

McLean County Museum of History

H. Clay Tate Collection

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Collection Information

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Historical Sketch

“Building a Better Home Town,” by H. Clay Tate was published in 1954. He wrote from his experiences as editor of *The Daily Pantagraph* and also as a participant in the Central Illinois Betterment Program. This experimental program was designed to strengthen small communities by encouraging self-analysis of needs and potentialities along with relationships to surrounding communities.

The Way It Was in McLean County 1972-1822,” began 1968, as part of the State of Illinois sesquicentennial projects, when community leaders tapped Tate to write a current history of McLean County. Tate spent four years researching and writing this volume.

The history begins in 1822 with the first settlers in the Blooming Grove area and details successive changes in farming methods, industries, the absorption of local businesses by nationwide corporations, growth of State Farm Insurance, changes to the Illinois State Normal University, and other transitions in the middle third of the 20th century.

Tate was born in Eldorado, Illinois, earned a bachelors degree from Illinois College, and

worked for a variety of Illinois newspapers before becoming the editor of the *Daily Pantagraph* in 1945.

Scope and Content Notes

Box 1, *Building a Better Home Town*, includes draft book chapters, miscellaneous articles, and materials regarding Stanford.

Box 2, *The Way It Was In McLean County 1972-1822*, includes book chapters, invoices, and notes, book order forms, literary reviews, correspondence, thank you notes and letters, sketches and layout copies.

Box and Folder Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1: “Building a Better Home Town” early drafts

- 1.1.1 Preface – chapter outlines, 8 pages.
- 1.1.2 Preface w/letter of recognition, 8 pages.
- 1.1.3 Chapter I – Must We Accept Centralization (penciled in), 9 pages.
- 1.1.4 Chapter 2 – Human Erosion, 7 pages.
- 1.1.5 Chapter 3 – The Small Community, 11 pages.
- 1.1.6 Chapter 4 – Inarticulate Communities (penciled in), 7 pages.
- 1.1.7 Chapter 5 – Too Many Communities, 7 pages.
- 1.1.8 Chapter 5 – Lilliputian Communities, 4 pages (2 copies)
- 1.1.9 Chapter 5 - Lilliputian Communities (penciled in), 5 pages.
- 1.1.10 Chapter 6 – They Have Eyes, But See Not, 12 pages.
- 1.1.11 Chapter 7 – They Have Eyes, But See Not, 9 pages
- 1.1.11 Chapter 7 – Unmoved by the Spirit, 3 pages (2 copies)
- 1.1.12 Chapter 7 – Unmoved by the Spirit, 5 pages.
- 1.1.13 Chapter 7 – Small Community Needs Strong Church (penciled in), 7 pages.
- 1.1.14 Chapter 8 – Bedroom Citizens, 10 pages.
- 1.1.15 Chapter 9 – The Ugly Ducklings (penciled in), 8 pages.
- 1.1.16 Chapter 10 – Diagnosticians at Work, 13 pages.

Folder 2: “Building a Better Home Town” early drafts

- 1.2.1 Chapter 11 – What is Good (penciled in), 10 page draft.
- 1.2.2 Chapter 12 – The Complete Community (penciled in), 12 page draft.
- 1.2.3 Chapter 13 – The Bloomington Experiment (penciled in), 27 page draft.
- 1.2.4 Chapter 14 – Community Building Expanded (penciled in), 12 page draft.
- 1.2.5 Chapter 15 – Stfd Fights to Live (penciled in) 9 page draft, some duplicates.
- 1.2.6 Chapter 15 –The Bloomington Experiment (penciled in), 26 pages.
- 1.2.7 Chapter 16 – Colfax Insures Her School, 11 page draft.
- 1.2.8 Chapter 17 – Roanoke Would Not Die, 11 page draft, 1 duplicate.

- 1.2.9 Chapter 18 – Relaxed Lexington, 8 pages.
- 1.2.10 Chapter 19 – The Spunk of Minonk, 8 page draft.
- 1.2.11 Chapter 20 – The Power of Example, 5 page draft.
- 1.2.12 Chapter 21 – Community Leadership (penciled in), 9 page draft.
- 1.2.13 Chapter 22 – Formula for Community Improvement (penciled in), 3 page draft.
- 1.2.14 Chapter 23 – The Next Step, 6 page draft.

Folder 3: “Building a Better Home Town” Second Draft

- 1.3.1 speeches, newspaper articles about the community.
- 1.3.2 Chapter 1 – Must We Accept Centralization? 25 page draft.
- 1.3.3 Chapter 2 – Human Erosion, 7 page draft.
- 1.3.4 Chapter 3 – Small Town to the Rescue, 12 page draft.
- 1.3.5 Chapter 4 – Community Teamwork Essential, 9 page draft.
- 1.3.6 Chapter 5 - Too Many Communities, 8 page draft, 2 copies
- 1.3.7 Chapter 6 – Small Communities HAVE Recreation, 13 page draft.
- 1.3.8 Chapter 7 – Small Community Needs Strong Church, 9 page draft, 2 copies.
- 1.3.9 Chapter 8 – Heirloom Citizens, 5 page draft
- 1.3.10 Chapter 9 – Making Communities Attractive, 13 page draft.
- 1.3.11 Chapter 10 - Diagnosticians at Work, 12 page draft.
- 1.3.12 Chapter 11 – What Is Good, 10 page draft.
- 1.3.13 Chapter 12 – The Complete Community, 16 page draft.

Folder 4: “Building a Better Home Town” Second Draft, Acknowledgement, Bibliography, Index

- 1.4.1 Chapter 13 – The Bloomington Experiment, 24 page draft.
- 1.4.2 Chapter 14 – Community Building Expanded, 12 page draft.
- 1.4.3 Chapter 15 – Stanford Fights to Live, 13 page draft.
- 1.4.4 Chapter 16 – Colfax Insures Her School, 9 page draft, 2 copies.
- 1.4.4 Chapter 17 – Roanoke Would Not Die, 10 page draft.
- 1.4.5 Chapter 18 – Relaxed Lexington, 8 page draft.
- 1.4.6 Chapter 19 – The Spunk of Minonk, 7 page draft.
- 1.4.7 Chapter 20 – The Power of Example, 5 page draft.
- 1.4.8 Chapter 21 – Community Leadership, 8 page draft.
- 1.4.9 Chapter 22 – Formula for Community Improvement, 4 page draft.
- 1.4.10 Chapter 23 – The Next Step, 6 page draft
- 1.4.11 Acknowledgements, 1 page.
- 1.4.12 Bibliography, 1 page.
- 1.4.13 Index, 21 pages.

Folder 5: Articles and Miscellaneous

- 1.5.1 “ART FOR THE CROSSROADS” 6 page article w/note from Mrs. M. E. Vance.
- 1.5.2 “THE COUNTY AGENT” 6 page article.

- 1.5.3 "SAILOR COME HOME" 3 page article.
- 1.5.4 Insert, one page.
- 1.5.5 Page layout notes, one page.
- 1.5.6 Miscellaneous notations on back of folder.

Folder 6: Stanford, PTA, Miscellaneous

- 1.6.1 Insert A – Stanford doctors, 1 ½ pages.
- 1.6.2 "Stanford Asks for Help" ½ page.
- 1.6.3 Insert B – Stanford P.T.A, 4+ pages taped together.
- 1.6.4 Letter (carbon), February 7, 1953, to Mr. D. A. Tyler from Mrs. Isaac A. Loose, Legislation and Citizenship, I.C.P.T., schools, 4 pages.
- 1.6.5 Draft of article, 2 pages taped together.
- 1.6.6 PTA resolutions of 8 items, 1 page.

Box 2

Folder 1: "The Way it was in McLean County 1972-1822," Preliminary and Chapters through No. 21

- 2.1.1 Publisher's Statement, decision to write updated history of McLean County.
- 2.1.2 Acknowledgments of those who helped in production of book.
- 2.1.3 Overview of the book, "The Way It Was in McLean County, 1972 –1822."
- 2.1.4 Chapter 1 – COSMOPOLITAN BEGINNING, 6 pages.
- 2.1.5 Chapter 2 – UNSUNG HEROES, 9 pages.
- 2.1.6 Chapter 3 – A PLACE CALLED HOME, 9 pages.
- 2.1.7 Chapter 4 – PLAY IN TRANSITION, 7 pages.
- 2.1.8 Chapter 5 – FRAUD ON THE TAXPAYERS, 15 pages.
- 2.1.9 Chapter 6 – THEY LIGHTED CANDLES, 4 pages.
- 2.1.10 Chapter 7 – MOB VIOLENCE PREVAILS, 6 pages.
- 2.1.11 Chapter 8 – UP FROM THE SEA, 6 pages.
- 2.1.12 Chapter 9 – FIRES SNOWSTORMS, TORNADOES, 7 pages.
- 2.1.13 Chapter 10 – BELATED BEGINNING, 7 pages.
- 2.1.14 Chapter 11 – PRAIRIE POLLUTION – Chapter 11, 8 pages.
- 2.1.15 Chapter 12 – SPECIALIZED AGRICULTURE, 4 pages.
- 2.1.16 Chapter 13 – FERTILIZER BOOM, 7 pages.
- 2.1.17 Chapter 14 – MACHINERY GROWS UP, 4 pages.
- 2.1.18 Chapter 15 – MAN DEPENDS UPON CORN, 4 pages.
- 2.1.19 Chapter 16 – OLD NEW CROP, 4 pages.
- 2.1.20 Chapter 17 – CRADLE OF COWBOYS, 4 pages.
- 2.1.21 Chapter 18 – LIVED LIKE INDIANS, 5 pages.
- 2.1.22 Chapter 13 – HORSE CAPITAL NATION, 6 pages.
- 2.1.23 Chapter 20 – PRAIRIE NURSERIES, 7 pages.
- 2.1.24 Chapter 21 – LET THERE BE LIGHT, 6 pages.

Folder 2: "The Way it was in McLean County 1972-1822," Chapters No. 22 through No. 46

- 2.2.1 Chapter 22 – COUNTY FAIR FUN, 9 pages.
- 2.2.2 Chapter 23 – PAY CHECK CORNUCOPIA, 14 pages.
- 2.2.3 Chapter 24 – THE ALTON SHOPS, 5 pages.
- 2.2.4 Chapter 25 – ECONOMIC CONTROLS, 11 pages.
- 2.2.5 Chapter 26 – GATEWAY TO LEARNING, 9 pages.
- 2.2.6 Chapter 27 - THE UNIT DISTRICT, 10 pages.
- 2.2.7 Chapter 28 – SCHOOL BUILDING BOOM, 4 pages.
- 2.2.8 Chapter 29 – ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY, 9 pages.
- 2.2.9 Chapter 30 – ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, 6 pages.
- 2.2.10 Chapter 31 – THE JUNIOR COLLEGE, 4 pages.
- 2.2.11 Chapter 32 – HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT, 8 pages.
- 2.2.12 Chapter 33 – WELFARE, 6 pages.
- 2.2.13 Chapter 34 – CULTURE IN MCLEAN COUNTY, 19 pages.
- 2.2.14 Chapter 35 – KICKAPOO ROCK CONCERT, 6 pages.
- 2.2.15 Chapter 36 – MAN ON THE FLYING TRAPEZE, 8 pages.
- 2.2.16 Chapter 37 – PLACES FOR ROADS, 8 pages.
- 2.2.17 Chapter 38 – FICKLE PASSENGRS, 9 pages.
- 2.2.18 Chapter 39 – AIR TRANSPORT, 4 pages.
- 2.2.19 Chapter 40 – THE MEDIA, 8 pages. .
- 2.2.20 Chapter 41 – BOUNDARIES WEAKEN, 9 pages.
- 2.2.21 Chapter 42 – PROFESSIONAL MANAGERS, 6 pages.
- 2.2.22 Chapter 43 – A COUNTY IS BORN, 8 pages.
- 2.2.23 Chapter 44 – SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST, 5 pages.
- 2.2.24 Chapter 45 – THEY ALSO RAN, 6 pages.
- 2.2.25 Chapter 46 – PLACES OF INTEREST, 6 pages.
- 2.2.26 miscellaneous chapter headings, footnotes, 3 pages.

Folder 3: Book Master List, Printing Invoices

- 2.3.1 "Master List for Special Edition Book Assignment," 4 ½ pages of names.
- 2,3.2 Copies of invoices from McLean County History Assoc.'72 to Book Bazaar, N. Main St., & Eastland Mall and Provident Book Store, E Empire St. from 8/21/72 through 12/22/72 for copies of "The Way It Was in Mclean County 1822-1972."
- 2.3.3 Correspondence from Pantagraph Printing Stationery to Clay Tate regarding cartons of books, December 20, 1972 and January, 1973.
- 2.3.4 Invoice from H. Clay Tate to Provident Book Store for 5 copies of "The Way It Was in McLean County 1972-1822," - \$35.00, duplicate and triplicate copies.
- 2.3.5 "Speed Letter" to Daily Pantagraph from Pantagraph Printing & Stationery regarding order for Tate's McLean County history, 12-22-xx.
- 2.3.6 "Speed Letter" to Book Bazaar from Pantagraph Printing & Stationery regarding 10 copies of Tate's McLean County history, 12-22-72.
- 2.3.7 Note that \$2,385 due for expenses on book, 10-5-72.
- 2.3.8 3 x 5 card, 11-6-72, rec'd 5 copies of Way it was McLean Cty stamped The Book Bazaar.

- 2.3.9 "Speed Letter" to H. Clay Tate from Pantagraph Printing & Stationery regarding numbers of books wrapped or in cartons, 12-27-72.
- 2.3.10 5 x 6 yellow note, "1973 book receipts," list total 2,212.29.
- 2.3.11 Manilla business envelope from Pantagraph Printing & Stationery to Mr. H. Clay Tate, cancel date 1973, empty.
- 2.3.12 To H. Clay Tate from alter L. Punke, Pantagraph Printing & Stationery regarding attached Provident receipts, January 18, 1973.
- 2.3.13 Provident Book Store invoice copy for 5 History books, 2-6-73, (3 pieces).
- 2.3.14 Carbon of letter to Putman Book Store regarding book payment from Judith A. Hebert, Pantagraph Printing & Stationery, February 8, 1973 (2 items).
- 2.3.15 To H. Clay Tate from Judith A. Hebert, Pantagraph Printing & Stationery regarding Putman Book Store outstanding balance, February 8, 1973.
- 2.3.16 Invoice from Illinois State Historical Library, received copy of "The Way It Was in McLean County 1972-1822," 3-8-73, and Order Form dated 3-5-73.
- 2.3.17 "Speed Letter," to H. Clay Tate from Pantagraph Printing & Stationery regarding invoice photocopies, June 13, 1973.
- 2.3.18 Shipping Sheet to Provident Book photocopy attached to invoice for McLean County 1972-1822, June 14, 1973.
- 2.3.19 3 x 5 request copy from Northern Illinois University for Mclean County 1972-1822 book June 29, 1973.
- 2.3.20 To H. Clay Tate, Pantagraph Printing & Stationery paid storage receipt for 750 copies, June 27, 1973.
- 2.3.21 Invoice to Northern Illinois University for one copy of Mclean County 1972-1822, July 5, 1973.
- 2.3.22 Richard Abel and Company, Inc. purchased 2 copies of Mclean County 1972-1822 from the Daily Pantagraph, July 13, 1972.
- 2.3.23 Purchase Order from Northern Illinois University for book to H. Clay Tate, August 2, 1973.
- 2.3.24 To Richard Abel and Company from The Daily Pantagraph regarding payment, September 30, 1973.
- 2.3.25 "Speed Letter," to H. Clay Tate from Pantagraph Printing & Stationery regarding book copies, December 20, 1973.
- 2.3.26 Invoice to Order Dept., Los Angeles Public Library from H. Clay Tate, 1 McLean County 1972-1822, February 13, 1974, and purchase order from Los Angeles library, 2-1-74.
- 2.3.27 To H. Clay Tate, Pantagraph Printing & Stationery from same, 32 copies of McLean County 1972-1822 to Mayor's office in Bloomington, June 3, 1974.
- 2.3.28 To The Baker and Taylor Co, Reno, Nevada from H. Clay Tate regarding a possible erroneous book request, June 7, 1974. Baker & Taylor purchase order enclosed.
- 2.3.29 To Richard Abel and Company, Portland Oregon, from H. Clay Tate, apology regarding misplaced book order payment, July 12, 1975, accompanying invoice and payment request.
- 2.3.30 To H. Clay Tate, Pantagraph Printing & Stationery from Walter L. Punke regarding employee book purchase, October 16, 1975.

Folder 4: Miscellaneous and Notes for Book

- 2.4.1 H. Clay Tate business card.
- 2.4.2 Photocopy of pages from ...McLean County book w/lines and notation.
- 2.4.3 Pantagraph and Printing Stationary note paper w/handwritten comments, 2 items.
- 2.4.4 ½ page note to insert item in “Fraud on the Taxpayer,” chapter.
- 2.4.5 ½ page comment on race in early McLean County.
- 2.4.6 “From files of McLean Co. Historical Society,” 4 items from 1870.
- 2.4.7 “E R R A T A,” 4 items to be corrected, 11-4-73.
- 2.4.8 Handwritten note from Bloomington Daily Ledger, April 23, 1886 regarding actions of Downs man.
- 2.4.9 Excerpt from the ...McLean County book roads, ½ page.
- 2.4.10 Paper clipped 14 summaries of prominent men and women in Mclean County.

Folder 5: Pantagraph Book Order Forms, Literary Reviews

- 2.5.1 “Now Available at The Daily Pantagraph,” w/photo of H. Clay Tate (and two grandchildren), advertisement and order form for “The Way It Was in McLean County 1972-1822,” October, 1972.
- 2.5.2 “Now Available at The Daily Pantagraph,” w/photo of H. Clay Tate (and grandson), advertisement and order form for “The Way It Was in McLean County 1972-1822,” November, 1972.
- 2.5.4 “Yesteryear” column, ‘History As It Should Be Written, A Book Review,’ review of Tate’ book, Jacksonville Journal Courier, Sept. 3, 1972.
- 2.5.5 “Sum And Substance,” Corn Belt library System NEWS, 4 pages, January, 1973.
- 2.5.6 The Illinois State Historical Society, book review, “The Way it Was in McLean County,” Autumn, 1973, Vol. 65, No. 3, p. 356-57, 2 copies.

Folder 6: Publishing Correspondence

- 2.6.1 Two undated handwritten sheets figuring mileage, phone, supplies, and etc. expenses.
- 2.6.2 Pantagraph Printing and Stationery letter to Guy Fraker regarding printing costs from Walter Punke, May 7, 1971, 2 pages.
- 2.6.3 BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR MCLEAN COUNTY HISTORY, 1 page, 24 items, September 27, 1971.
- 2.6.4 Cover letter from Guy Fraker letterhead to 5 recipients, G. Dodds, T. Ives, D. Walsman, C. Tate, W. Wright, regarding McLean County History, copy of Mullins bid, October 7, 1971.
- 2.6.5 Letter to H. Clay Tate from Cynthia Smith regarding bid on indexing, December 3, 1971.
- 2.6.6 Pantagraph Pr. & Stry Memo to H. C Tate from W. Punke requesting return of original manuscript, January 20, 1972.
- 2.6.7 To Library of Congress from Walter Punke requesting Library of Congress card number, January 25, 1972.
- 2.6.8 Pantagraph Pr. & St. Memo to H. C Tate from W. Punke regarding attached galleys, original manuscript, and Library of Congress card number, January 27, 1972.

- 2.6.9 Pantagraph Pr. & St. Memo to H. C Tate from W. Punke mailed chapter and galleys, February 10, 1972.
- 2.6.10 Letter from Guy Fraker letterhead to 5 recipients (see #4 above) regarding project status, and numbered editions of book, February 28, 1972.
- 2.6.11 Pantagraph Pr. & St. letterhead to H. C Tate from W. Punke regarding printing costs, February 29, 1972. And attached sample of frontispiece typing.
- 2.6.12 cc: H. Clay Tate, letter to Pat Smith from Walter Punk regarding indexing, March 22, 1972.
- 2.6.13 H. Clay Tate request to Carl Sandburg Estate permission to quote, May 1, 1972. Attached reply granting permission, June 23, 1972.
- 2.6.14 Letter from Guy Fraker letterhead to 5 recipients (see #4 above) meeting at Streid's on Friday, May 19, May 10, 1972.
- 2.6.15 Pantagraph Pr. & Stationery letterhead to H. Clay Tate from Judith Hebert (Punke sec.) listing orders and monies, May 10, 1972.
- 2.6.16 To H. Clay Tate from Cynthia Smith, invoice for 60 hours at \$5, May 12, 1972.
- 2.6.17 Certificate, Registration of a Claim to Copyright, June 5, 1972.
- 2.6.18 Pantagraph Pr. & Stationery letterhead to Library of Congress from Walter Punke enclosing copy of The Way It Was in McLean County, January 25, 1972.
- 2.6.19 Pantagraph Pr. & Stationery letterhead carbon expenses and specifications for The Way It Was in McLean County ..., July 18, 1972.
- 2.6.20 Receipt No. 65 signed by A. Hebert for no charge from Clay Tate, August 7, 1972.
- 2.6.21 To H. Clay Tate from Richard T. Dunn, Attny, letterhead regarding disposition of book sale, August 26, 1972.
- 2.6.22 Tate's cc copy: to Dale Laskowski from Walter Punke regarding cartons of books.
- 2.6.23 copy of The Daily Pantagraph letterhead to Richard T. Dunn from Willard Horsman regarding book promotion, September 15, 1972.
- 2.6.24 To H. Clay Tate from Richard T. Dunn, Attny letterhead, w/envelope, reference to above letter and possible agreement revision, September 22, 1972.
- 2.6.25 Letter from Guy Fraker letterhead to 5 recipients (see #4 above) meeting at Streid's on Wednesday, December 20, December 04, 1972.
- 2.6.26 copy, handwritten, Receipts ½ page, Expenses 1 page, Dec. 20, 1972.
- 2.6.27 Pantagraph Pr. & Stationery letterhead to H. Clay Tate from Walter Punke regarding shipment copies of McLean County History books, December 26, 1972.
- 2.6.28 The Daily Pantagraph check stub #9794, dated 12/28-72, for 209 a/c Tate Book, amount 2,762.56.
- 2.6.29 2 page copy of legal size A G R E E M E N T between H. Clay Tate and McLean County History '72 Association, undated.
- 2.6.30 copy of Form NP-48, Articles Of Dissolution Pursuant To Section 48 Of The "General Not for Profit Corporation Act" 2 pages, January 25, 1973.
- 2.6.31 Handwritten memo from H. Clay Tate to Guy Fraker regarding agreement copy not received, January 23, 1973.
- 2.6.32 To R. Caton, Sup't. Ed. Services Rg. From H. Clay Tate regarding book copies to schools, December 26, 1972.
- 2.6.33 Letter from Guy Fraker letterhead to 5 recipients (see #4 above, enclosed final papers and thanks.
- 2.6.34 To H. Clay Tate from A. W. Tomlins, Chairman, McLean Cty Bicentennial Committee, State Farm Ins. letterhead regarding speaking to mayors on McLean County heritage, May 9, 1973.

- 2.6.35 Pantagraph Pr. & Stationery letterhead to Dale Putman from Judith Herbert, regarding payment of books February 9, 1973, w/Putman response.
- 2.6.36 Pantagraph Pr. & Stationery letterhead to H. Clay Tate from Walter Punke regarding enclosed letter opened in error, November 21, 1973.
- 2.6.37 copy of letter from Guy Fraker letterhead to Dave Smith, c/o Ron Smith Printing: Tate copyright, Don Shirley pictures, April 20, 1976.
- 2.6.38 copy of letter from Guy Fraker letterhead to Dave Smith, c/o Ron Smith Printing: back cover map on Tate book, April 23, 1976.

Folder 7: Tate Personal Correspondence

- 2.7.1 ¼ page w/name & address for Mrs. Cynthia Smith.
- 2.7.2 “Congratulations” card w/note, no signature, no date.
- 2.7.3 Newspaper photo of H. Clay Tate, no date.
- 2.7.4 Note from Harold Liston regarding Clay’s editorial on Loring (Merwin) no date.
- 2.7.5 ½ page to Clay, The Daily Pantagraph letterhead from Charles Driver, thanks for Loring editorial, no date.
- 2.7.6 Note to Tates from Martha Livingston, congratulations, February 28, 1972, w/envelope.
- 2.7.7 Letter to H. Clay Tate from Bane Pierce regarding McLean County History book, February 28, 1972.
- 2.7.8 Letter to H. Clay Tate from E. M. Stevenson, M.D., F.A.C.P., congratulations on book, February 29, 1972.
- 2.7.9 Letter to Tate, congratulations on book from O. D. Brissenden, March 4, 1972.
- 2.7.10 Goodyear Mailogram to Tate from George xxx requesting 3 copies of book, March 7, 1972.
- 2.7.11 Letter to Clay Tate reminiscing about politics and old times, no date, signature unreadable, w/envelope, Mar. 9, 1972, 2 pages.
- 2.7.12 Letter to Tate from Office of The Lieutenant Governor letterhead, Paul Simon, ordered book, w/envelope April 4, 1972.
- 2.7.13 Letter to Tate from Illinois State University letterhead, Rita Kohn, thank you for participating in writing of history discussion, April 14, 1972.
- 2.7.14 Note to Tate from Ruby Hundley, thank you for giving a presentation on the book, w/envelope May 6, 1972.
- 2.7.15 Newspaper article, “Ogilvie endorsing efforts to revitalize small towns,” sent to Tate w/note written at top, w/envelope from Loring Merwin, May 8, 1972.
- 2.7.16 Envelope to H. C. Tate from Mrs. Alvin B. Otto, empty envelope.
- 2.7.17 Letter to Clay, very good book, from Cecil Tendick, June 12, 1972.
- 2.7.18 Letter to Clay, thank you for mention in splendid book from Louis L. Williams, June 17, 1972.
- 2.7.19 Letter to Clay, splendid job on book from Loring Merwin, June 12, 1972.
- 2.7.20 Note to Tate appreciate favorable mention of Art-Association in book, from Letty Whitmer, June 13, 1972.
- 2.7.21 Note to Tate, enjoying book, from Roberta Ropp, June 18, 1972.
- 2.7.22 Letter to Tate praising book from Cecil Tendick, September 2, 1972.
- 2.7.23 Letter to Clay, enjoying book from Ray French, October 26, 1972.

- 2.7.24 Letter to Clay, praising book from Bank of Illinois letterhead, Richard Walsman, July 3, 1972.
- 2.7.25 Letter to Tate commending book from Alvin Schlenker, August 20, 1972.
- 2.7.26 Letter to Clay from Lew Pierce, "book is great," October 29, 1972.
- 2.7.27 letter to Mrs. Ives, from Donald L. Kater, comment on book content, November 25, 1972.
- 2.7.28 Letter to Mr. Tate from James Malay, noted error in book, June 15, 1973.
- 2.7.29 Letter to Mr. Tate from Herry Meisels, Director, Corn Belt Library System, thank you for book presentation, June 19, 1973.
- 2.7.30 Letter to Mr. Tate from James Malay, regarding response to history question of Judge Tipton's opinion, June 27, 1973.
- 2.7.31 Letter to Mr. Tate from Clarence Odell, father's name misspelled in book, April 24, 1974.

Folder 8: Thank You Notes and Letters

- 2.8.1 "Thank You," for book from Mt. Hope library, no date.
- 2.8.2 "Thank You," for 2 books from Filger library in Minonk, no date.
- 2.8.3 "Thank You," for 2 books from Towanda Township library, no date.
- 2.8.4 To Mr. Tate, thank you for 2 volumes from Farmer City Library, D. Treakley, no date.
- 2.8.5 Handwritten letter to Mr. Tate, from Vivian Mouser, Randolph Township Library, thank you for extra copies, January 3, 1973.
- 2.8.6 Letter to Mr. Tate from Raymond Caton, Superintendent, thank you for 140 books to McLean County Schools, January 4, 1973.
- 2.8.7 Handwritten letter to Mr. Tate from Doris Hawthorne, Chenoa Public Library, thank you for two book copies, January 5, 1973.
- 2.8.8 ½ page note to Mr. Tate from Forest Township Library, thank you for two books, January 6, 1973.
- 2.8.9 Handwritten letter to Mrs. Tate from Reba Roth, El Paso Public Library, thank you for two books, January 12, 1973.
- 2.8.10 Handwritten letter to Mr. Tate from Lorraine Hare, Odell Public Library, thank you for two books, January 13, 1973.
- 2.8.11 ½ page letter to Mr. Tate from Eleanor Hensley, Towanda Township Library, thank you for two books, January 16, 1973.
- 2.8.12 Letter to Mr. Tate from Edna Williams, Librarian, Tri-Valley Elementary School, thank you for book, January 17, 1973.
- 2.8.13 Letter to Mr. Tate from Charles V. Bartimus, Saybrook-Arrowsmith Schools, thank you for six books, February 2, 1973.
- 2.8.14 letter to Mr. Tate from Eugene Jontry, Chenoa Community Dist. No. 9, thank you for six books, February 2, 1973.
- 2.8.15 Letter to Mr. Tate from Richard Wisner, Superintendent, Tri-Valley Community, thank you for books, February 5, 1973.
- 2.8.16 Handwritten letter to Mr. Tate from Aldine Combs, Librarian, Tri-Valley High School, thank you for books, February 20, 1973.
- 2.8.17 Handwritten note to Clay from Charles Freeman on behalf of Rotary Committee, thank you for books, June 21, 1973.

- 2.8.18 Letter to Mr. Tate from Dallas Myers, Lexington Community Unit Schools, thank you for four books, July 25, 1973.
- 2.8.19 Letter to Mr. Tate from James Goben, McLean County Historical Society, thank you for the book, July 27, 1973.

Folder 9. Sketch Illustration and Layout Copies, “The Way It Was In McLean County, 1972 – 1822”.

- 2.9.1 Eight copies of black & white sketches of life in McLean County various sizes from 4 ¼ x 6 ¼ to 9 x 6 ½ inches.
- 2.9.2 Eight negative copies of above sketches, all close to 9 ½ x 7 ½ inches.
- 2.9.3 Two pen & ink sketches, 9 x 7 ½ inches.
- 2.9.4 Eleven portrait sketches 7 ½ x 10 ½ inches of prominent men and women of the past 150 years.
- 2.9.5 Three miscellaneous sketches of various size.
- 2.9.6 Three 10 ¾ x 14 ¼ inches layout examples.