

McLean County Museum of History

Goforth Collection

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Collection Information

Volume of Collection:	One Box.
Collection Dates:	1882 to 2006
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Location:	Archives
Notes:	See also Photos – People – Goforth Family

Historical Sketch

Jonathan (J. C.) Goforth moved his family from Canton, Illinois to Bloomington, Illinois in 1903. Although he and his four sons were all musicians, the careers of two sons were the most prominent. George C. Goforth was a popular leader of the Black and Gold Orchestra in the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s. Earl Goforth, also an orchestra leader of that period, had a successful career as a blackface vaudeville comedian with his wife as a team known as Goforth and Doyle.

George's son, Eugene, graduated from Illinois Wesleyan, served in WWII, went on to graduate from the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute, and was in private practice 1947-1993. He also served as consultant, was on many boards, and gained recognition in his field.

The other son, J. Austin, remained at the Goforth home at 1002 S. Main in Bloomington with his wife, Louise (nee Thomas). He was a member of the Wade Barney Masonic Lodge, and the Bloomington Knights Templar. He worked for the city of Bloomington, operated the Little Boss Dairy, and held various insurance and investigator jobs.

John L. Thomas was probably the nephew of Austin and Louise. He wrote many letters to them – dated 1948 through 1984 -- reflecting his personal life and army career.

Scope and Content Notes

The Goforth collection consists of 1 box with 19 folders. There are also 4 scrapbooks containing playbills, ads, and articles from 1906 to the 1951. Items in the collection include newspaper articles and clippings, playbills, copies of family obituaries, personal letters, family genealogy, and fan mail from George Goforth's days on Chicago radio station WLS as an orchestra leader of the Black and Gold Orchestra.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Jonathan C. Goforth

- 1.1.1 To Charley from J. C. Goforth, note dated March 20, xxxx, regarding trunk, 1 page.
- 1.1.2 To Charley & Family from JCG, letter dated October 31, regarding orchestra dates and personal info.
- 1.1.3 "Events of the Day at Normal: Goforths Given Big Reception," *The Daily Pantagraph*, October 28, 1925.
- 1.1.4 "J. C. Goforth Is Called By Death," *The Daily Pantagraph*, with photo, March 2, 1926, p. 3.
- 1.1.5 "Mrs. Goforth, Band Leader's Mother Dies," *Pantagraph*, April 11, 1940, p. 3.
- 1.1.6 "From Mindanao Island," "Jessie Goforth to J. C. Goforth on 1st anniversary of arrival in the Phillipine Islands," newspaper clipping undated.

Folder 2: George C. Goforth II and grandson George.

- 1.2.1 Jan. 28, 1973 newspaper clipping, "Young champions determined in city billiards, table tennis."
- 1.2.2 Undated newspaper and clipping, photo and caption
- 1.2.3 8/20/1978 Holy Trinity Church program
- 1.2.4 10/15/1940 Cradle Roll Promotion Certificate

Folder 3: Dr. Eugene Goforth

- 1.3.1 June 8, 1941 newspaper clipping, "Dr. Goforth Gets Degree."
- 1.3.2 June 11, 1941 newspaper clipping with photo
- 1.3.3 July 8, 1942 newspaper clipping, "Dr. E. G. Goforth Named Lieutenant," with photo.
- 1.3.4 March 9, 1944 newspaper clipping, "Medics at Front Have Tough Job, Says Captain."
- 1.3.5 Undated newspaper clipping, "Army Medics Praised Highly by Veteran," with photo.
- 1.3.6 October 15, 1950 newspaper clipping, "Dr. Goforth Speaker for Washington PTA," with photo.
- 1.3.7 Eugene G. Goforth, M D. Biography, January, 1994.

- 1.3.8 “Eugene Goforth, One of First Psychoanalysts,” by Carole Beers, *Seattle Times* Staff Reporter, October 11, 1996.

Folder 4: J. Austin Goforth

- 1.4.1 January 23, 1925, Report Card, Grade 3-B.
- 1.4.2 “Kalahar Cards Delivered With City Water Bills,” and “Order Stops Distribution Of Cards,” *Pantagraph*, March 28 & 29, 1938.
- 1.4.3 “Graduating Class of Jefferson School Numbers 29,” with photo, includes Austin Goforth, no date.
- 1.4.4 National Association of Rudimental Drummers Certificate Number 1473, issued To J. Austin Goforth, July 27, 1944
- 1.4.5 CUB SECTION, Boy Scouts of America Charter, J. A. Goforth, Cubmaster, October 31, 1945, 2 copies.
- 1.4.6 “Cubs, Parents Roast Wieners,” *Pantagraph*, October 22, 1947.
- 1.4.7 “Band Programs Excellent,” *Editor, The Pantagraph*, signed J. Austin Goforth, September 9, 1969.
- 14.8 “The Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,” membership certificate, September 15, 1973.
- 14.9 “Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.”, certificate dated April 08, 1997.
- 14.10 “Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M.” certificate for 50 years as a Master Mason, Dated June 24, 1998.

Folder 5: John L. Thomas

- 1.5.1 Extract from the Records of West Point Academy, November 1, 1934.
- 1.5.2 U. S. Army postcard to Louise from John & Alice, thank you, September 23, 1946.
- 1.5.3 To Louise & Family from John & Alice, letter w/envelope, haven’t heard for a while, 1 page, February 23, 1948.
- 1.5.4 To Louise & Family from John & Alice, letter w/envelope, summer trips and weather, 2 pages, June 6, 1948.
- 1.5.5 “Col. Thomas Ends Army Staff Course,” *Pantagraph*, July 4, 1948.
- 1.5.6 To Louise & Family from John & Alice, letter w/envelope, in school, trips to Georgia and Kentucky, Alice’s daughter visited, 2 pages, October 24, xxxx.
- 1.5.7 To Louise & Family from John & Alice, letter w/envelope 2 pages, from Army base, dog died, concern about Stalin, February 16, 195x.
- 1.5.8 To Louise & Family from John & Alice, postcard, thank you, September 28, 1954.
- 1.5.9 To Louise from John, birthday card w/envelope, February 11, 1956.
- 1.5.10 Western Union Telegram to Mrs. S. B. Thomas from Herbert M. Jones, Major General re: son John seriously ill in Philippines with Malaria, January 2, 1958.
- 1.5.11 To Louise & Austin from Alice & John, Christmas card w/envelope, December 15, 1961.
- 1.5.12 To Lou & Austin from Alice & John letter w/envelope, thank you for birthday card, planning a hunt in South America, soloed flying, December 10, 1967.
- 1.5.13 To Lou & Austin from Alice & John, Christmas card w/ envelope, December 21, 19xx.

- 1.5.14 To Louise & Austin from Alice & John letter w/envelope, returning to active duty, March 4, 19xx.
- 1.5.15 To Louise & Austin from Alice & John 2 page letter w/envelope, got back from Paraguay, visited Argentina, operated on Dad, January 4, 1969.
- 1.5.16 To Lou & Austin from John 2 page letter w/envelope, just got back from Argentina June 12, 1970.
- 1.5.17 To Louise & Austin from John letter w/envelope, totaled car & except to lose driver's permit, September 1, 1970.
- 1.5.18 To Louise & Austin from John letter w/envelope, Alice has left him, September 27, 19xx.
- 1.5.19 To Louise and Austin from John w/envelope, please come visit, October 5, 19xx.
- 1.5.20 To Lou & Austin from John w/envelope, problem w/booze, back from S. America, come visit, December 29, 19xx.
- 1.5.21 To Lou & Austin from John w/envelope, leaving to S. America in Nov. October 23, 19xx.
- 1.5.22 To Louise & Austin from Alice & John w/envelope, thank you for birthday card, still in hospital, September 10, xxxx.

Folder 6: Miscellaneous Family Correspondence

- 1.6.1 To Ralphie from Aunt Iris, letter, "getting to be a big boy", March 20, 1904.
- 1.6.2 To Ralph from George Goforth, 2 page letter, "very good letter writer," March 20, 1904.
- 1.6.3 To Louise & Austin from Ray & Mary Alice w/envelope, enjoyed visit and had nice trip home, October 17, 1984.
- 1.6.4 To Louise, Austin & All from Eunice 2 page letter w/envelope, homemade remedies/general gossip, August 14, 1984.
- 1.6.5 To Louise & Austin, from Eunice, 1 1/2 page note w/envelope, general gossip, July 7, 1986
- 1.6.6 To Louise, Austin & All from Eunice & Bob 3 page letter w/envelope, general family gossip, wedding, sewing club, October 2, 1986.
- 1.6.7 To Louise & Austin from Mary A. & Ray 2 page letter w/envelope, 3 wedding photos, November 4, 1986.
- 1.6.8 To "Folks," (J. A.) from Eunice & Bob 1 1/2 page note w/envelope, planting crops and gardens, May 15, 1987.
- 1.6.9 To Louise & Austin from Eunice 2 page letter w/envelope, farming and family gossip, June 3, 19xx.
- 1.6.10 To Louise & Austin from Eunice 2 page letter w/envelope, family reunion news, July 6, 1987.
- 1.6.11 To Louise & Austin from Eunice 2 page letter w/envelope, general family news/gossip October 23, 1987.
- 1.6.12 To Uncle Austin, Aunt Louise and George from Dave, 2 page typed letter, thank you for hospitality while visiting, December 5, 1987.
- 1.6.13 To Louise & Austin from Eunice & Bob, 2 page letter w/envelope, family news/gossip, June 6, 1988.
- 1.6.14 To Louise & Austin from Eunice & Bob, 2 page letter w/envelope, family news, June 29, 1988.

- 1.6.15 To Louise & Austin from Eunice, 2 page letter w/envelope, farming and family news, August 22, 1988.

Folder 7: Earl Goforth

- 1.7.1 Undated clipping “Earl Goforth and his Band To Play at Country Club” with photo and caption
- 1.7.2 Undated front and back 8 ½” x 11” sheet with photo of “South Goforth and His Florida Swingsters” on one side and 4 clippings about Earl Goforth’s Orchestra on the other side.
- 1.7.3 “Earl Goforth, Band Leader, Dies at 78.” *Pantagraph*, November 16, 1959, 2 copies.
- 1.7.4 Reproduction June 19, 1961 of “Off to the War-1917” drawing (2 copies).
- 1.7.5 “‘How Time Flies,’ 50 years Ago”, 1927 appearance by Earl Goforth, *Pantagraph*, April 2, 1977.

Folder 8: George C. Goforth: newspaper articles, photos, *Pantagraph*, unless noted

- 1.8.1 “Noted Director Leads Band,” article w/photo, newspaper excerpt regarding Goforth and Gold Orchestra, July 4, 1915.
- 1.8.2 “For Rent,” strictly modern house, Geo. C. Goforth, *Daily Bulletin*, June 15, 1920.
- 1.8.3 “Culver Black Horse Troop March Shines,” *The Franklin Democrat*. Franklin, Indiana, August 17, 1923.
- 1.8.4 “Central Illinois Bandmen Gather for Play Day and Contests at Fairbury,” /photo, September 21, 1935.
- 1.8.5 “Strike Up the Band,” photo w/”Prisoners at Pontiac,” May 15, 1939
- 1.8.6 Two Christmas Cards w/Goforth photo, December 25, 1939.
- 1.8.7 “Goforth To Conduct Shrine Band,” /photo, September 9, 1940.
- 1.8.8 “2 Veteran Directors Share Concert Baton” /photo, September 2, 1947.
- 1.8.9 *By the Public*, “George Goforth Boosted for Band” February 19, 1948.
- 1.8.10 “George C. Goforth, Band Leader Dies,” March 3, 1950 (2 copies)
- 1.8.11 *Letters to the Editor*, “Recalls Goforth days at O’Neil’s,” October 11, 1972.
- 1.8.12 *A Page From Our Past*, “Goforth rang in Jazz Age new year,” by Bill Kemp, December 30, 2007.
- 1.8.13 Undated article w/photo - “Goforth Is Named Director of County Legion Drum Corps,”
- 1.8.14 Undated photo - 12 piece orchestra WPA project under direction of George C. Goforth
- 1.8.15 Undated photo – George C. Goforth and his Gold Orchestra.
- 1.8.16 Undated photo – formal portrait of George C. Goforth

Folder 9: Music in Bloomington before the Talkies

- 1.9.1 “Music in Bloomington before the Talkies” by Minor Myers, Jr., 26 pages, July 28, 1990.
- 1.9.2 To Minor Myers from J. Austin Goforth, Thank You for sending above mentioned transcript (1.9.1).

Folder 10: Bongo Park, newspaper clippings, *Pantagraph*, unless noted

- 1.10.1 Jan. 16, 1974 newspaper clipping “Back to Bongo Park”
- 1.10.2 Mar. 19, 1979 newspaper clipping “Memories of the ‘20s: Big bands at Bongo” w/photo of pavilion at Bongo Park.
- 1.10.3 “The Big Bands And Bongo Park,” Don Munson’s WJBC Sesquicentennial Stories, (1980).
- 1.10.4 June 30, 1996 newspaper clipping, *Back Then*, “Bongo Park scene of the 4th” by Gene Smedley, w/photo (2 copies)

Folder 11: Miscellaneous, 1919 – 1929 Dance Hall ads, Orchestra appearances, *Pantagraph* unless noted.

- 1.11.1 Maplewood Club Dance card, Geo. C. Goforth and his Orchestra.
- 1.11.1 Undated postcard w/marching band picture.
- 1.11.3 “Culver Black Horse Troop,” March by John Marshall Gillespie, six pages music.
- 1.11.4 Two Goforth dance appearances, Jan. 18, at McLean, Jan. 22 at Williams Hall, (1919).
- 1.11.5 *Daily Bulletin*, Sept. 22, 1919, Goforth’s Jazz Orchestra at K of C, Goforth’s Orchestra at People’s Hall, Merna.
- 1.11.6 August, 1920, three Dance Orchestra ads, one Goforth at Broadway Club.
- 1.11.7 September 3, 1920, five Dance Orchestra ads, two Goforth at Miller Park and American Legion.
- 1.11.8 May 27, 1922, three Dance Orchestra ads, two Goforth at ElFair Grove and Maplewood Country Club.
- 1.11.9 June 10, 1922, Goforth Orchestra ad, Dance at Community Hall in McLean.
- 1.11.10 June 21, 1922, *Daily Bulletin*, Goforth Orchestra ad. Dance at Shady Nook.
- 1.11.11 July 4, 1922, Goforth Orchestra ad. American Legion.
- 1.11.12 August 1, 1922, three Dance Orchestra ads, none for Goforth, one Baseball game.
- 1.11.13 December 30, 1924, three Dance Orchestra ads, none for Goforth.
- 1.11.14 December 31, 1924, three Dance Orchestra ads, one Goforth at Colliseum w/photo.
- 1.11.15 January 1, 1925 New Year’s Night, Goforth w/photo, also Annual Ball-St. Patrick’s Night.
- 1.11.16 June 30, 1925, two Dance Orchestra ads, one for Goforth at Funk’s Grove.
- 1.11.17 July 5, 1925, *Daily Bulletin*, two ads, one for Geo. C. Goforth and His Gold Band at Funk’s Grove.
- 1.11.18 August 2, 1925, *Daily Bulletin*, three Dance Orchestra ads, one for Geo. Goforth Gold Band at Funk’s Grove.
- 1.11.19 August 5, 1925, six Dance Orchestra ads, none for Goforth.
- 1.11.20 August 8, 1925, four Dance Orchestra ads, none for Goforth.
- 1.11.21 August 8, 1925, four Dance Orchestra ads, one for Goforth’s. Gold Band at Funk’s Grove. .
- 1.11.22 January 22, 1926, three Dance Orchestra ads, none for Goforth.
- 1.11.23 August 14, 1926, six Dance Orchestra ads, one for Geo. C.Goforth’s Gold Band at Funk’s Grove.

- 1.11.24 October 17, 1926, two ads, one George C. Goforth and his Station WLS, Chicago Radio Orchestra at Funk's Gove.
- 1.11.25 October 24, 1926, *Sunday Bulletin*, two ads, one George C. Goforth and his WLS, Radio Band at Funk's Grove.
- 1.11.26 October 28, 1926, two ads, one George C. Goforth and his Gold Radio Band at the Coliseum.
- 1.11.27 December 30, 1926, three ads, one George C. Goforth and his WLS Radio Band at the Coliseum.
- 1.11.28 December 31, 1926, six Dance Orchestra ads, none for Goforth.
- 1.11.29 January 1, 1927, five ads, one Geo. C. Goforth and his WLS Radio Band at the Coliseum.
- 1.11.30 August 6, 1927, five ads, one for Earl Goforth and His Orchestra at Bon-Go Park.
- 1.11.31 October 30, 1927, one ad w/photo Geo. C. Goforth's Orchestra at Bon-Go Park.
- 1.11.32 December 17, 1927, two ads, one for Geo. C. Goforth and his Orchestra at Bon-Go Park.
- 1.11.33 December 31, 1927, ten ads, one Geo. C. Goforth & His WLS Artists at O'Neil's Pavilion.
- 1.11.34 September 1, 1928, five ads, one Geo. C. Goforth and His Orchestra at Bon-Go Park.
- 1.11.35 December 30, 1928, three ads, two Geo. C. Goforth and His Music at O'Neil's Pavilion.
- 1.11.36 December 31, 1928, one dance ad, Geo. C. Goforth and His Music at O;Neil's Pavilion.
- 1.11.37 April 6, 1929, five ads, one Geo. C. Goforth and His Orchestra at O'Neil's Pavilion.
- 1.11.38 April 17, 1929, three ads, one Geo. C. Goforth and Orchestra at O'Neil's Pavilion.
- 1.11.39 December 31, 1929, one ad, Geo. Goforth's Band, Ten Pieces at McBarnes Memorial Building.

Folder 12: Miscellaneous, 1930 – 2009, booklets, brochures, newspaper articles w/photo, *Pantagraph*, unless noted

- 1.12.1 "Rush County, twenty-sixth annual Chautauqua," August 3 to 10, 1930, 8 page booklet.
- 1.12.2 "Price List," Springfield Musicians Association, August 1, 1932, 7 page booklet.
- 1.12.3 November 24, 1944, dance ad, Geo. C. Goforth's Orchestra at Big Apple.
- 1.12.4 "The Bloomington Band, 1946 Schedule of Concerts," brochure.
- 1.12.5 *How Time Flies*, paragraphs from 25, 50, and 75 years ago about George Goforth's Black and Gold orchestra/band, 10 items, 4 pages.
- 1.12.6 "Another 'trivial' pursuit of facts you didn't know," by Bill Flick, short paragraph about Goforth, July, 1990.
- 1.12.7 *Back Then*, By Gene Smedley, "Miller's brothers' band got plenty of play time," w/photo, March 16, 1997, "Pavilion Ballroom kept 'em dancing," w/photo, April 20, 1997, and "Hotels helped downtown Bloomington," w/photos, July 20, 1997. (3 items)
- 1.12.8 *Identity Unknown*, By Mary Ann Fergus, "A twirl through time," copy w/photo, May 22, 1999.

Folder 13: Dance Hall Articles

- 1.13.1 "Licensing Dance Halls Sustained," June 11, 1921, "Woman Policeman Tells Of Dances," June 14, 1921.
- 1.13.2 "Wage War On O'Neil Dance," July 21, 1922.
- 1.13.3 "County's Dances Are Cleanest In Illinois, Sheriff," *Daily Bulletin*, August 2, 1925.
- 1.13.4 "Mrs. Bohrer's Bill and Its History Is Subject of Article," *Pantagraph*, April 7, 1926.
- 1.13.5 "One Way with Dance-Halls," w/ photo, By Caroline Avis, *The Woman Citizen*, Volume X, Number 13, April, 1926.
- 1.13.6 "Fire Razes Pavilion Near Funks Grove," *Pantagraph*, December 19, 1946.

Folder 14: Obits

- 1.14.1 Funeral card for Byron Farmer, died August 31, 1891.
- 1.14.1 Funeral card for Mrs. Mary J. Gay, born March 24, 1824, died December 29, 1906.
- 1.14.2 Funeral card for Emma Dora Gay, born December 15, 1859, died August 2, 1912.
- 1.14.3 Funeral card for Maud Alice Smith, born December 14, 1881, died May 26, 1913.
- 1.14.4 Undated copy of three newspaper obits: "Mrs, Mary F. Berdine," "Mrs. Loura Berdine" and "J. S. Berdine."
- 1.14.5 Undated copy of four newspaper obits: "Mrs. S. B. Thomas," Will Berdine," Mrs. John Berdine," and "Mary Jane Berdine."
- 1.14.6 Undated copy of ten newspaper clippings - obits and other: Mrs. Zerilla Johnson, "Louise A. Mann," "Mrs. C. C. Barnes," "Mr. Reason Gay" (2 separate items), "Ira Moorhouse," (September 30, 1939), "Barney Farmer," "Mrs. A. F. Small/ Mrs. Sarah Small," (2 items-same person), "Mrs. Lulu Slemmons."
- 1.14.7 Five newspaper obit copies of various dates and one memorial: "Mrs. Goforth Band Leader's Mother, Dies," (April 10, 1940), "Mrs. Anna Goforth," *Peoria Journal Star*, (May 2, 1958), "Mrs. Ellanor Wilson," "J. C. Goforth Is Called By Death," 2 pieces of same item w/partial photo, March 2, 1926, "In Remembrance, Mrs. Eleanor Wilson,"
- 1.14.8 Six newspaper obit copies of various dates: "Miss Berndene Had Full Interesting Life," "Wilhelmine Berdine Dies In California," (June 24, 1940), "John Berdine," "Veteran Geo. Berdine Dies At Fort Dodge," (February, 1911), "Mrs. Mary Berdine Dies," "Death Of An Old Settler,"
- 1.14.9 Three undated newspaper articles: "J. C. Goforth Taken by Death," "Will of J. C. Goforth Filed for Probate," untitled article about a Goforth.
- 1.14.10 Three undated newspaper articles: "W. Berdine Killed," "Death's Doings," "Hold Rites For C. M. Berdine At Farmington,"
- 1.14.11 Three undated newspaper articles: "George C. Goforth, Band Leader Dies," w/photo, "Death of Jacob Seiple," "Death of William Goforth,"
- 1.14.12 "George C. Goforth, Band Leader, Dies," w/photo - laminated copy.
- 1.14.13 "Raymond Thomas, 83," w/photo, *The Perry County News*, October 12, 1995, "In Loving Memory of Raymond A. Thomas," Prayer Card.
- 1.14.14 "Eugene Goforth," *Pantagraph*, October 20, 1996.
- 1.14.15 J. Austin Goforth, *Pantagraph*, November 23, 2006 laminated copy.

Folder 15: Goforth Genealogical Info

- 1.15.1 "Third Generation," photocopy of account of first Goforth arriving in English colonies, 1677.
- 1.15.2 Two sided page, Births from 1834, Deaths from 1858
- 1.15.3 Two sided page, Births from 1837, Marriages – no entries.
- 1.15.4 Five scraps of paper noting births and deaths of some Thomas and Goforth family persons in 1800's.
- 1.15.5 Holy Matrimony Certificate in plastic sleeve, William Goforth and Matilda A. Roberts, August 7, 1862.
- 1.15.6 Two sided page, Deaths from 1882, Memoranda – no entries.
- 1.15.7 Autograph book from 1882.
- 1.15.8 Marriage Certificate, Charles O. Barnes and Rosa A. Farmer, June 1, 1893.
- 1.15.9 Four separate, short, newspaper paragraphs on one page: Goforth/Farmer Honeymoon, Farmer Maritime Service, Barnes wedding, Barnes visit, 1893?
- 1.15.10 Two sided memorial page, handwritten account of 1903 funeral.
- 1.15.11 "A Dip Into The Past, Forty Years Ago," *Farmington Bugle*, May 28, 1903, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goforth, arrival of daughter.
- 1.15.12 "Ray Farmer Has Enlisted," April 14, 1905.
- 1.15.13 "Harry Ray Farmer Dead," 2 page hand written account, June, 1910.
- 1.15.14 "Our Baby's Journal," (baby book), born February 12, 1918, name unclear.
- 1.15.15 "Goforth Family Newsletter," to A. Justin Goforth, mailed December 1, 1970, 4 pages.
- 1.15.16 "Goforth Family Newsletter," to A. Justin Goforth, mailed August 7, 1973, 5 pages.
- 1.15.17 "The Old Town Pump," article w/envelope to Mrs. Louise Goforth, 1995.
- 1.15.18 "Mrs. And Mrs. S. A. Stookey Married Sixty Years," undated newspaper article.
- 1.15.19 "Injuries May Prove Fatal," undated newspaper article.
- 1.15.20 Two sides page: "Children of Julayett & Elexander Payne, and handwritten history as told by Grandma Goforth, undated.

Folder 16: WLS Fan Mail Postcards

- 1.16.1 35 postcards from Canada, California, Arkansas, Indiana, Pennsylvania, as well as Illinois and other U.S. locations, praising "Corn Huskers," noting good reception on WLS Radio Station, 1926-27. 26 are stamped "answered," all have red check marks or underlines.

Folder 17: WLS Fan Mail Letters

- 1.17.1 34 Letters from Canada, California, Nebraska, Alabama, South Dakota, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, as well as Illinois and other U.S. locations, most addressed to the WLS Radio Station praising "Corn Huskers," noting good reception, and making musical requests to be played on WLS Radio Station, 1926-27. 7 are stamped "answered," most have blue check marks and/or red underlines.

Folder 18: WLS Fan Mail letters

- 1.18.1 45 Letters from New York Minnesota, Michigan, Oklahoma, Indiana, Maryland, Georgia, Pennsylvania, as well as Illinois and other U. S. locations, most addressed to the WLS Radio Station praising “Corn Huskers,” noting good reception, and making musical requests to be played on WLS Radio Station, 1926-27. 12 are stamped “answered,” all have blue check marks and some red underlines.

Folder 19: Miscellaneous

- 1.19.1 Typed recipe for caramel apples
1.19.2 “George C. Goforth Verical File,” undated, 3 pages.
1.19.3 “Goforth Collection,” Spring 2013, 5 pages.
1.19.4 Fax from Bill Kemp, Librarian/Archivist to Mary Ann Ford re: former Goforth home on 1002 S. Main, history w/maps, letters from Illinois Historic Preservation, and Russell E. DePew, Atty., 6 pages

Scrapbook: Vaudeville Acts

The scrapbook cover is pasted with a “Goforth and Doyle” faded and peeling playbill. 70 pages inside pasted with ads on both sides for vaudeville acts from 1897 through early 1900’s including several “Earl-Goforth & Doyle-Bella,” w/photos. Other acts featured are acrobats, jugglers, fiddlers, singers, musicians, dancers, comedy, dog acts, and black-face minstrel.

The final 10 pages (on both sides) contain Goforth and Doyle ads w/photos, as well as newspaper articles, theater and vaudeville news, 1903 – 1907.

Scrapbook: The Hamilton Sisters

17 pages on both sides of newspaper clippings (plus a number of loose clippings) performances of “The Hamilton Sisters,” Ethel and Agnes Marine, a circus aerial act of the early 1920s.

Scrapbook: Earl Goforth Orchestra

32 pages on both sides of newspaper clippings, playbills, and photos of the Earl Goforth Orchestra. There are also items about the George Goforth Orchestra. George and Earl were both featured with WLS Radio, Mr. North-side, and Earl’s Mr. South-side “Minstrel Revue.” Both bands appear together on some playbills. Dates from 1927 to 1951.

Scrapbook: Goforth & Doyle

37 pages on both sides playbills, newspaper clippings (some loose) w/photos and articles from W. Va., Alabama, Louisiana, New York, Ohio, and elsewhere of vaudeville act Goforth and Doyle. Also included are clippings about George Goforth and his orchestra. Dates from 1906 to 1926.