973.
- 7.9 *GTI Company of Illinois General News*, strike news, October 31, 1974, 11 pages.
- 7.10 "Gen Tel Schedules opening of \$9 million service center," article with photos *Pantagraph*, Dec. 22, 1974.]
- 7.11 "GenTel ringing in the new," article with photos, *Pantagraph*, July, 20, 1975.
- 7.12 "Hargesheimer three-time suggestion winner," article with photo, no date.
- 7.13 "GTI's first digital toll switch installed in Marion June 23," *PULSE*, article with photos, July 6, 1979.
- 7.14 "3rd Annual GTIEAA Bowling Tournament," booklet, 6 pages with pictures, March 24 and 25, 1979.
- 7.15 "We pay people to tie up your phone lines," *Pantagraph*, ½ pg. ad with photo, no date.
- 7.16 "You're looking at a phone being repaired," *Pantagraph*, ½ pg. ad with photo, Nov. 21, 1979.
- 7.17 "Gates awarded LaCroix Certificate," article with photo, no date.
- 7.18 "Zero-plus Calling", article with photo, no date.
- 7.19 "First statewide bowling tournament held," *GTI Company of Illinois General News*, article with photos, no date.
- 7.20 General Telephone Company of Illinois, manila envelope, empty.
- 7.21 One page (both sides) from ITPA with 7 photos and short articles, no date.

Folder 8: General Telephone Employees Retirement Events and newspaper clippings

- 8.1 "Mrs. M. Ferne Herkless ... 26 years," retirement article with photo, no date.
- 8.2 "Bloomington District honors service award recipients," with photo, no date.
- 8.3 "Theresa Meyer retires," articles with 2 photos, no date.
- 8.4 "Pensioners' deaths noted," no date.

- 8.5 "Kewanee Site of Seventh Awards Banquet," two-sided page with photos, June 5, 1970.
- 8.6 Invitation to retirement party for Raymond "Schweb" Schwebel, Oct. 18, 1975, 2 copies.
- 8.7 *Bloomington Division Newsletter*, "Employee of the Month-December, 1975" and "January, 1976" 2 copies, separate photos.
- 8.8 *Bloomington Division Newsletter*, "Employee of the Month-April, 1975" and "May, 1976", separate photos.
- 8.9 "Employee of the Month-July," photo separate, also include 5 individual photos not mentioned in article.
- 8.10 Invitation to retirement party for Dorothy Sears, March 25, 1976, 2 items.
- 8.11 "What's Line," Vol. 1 No. 2, employee newsletter, April, 1976, 1 page.
- 8.12 Anna Marie Pisell Retirement, February 13, 1985, 4 items.
- 8.13 "GTE honors veteran workers," *Pantagraph* article with photos, no date.
- 8.14 "GenTel to honor employees," *Pantagraph* article with photos, April 10, 1986.
- 8.15 "Cohen retires after 32 years," article with photo, no date.
- 8.16 "Juanita Warner's Long Career to End July 31," article with photo, no date.
- 8.17 "Bradford eases into retirement," article with photo, no date.
- 8.18 Invitation to retirement party for Marilyn Tipsord, June 9, no year.
- 8.19 Invitation to retirement party for Wayne (Smitty) Smith, April 23, 1987.
- 8.20 Red envelope (empty) addressed to Beryl and Ed Bieber, company mail code.
- 8.21 Invitation to retirement party for "Eleanor," no date, 2 copies.
- 8.22 Invitation to retirement party for Bernadine Fitz Hilton, no date.
- 8.23 "Jeretta Craig answers calls for 45 years," article with photo, no date.
- 8.24 "Don Lennox retires after 31-year career," article with photo, no date.
- 8.25 "GTI's Fifteenth Annual Recognition Banquets," 3 page large fold out with pictures and brief articles from Illinois divisions, no date.
- 8.26 "The Magic of Service Award Banquets 1979," 1 page large fold out of 30, 35, 40 year service pictures (2 copies).
- 8.27 "Central Division Christmas Party '84," pictures, 4 pages.
- 8.28 Notice of supervisor and secretary move from Lincoln to Clinton, no date.
- 8.29 Application for Service, 4 photocopies.
- 8.30 "Employees of the Month," large two-sided page with photos and articles, no date.
- 8.31 "11,340 years of service to GTI," large two-sided page with photos and articles, no date.
- 8.32 "Employees plan golden years," large two-sided page with photos and articles, no date.
- 8.33 "Boyd Leggett Receives 15-Year Service Pin," photocopy, no date.

Folder 9: McLean County Historical Society Gift Agreement

- 9.1 From Suzie Zeigler: GTE materials, Edward Bieber/Schwimann items, 12-17-2013.