

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Iseminger Family Collection**

**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1868-1981
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**Brief History**

Daniel Henry Iseminger (1837-1911) was born the son of Daniel & Sarah (Wile) Iseminger in Ohio. He wed Mary Susan Slagel in 1872, lived in Heyworth area, and the couple moved to South Clayton Street in Bloomington in 1876 to spend the rest of the lives. Daniel was a carriage painter by trade and, as an inventor, held several patents.

Mary Susan Slagel (1872-1938) was born in West Virginia and came to Coles County IL at age five weeks. She moved with her family to Heyworth at age 2, where she eventually met and wed Daniel Henry Iseminger.

Both were members of the First Christian Church in Bloomington. The couple reared two children: daughter Lulu B. and son Floyd.

Floyd (1879-1980) was born and lived his entire life in Bloomington. He quit high school out of lack of interest in what they were teaching. He worked on steam engine for a laundry, then as a bicycle repairman. In 1905, Floyd opened the first Ford auto dealership in McLean County. In 1915, company politics led to him losing his Ford dealership contract. He then sold Hupmobiles until 1919. After that, he repaired cameras for a living.

In 1907, Floyd married Emily Ann Blair; she died 1939. After being widowed for 23 years, he married Grace Blair in 1982 when he was age 83.

## Scope

The collection includes newspaper articles, receipts, prescriptions, recipes, bank checks, tax bills, legal papers, land deeds, US and Canadian patents, and other materials from the family.

### Folder 1: Biographical Information

- 1.1 Two photographs from Floyd's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday
- 1.2 "Floyd Iseminger dies at 101," Pantagraph, September 21, 1981 (two originals)
- 1.3 "Floyd, at 99, has lots to look back on," Pantagraph, February 12, 1978 (one original and one photocopy)
- 1.4 "Great fire of 1900: 'It was awful,'" Pantagraph, June 15, 1980
- 1.5 "To Mark 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Year," unknown sources
- 1.6 Receipt for Fultz Studio, September 16, 1982
- 1.7 Photocopy of portrait, Mary Susan Slagel Iseminger
- 1.8 News photo, "The Park," Pantagraph, August 6, 1939
- 1.9 Poster, "Public Auction: Lifetime Estate of 101 Year Old Floyd Iseminger" (two originals and one photocopy)

### Folder 2: Medical Receipts

- 2.1 Receipt for Floyd Iseminger from Dr. Henry W. Grote, December 9, 191?
- 2.2 Receipts for medical care for Miss Lula Iseminger dates August 5, 1910-September 20, 1926
- 2.3 Envelope, "Lu's receipts"
- 2.4 Receipts for Mrs. Iseminger, 1920 and 1930

### Folder 3: Prescriptions and recipes

- 3.1 Handwritten recipes, "Silver Plating," "Arabian Secret of Taming Horses," "Lime water," "Treatment for Boils," "Diaphoretic Powder," "Magnesium

- Oxide,” “cancer reciept, “Dr. Smeltz Quick Relief,” “For Gall Stones & gravel,” “For Rhumatism,” “Quick Relief,” “Cyclone Ointment,” “Lye Water,” “Cough Syrup,” “For Rheumatism,” “Rhuematism Medicine,” “For Felons,” “For Lockjaw,” “Dr. Sloan’s Powder,” “For Ague,” “Cyclone Ointment,” “Milk of Bismuth,” “Infaluable Remedy for Salt rhume,” “Eye water” untitled recipes, “For Guitre(?)” “for choking”
- 3.2 Handwritten notes, “Emotions Controlled,” “Tonsillitis,” note from Dr. C. Richard Ahroon Jr., untitled handwritten notes (four)
- 3.3 Newspaper clipping
- 3.4 Picture, “You Can’t Have a Single Bite”
- 3.5 Prescriptions-- Four handwritten on paper, one from Walgreen Co., and one from Moore’s Drug Store
- 3.6 Handwritten prescription from J.K.P. Hawks, M.D.

#### **Folder 4: Christian Church**

- 4.1 The Ancient Gospel in Modern Fiction
- 4.2 Tenth Anniversary Sermon delivered at the Christian Church, Bloomington, IL, by J. H. Gilliland. February 6, 1898

#### **Folder 5: Slagle Family**

- 5.1 Handwritten list of Slagle family relatives
- 5.2 Receipt for Odd Fellows Dues for Charles Slagle of Heyworth IL, 1899
- 5.3 Odd Fellows membership for Charles Slagle of Heyworth IL, 1899
- 5.4 Envelope for Chas Slagle
- 5.5 Two unused address labels for F.G. Iseminger Automobiles and Supplies, Bloomington, IL
- 5.6 Certificate for reaching the third degree of the Heyworth Lodge of the Independent Odd Fellows, August 22, 1893

#### **Folder 6: Legal Papers**

- 6.1 Option in the Iseminger Window Bracket to buy for \$ 1,100 for ten days granted to P. J. Collins of Bloomington for \$25. July 14, 1904
- 6.2 Special Tax Sale Notice for delinquent taxes. June 23, 1905.
- 6.3 Note payable by the Gravity Gate Company, Bloomington, IL, to Daniel H Iseminger for \$1,000 payable out of profits of said business. May 16, 1906.
- 6.4 Copy of court summons in the matter of Jacob Slagle vs. John Peters, et al. July 19, 1911.

#### **Folder 7: Tax Bills**

Tax bills for the Iseminger family in Randolph township IL from 1871-1875

### **Folder 8: Tax Bills**

D.H. Iseminger and Floyd Iseminger tax receipts and notice of special assessments. Items date from 1880-1921. Property in Bloomington, Illinois.

### **Folder 9: Correspondence**

- 9.1 1933 Check signed by Floyd Iseminger to American State Bank, Bloomington, IL
- 9.2 Envelope
- 9.3 Letter to from W.H. Burks, cashier at Security State Bank (Wellington, KS) to H.D. Iseminger, Esq., Feb.25-98
- 9.4 Register of Deeds of Sumner County, Kansas, receipt, July 25, 1899.
- 9.5 Receipt, Treasurers Office, Sumner County, Kansas, July 25, 1898.
- 9.6 Receipt, Security State Bank D.H. Iseminger signed by W.H. Burks
- 9.7 Letter to Floyd G. Iseminger from Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, Springfield, IL. Dated April 20, 1933
- 9.8 Postcard, To Miss Lula Iseminger from the Old Ranger (Borax Co.). Postmarked 1934

### **Folder 10: Financial**

- 10.1 German American Bank (Bloomington, IL) check, signed by Mary Iseminger paid to Virginia Nelson, August 6, 1917, October 6, 1917, and September 25, 1917 (two items), and blank check.
- 10.2 German American Bank (Bloomington, IL) deposit slips for Mary Iseminger, 10-6-1917 and 1-10-1918
- 10.3 German American Bank Bloomington, IL, balance book for Mrs. Mary Iseminger, October 1917
- 10.4 Checks for Floyd Iseminger 1902, loan document 1905, check for D.H. Iseminger 1908, Receipt from American Insurance Company, September 1908, Check from Bertha Wurzburger to Floyd Iseminger April 1928, Check to Mrs. Iseminger June 1938 (7 items)
- 10.5 Four items, loan documents 1867

### **Folder 11: Canadian Patent**

- 11.1 Envelope from Canadian Department of Agriculture
- 11.2 Letter of approval from Department of Agriculture, Patent Office, Ottawa, Canada, May 1, 1874
- 11.3 Canada, Patent of Invention for Daniel Henry Iseminger for Iseminger Saw Sharpening Machine, issued April 28, 1874

### **Folder 12: Patent--Swinging Gate**

- 12.1 Correspondence from H.B. Willson & Co. to Daniel H. Iseminger, Esq., November 23, 1904
- 12.2 Correspondence from H.B. Willson & Co. to Daniel H. Iseminger, November 23, 1904
- 12.3 Blank Assignment of Territory
- 12.4 Blank Assignment from H.B. Willson & Co.

### **Folder 13: Advertisements**

- 13.1 The Iseminger Clamp
- 13.2 The Iseminger Common Sense Gravity Gate

### **Folder 14: Patents**

- 14.1 United States Patent for the improvement in saw-filing machine, issued October 20, 1868 to D.H. Iseminger
- 14.2 United States Patent for Improvement in Apparatus for Lighting Street Lamps, issued December 3, 1875 to Matthew Faloon and Daniel H. Iseminger
- 14.3 United States Patent for Improvement on Gas Lighters, Issued February 25, 1876 to Matthew Faloon and Daniel H. Iseminger
- 14.4 United States Patent for improvement to Pneumatic Signaling Apparatus, issued to Matthew Faloon and Daniel H. Iseminger, issued July 28, 1877
- 14.5 United States Patent for Improvement in Reciprocating Engines, issued September 11, 1877 to Daniel H. Iseminger and Matthew Faloon
- 14.6 United States Patent for Improvement to Gas Lighters issued September 12, 1877 to Matthew Faloon and Daniel H. Iseminger
- 14.7 United States Patent for improvement in Automatic Lighting Devices, issued to Matthew Faloon and Daniel H. Iseminger, issued August 12, 1878
- 14.8 United States Patent for Weather Strip, issued March 24, 1885 to Daniel H. Iseminger and S.B. Cooper
- 14.9 United States Patent for Try-Square, issued October 29, 1889 to Daniel H. Iseminger
- 14.10 United States Patent for Window Brackets issued April 18, 1893 to Daniel H. Iseminger
- 14.11 United States Patent for Clamp, issued October 3, 1893 to Daniel H. Iseminger
- 14.12 United States Patent for the Iseminger Engine issued June 25, 1901 to Daniel H. Iseminger
- 14.13 United States Patent for Swinger Gates issued November 22, 1904 to Daniel H. Iseminger
- 14.14 Envelope from Department of Interior Patent Office postmarked August 1891
- 14.15 Envelope from Department of Interior Patent Office postmarked June

1901

**Folder 15: Deeds**

- 15.1 Deed dated April 4, 1870 for five acres of land to Daniel Iseminger from Wyett Adams family
- 15.2 Deed dated July 3, 1877 land from Stephen W. Covey to Matthew Faloon
- 15.3 Deed dated January 5, 1877 land from Daniel H. Iseminger to Matthew Faloon
- 15.4 Deed for cemetery plots from the Heyworth Cemetery Association for D.H. Iseminger and his heirs.

**Folder 16: Ephemera & Miscellaneous**

- 16.1 Tag and small envelope
- 16.2 Tissue
- 16.3 Bird drawing (2 items)
- 16.4 Drawing of flowers, on back "A present to D. H. Iseminger"
- 16.5 "If We All Set a Good Example--Would It Help?" from E.J. Wallace Coal Co., Inc (St. Louis Missouri) August 14, 1940
- 16.6 Red Tissue
- 16.7 Cardboard with pencil drawing
- 16.8 Product list for G.C. Herberling Co.
- 16.9 Facsimile of 10 confederate dollars, advertisement on back for Woolson Spice Co.'s Famous Lion Coffee
- 16.10 Facsimile of 20 confederate dollars, advertisement on back for Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills (W.H. Comstock, Sole Proprietor, Morristown, St. Lawrence Co., NY)
- 16.11 Evergreen City Business College Bank, 50 dollars to the bearer, on back "Current only in the actual business department of the Evergreen City Business College, Bloomington, ILL"
- 16.12 Recipe for mounting pictures on glass
- 16.13 Hand drawn map of Bloomington streets
- 16.14 Advertisement, "Scott & Co.'s Excelsior Sky-Light Daguerrean Gallery, Opposite the Court House, over Vail's Jewelry Store, Laporte." unknown sources
- 16.15 Handwritten list of Bible verses on reverse side of envelope postmarked November 25, 1905
- 16.16 "Washington's Inauguration" by Lula Iseminger, Handwritten essay