

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Election Authorities Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1864 - present
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	See also Political Ephemera Collection for materials promoting political parties, candidates, and causes. Ballots prior to 1892 will also be found there.

## **Brief History**

Since the 1970 Illinois constitution, the State Board of Elections has administered the election laws of the State of Illinois. It oversees the local election commissions, accepts nominating petitions and certificates of nomination, certifies the names of valid candidates for election, accepts and cross-checks the vote totals reported after Election Day, and accepts financial disclosures from the candidates' campaign committees.

Locally, the elected McLean County Clerk administers elections. In November 1914, Bloomington created its own Board of Election Commissioners to administer all elections held in the City of Bloomington, leaving the balance of the county to be administered by the County Clerk. Only a few communities have city election commissions in Illinois; most are handled by the County Clerk.

The Illinois General Assembly legislated the Australian ballot in June 1891. That required the election authorities to print ballots instead of having the political parties do so.

## **Scope**

This collection includes materials issued by election authorities (Illinois Secretary of State, Illinois State Board of Elections, County Clerk, Bloomington Election Commission, etc.) such as ballots and official specimen ballots, election calendars, poll books, instructions to election judges, etc.

## **Folder Inventory**

### **State of Illinois**

#### **Folder 1: Illinois Statewide**

- 1.1 Election calendars issued by Secretary of State, 1969, 1973. 45 & 51 pp, respectively.
- 1.2 List of candidates elected and nominated at the primary election 21 March 1972. Issued by Secretary of State. 84 pp.
- 1.3 Blank Primary Petition for state central committeeman position.
- 1.4 Specimen Official Ballot, McLean County, 8 Nov 1904, with gift agreement from Putnam County indicating donation in memory of Fred Dawson.

### **McLean County**

#### **Folder 2: 1968-72 Election Materials**

- 2.1 "Area Registrars," listed by township, undated.
- 2.2 "Report of Selection of Judges for Election and Application for Confirmation by the Circuit Court," hand dated 1967-69. 11pp.
- 2.3 Letter from Marylou Walker of McLean County Republican Central Committee to County Clerk Paul Morris identifying Republican representatives at the IAA building on June 11, 23 May 1968.

- 2.4 List of party Rep. & Dem. Representatives at county stations, ballot box runners and canvas board along with fees, undated.
- 2.5 "Counting Station Procedure – June 11, 1968," dated 16 Mar 1968. 3 copies.
- 2.6 "Primary Election – June 11, 1968." Counts by precinct for 1967 special election and 1968 primary election. 2 pp.
- 2.7 "Instructions for All Judges of the General Election, Tuesday, November 5, 1968," October 1968. 8 pp.
- 2.8 Copy of Secretary of State's 1972 Primary Election Calendar.
- 2.9 Unused McLean County expense claim form.
- 2.10 Receipt from County Clerk's Office, for notary fees, 5 March 1976.

**Folder 3: Judge's Materials for 1 April 2003 Election**

- 3.1 Election Day Review checklist signed by three judges at Cheney's Grove, undated.
- 3.2 Records of write-in votes cast, 1 April no year. Cheney's Grove Township.
- 3.3 Two styles of punch card ballots, used, 1 April 2003. Cheney's Grove.
- 3.4 "Election Official" sign.

**Folder 4: Miscellaneous County**

- 4.1 Voters Registration Card for Nellie Wallen of Arrowsmith, May 1946.

**Folder 5: Available for Expansion**

**City of Bloomington**

**Folder 6: Election and Registration Calendars: 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921.**

**Folder 7: Primary Poll Book**

- 7.1 "Primary Poll Book," for 13 September 1916. Not used, aside from later use as spare paper. Includes printed spaces for voters, lists of candidates by party. 28 pp.

**Folder 8: Registered Voter Lists**

- 8.1 4 Apr 1916 list for 30<sup>th</sup> Precinct, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward
- 8.2 4 Nov 1919 list of 30<sup>th</sup> Precinct, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward

**Folder 9: Available for Expansion**

**Ballots and Specimen Ballots**

**Folder 10: Ballots and Specimen Ballots, 1896-**

*See also folder 3 for punch card ballots from 2003.*

- 10.1 Mt. Hope Republican Primary, 14 Mar 1896. County and Township tickets.
- 10.2 Specimen, 8 Nov 1904. President through County Officials. Republican, Democratic, Prohibition and People's Parties tickets listed. 2 copies.
- 10.3 Specimen, 8 Nov 1904. President through County Officials. Republican, Democratic, Prohibition, Socialist, Socialist Labor, People's and Continental Parties tickets listed. 2 copies.
- 10.4 Specimen on cardstock, 7 Mar 1938 Town of Normal. Town trustees and library directors. Peoples Citizen's parties.

- 10.5 Specimen, 7 Nov 1950, Bloomington. From US Senator through county officials. Republican, Democratic, Prohibition.
- 10.6 Ballot, 27 Jul 1954 Special Election for organization of Bloomington-Normal Park District and its commissioners.
- 10.7 Ballot, 3 Nov 1964. Representatives in General Assembly. Republican and Democratic. "Orange Ballot."
- 10.8 Specimen, 5 Nov 2002. US Senator and Member of Congress. Democratic, Republican, and Libertarian.
- 10.9 Specimen, 4 Apr 2017. Cities, Town, Villages, Townships, and special districts.
- 10.10 Specimen, 6 Nov 2018. General Governor and state officers and legislators, Congress, county officers, judges, etc.

**Folder 11: Available for Expansion**

**Miscellaneous**

**Folder 12: Register of Electors**

- 11.1 Blue Mound, 12 October 1926.
- 11.2 Unspecified and undated.
- 11.3 Blue Mound, 16 October 1928. Two copies but entries differ.

**Folder 13: Downs Township Poll Books**

- 12.1 Poll book for election at Macedonia School House in Downs Twp, 8 Nov 1864. 5 pp.
- 12.2 Poll book for election at Rutledge School House in Downs Twp, 2 Jun 1873. 8 pp.
- 12.3 Poll book for election at Rutledge School House in Downs Twp, 4 Nov 1873. 8 pp.
- 12.4 Poll book for election at Rutledge School House in Downs Twp, 3 Nov 1874. 10 pp.
- 12.5 List of Voters for election at Macedonia School House in Downs Twp, 5 Nov 1878. 8 pp.