

McLean County Museum of History

Loyal Star—Prairie State Lodge 45 Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1923-68
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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NOTES:	Gift of Carl and Dan Presley, Nov 2000.

Brief History

Loyal Star of America is a women's auxiliary to the Brotherhood Railway Carmen of America. It was formed nationally September 14th 1901. Their aim was to promote the union, provide support to afflicted carmen and their families, and promote social interest, education, and morality.

Prairie State Lodge No. 45 was the Bloomington, IL Chapter of Loyal Star. A search of Newspapers.com shows the Lodge was most active from the mid-1920's thru the mid-1970's.

Scope

The collection includes constitutions, by-laws, rituals, membership applications, Secretary Treasurer financial receipts, and a list of members for Loyal Star of America Prairie State Local No. 45.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Lodge No. 45 Booklets

- 1.1 Minutes of 10th Convention of Loyal Star of America at Kansas City, MO, 22 Sept 1941, 27 pp.
- 1.2 Minutes of 12th Convention of Loyal Star of America at Kansas City, MO 11 Sept 1950, 34pp.
- 1.3 Ritual Booklet for Loyal Star of America, 75 pp., 2 copies.
- 1.4 By-laws of Prairie State Lodge No. 45 of Loyal Star, 1924.
- 1.5 Constitution of Loyal Star of America, amended Sept 1954, 35pp., 2 copies.
- 1.6 Constitution of Loyal Star of America, amended Sept 1958, 35pp., 2 copies.

Folder 2: Lodge No 45. Financials

- 2.1 Loyal Star of America Warrant Book for Prairie State Lodge No. 45, listing who checks were made out to and for what reason, Feb 1958-Sept 1962.
- 2.2 Loyal Star Due Receipts, Sept -Dec 1961, 2 booklets.
- 2.3 Envelope of Lodge No. 45 Treasurer's receipts for dues and assessments, Jan- Dec 1961.
- 2.4 Receipts for Lodge No. 45 dues, Jan 1962 -Dec 1963.
- 2.5 Envelope of receipts from Loyal Star Grand Lodge Secretary Treasurer Minnie Sherer, 1960-63.
- 2.6 Death Claim receipts for Lodge No. 45, 11 April 1951.
- 2.7 Quarterly Financial reports for Lodge No. 45, 1961, 4pp.
- 2.8 Cecil Hill, Grand President, at Kansas City to all Local Lodges concerning vote on 1968 convention and yearly financial report of Grand Secretary-Treasurer, 26 April 1968 3pp.

Folder 3: Miscellaneous

- 3.1 83 applications for membership to Loyal Star, 1923-29,1938, 1940-42, 1963, undated.
- 3.2 Gift Agreement with Carl and Dan Presley, 1 Nov 2000.
- 3.3 Handwritten list of items in collection and names of Lodge No. 45 members, 5pp.
- 3.4 Directory of Grand and Subordinate Lodges of Loyal Star, Corrected April 1966, 32pp.