

# Martin Wyckoff Collection

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## Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 Boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	
RESTRICTIONS:	None
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the McLean County Museum of History
ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Archived photographs in People under Wyckoff, Martin. Also, 4 folders of his research in vertical files. 3-D collection has 3 paintings, and one painting is on display in Politics gallery has campaign. Martin Wyckoff & Associates business poster located in archives annex MC25-BUS-79

## Historical Sketch

Martin Anders Wyckoff was born in Normal, Illinois April 20, 1950, to Delmar and Elizabeth Anders Wyckoff. He is a graduate of Normal Community High School and Illinois State University (1973).

At ISU he studied studio arts and started producing photo-realistic paintings as well as surrealist and satirical works. He later took interest in historical archaeology and studied under Ed Jelks, one of the founders of the historic archaeology discipline. After working as staff artist at the museum at Michigan State University, Martin was asked to illustrate for the McLean County Historical Society Museum. His responsibilities at the Museum grew to eventually include curatorial duties. Martin spent 5 years re-assembling a knowledge base after a fire in 1972 destroyed the labels on many museum artifacts. Along with Greg Koos, Martin was editor of the book *An Illustrated History of McLean County*, where he used his exceptional ability to date photographs based on clothing. That book set a record for most profitable local history book anywhere, with a profit of \$75,000. Martin was also in charge of creating the Civil

War exhibit, where he used his artistic skills to illustrate the time period. The Museum published Martin's book *United States Military Buttons of the Land Services 1787-1902*, which is extremely useful to American historical archaeologists. In 1993 Martin left the Museum, and began his business of restoring rare books, manuscripts, and papers, and worked as a proofreader at *The Pantagraph* until 2002. He was also an accomplished painter and woodworker.

Stepping into Martin's home was like stepping back in time. He lived in a home entirely furnished in antiques, and along with Mrs. Calabash (his beloved cat) Martin shook his fist at modern society. Martin owned hundreds of suits, none of which were contemporary; he would often be seen wearing 1940s three-piece suits and a pocket watch. In a letter written to "Sarah," Martin states "I have poured over volumes of bound newspapers until I feel that if I were transplanted in the Bloomington of 1880, I would know exactly where to go to get a meal, a room, a suit of clothes, a drink (probably the easiest task of all), a haircut, etc. (I must admit that I wouldn't be an unwilling subject to such an experiment.)" This telling excerpt was read by Sharon Wolfe, his close friend, at his memorial.

Martin passed away November 28, 2010, at the age of 60. There was a memorial service held January 22, 2011 in the courtroom of the McLean County Museum of History. Vintage music and old-time gospel hymns were sung in a sing-a-long format. The Civil War-era music coming from the period instruments of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band filled the museum and set the mood. Attendees were asked to wear vintage clothes or their Sunday best and many did. Many people gathered to commemorate Martin's life, knowing he lived the life he enjoyed. His epitaph will appropriately read "He lived history, he loved the past, now he is part of it."

There is a Martin A. Wyckoff fund that is in place at the McLean County Museum of History to provide funds for the restoration of museum artifacts. Martin made a substantial donation of property to establish this fund.

### **Scope Note**

This collection contains personal documents as well as research on military buttons and historic houses in McLean County.

### **Box and Folder Inventory**

#### **Box 1: Documents**

##### **Folder 1: Martin Anders Wyckoff**

- 1.1.1 Obituary for Martin Anders Wyckoff
- 1.1.2 Birth Certificate; April 20, 1950
- 1.1.3 Birth Registration
- 1.1.4 Copy of will
- 1.1.5 Financial register (2)
- 1.1.6 Real estate tax bill (2)
- 1.1.7 Telephone bill- November/December 1978, \$9.08
- 1.1.8 Shell Gasoline envelope with enclosed receipts
- 1.1.9 Memorial Service program (3 copies)
- 1.1.10 Letter from Marty to Victoria, talks about the advancement of his position with the county historical society (2 pages)

- 1.1.11 Letter from Marty to Sarah, talks about the historical society (1 page)
- 1.1.12 Letter from Marty to Sarah, talks about leaving Michigan to work at the McLean County Historical Society Museum
- 1.1.13 Comical and heart-felt card to Sharon from Marty
- 1.1.14 Vita from 1983
- 1.1.15 MCHS business card
- 1.1.16 Letter to Kathie dated Jan 22, 1980. Mentions "It is but the truth that my present existence centers around my work, and essentially nothing else, being the one thing I can take pride in."
- 1.1.17 news clipping about his resignation from position of curator of collections
- 1.1.18 Marriage certificate
- 1.1.19 Judge of election card
- 1.1.20 Selective Service card
- 1.1.21 Drivers license, 1967
- 1.1.22 Martin Wyckoff ISU ID
- 1.1.23 Michael J. Whelan eulogy given on the WJBC and at the memorial service in the McLean County Museum of History courtroom
- 1.1.24 Eulogy given by Greg Koos at the memorial service for Martin in the courtroom of the McLean County Museum of History
- 1.1.25 personal pocket notebook containing poems, to-do lists, and wise words
- 1.1.26 Valentine from Becky
- 1.1.27 Envelope for Martin's business
- 1.1.28 7 name tags for Martin, including the McLean County Historical Society, Martin A. Wyckoff and Associates, Community Action Volunteer Program Assistant, and Costume Society of America
- 1.1.29 contents of Martin's wallet c.2003
- 1.1.30 Martin Wyckoff estate records from 1964-1969
- 1.1.31 J&G Imports inc transaction receipt for the trade of a Mercury for a Volkswagen
- 1.1.32 3 pages of hand-written responses to unknown questions, perhaps an application for a job
- 1.1.33 Letter from Mr. Pete Ippel in San Francisco to Martin A. Wyckoff
- 1.1.34 Letter from Howard L. Gravett of Danvers, Illinois to Martin Wyckoff
- 1.1.35 Certificate for Ben Patten Exhibit Award, 1973
- 1.1.36 First National Bank Payments notebook, 1982
- 1.1.37 Small narrative about friends
- 1.1.38 Rough draft of resume
- 1.1.39 Martin's ISU ID from 1968-69
- 1.1.40 August 1, 1976. Letter- Martin to "Arnold" on Free Press stationary. Talks about how the town he is in reminds him of "Bloomington-Normal, minus the restaurants and universities. It shouldn't surprise me, though, since most bodies have two armpits." I believe the letter is written from Canada.
- 1.1.41 Termination of job as proofreader at the Pantagraph
- 1.1.42 First Presbyterian Church Certificate of Promotion

**Folder 2: Delmar D. Wyckoff**

- 1.2.1 Certificate of Death; February 5, 1983
- 1.2.2 Last Will and Testament

- 1.2.3 Candy receipts
- 1.2.4 Advertising card
- 1.2.5 Receipt for copes at circuit court \$3.00 October 1986
- 1.2.6 Martin Wyckoff receipt of last will and testament at circuit court
- 1.2.7 ID card
- 1.2.8 Obituary
- 1.2.9 3 Mylar sheets with the contents of his wallet
- 1.2.10 Name card
- 1.2.11 Pharmaceutical association of Valparaiso University membership card
- 1.2.12 Mrs. Delmar D. Wyckoff Stationary
- 1.2.13 Account books
- 1.2.14 First National Bank deposit receipts
- 1.2.15 May 24, 1952. Letter from Louis L. Williams to Delmar D. Wyckoff regarding Abstract of Title
- 1.2.16 Service program for Delmar's funeral
- 1.2.17 List of friends who made memorial contributions to the Historical Society on behalf of Delmar Wyckoff
- 1.2.18 Church membership certificate at First Presbyterian church
- 1.2.19 IRS letters and documents for Delmar and Elizabeth Wyckoff

**Folder 3: Business**

- 1.3.1 Certificate of Ownership of Business October 1992
- 1.3.2 Martin A. Wyckoff & Associates business advertisement (3)
- 1.3.3 Letters to libraries asking if they have any paper items that need repair
- 1.3.4 February 16, 2006. Letter from Martin Wyckoff to the Editor of the Pantagraph complaining about the "Talk Back" section of the paper.
- 1.3.5 March 19, 2007. Letter from Martin to Bill Flick of the Pantagraph regarding biodegradable cigarette butts
- 1.3.6 September 4, 2006. Letter from Martin to the Editor of the Pantagraph regarding Garrison Keiller's column
- 1.3.7 January 15, 1996. Letter from Martin to the Editor of the Pantagraph regarding anti-gay paintings
- 1.3.8 July 18, 2005. Letter from Martin to the Pantagraph thanking them for the Sharon Wolfe series "After the Storm"
- 1.3.9 Letter from Paul to Martin regarding what a good friend he is
- 1.3.10 Letter from Myrone Gink to "reddy"
- 1.3.11 April 27, 1993. Letter to Martin from Stacy Marshall-Kern, Director of Bloomington-Normal Area Convention and Visitors Bureau
- 1.3.12 January 11, 1994. Letter from Martin to Ernst Nemeth regarding enclosed sketch
- 1.3.13 December 1993-March 3, 1994. Correspondence between Martin and Helen Raffensperger regarding work done for the Vigilante Committee
- 1.3.14 March 9, 1994. Correspondence between Marjorie Haws and Martin regarding restoration of a wedding certificate
- 1.3.15 January 24, 1994. Letter to Good Neighbors at the Pantagraph from Martin regarding restoration
- 1.3.16 January 11, 1995. Letter to Donovan M. Kramer from Martin Wyckoff regarding restoration work being sent back

- 1.3.17 April 21, 1994. Letter to John Ray from Martin Wyckoff regarding information about George Washington Lakin's Civil War record
- 1.3.18 May 4, 1994. Billing information for the First Baptist Church
- 1.3.19 1994-1998 Bills & Receipts for his business
- 1.3.20 Billing to the Second Presbyterian Church, 2005

**Folder 4: Insurance**

- 1.4.1 Blue Cross informational brochures
- 1.4.2 insurance cards
- 1.4.3 American Insurance Company insurance plan
- 1.4.4 Social Security booklet

**Folder 5: School**

- 1.5.1 Kindergarten progress record of Martin Wyckoff—teacher says “Martin has gained everyone's admiration with his art work”
- 1.5.2 Annual Progress Reports 1956-1964 (Oakdale and Chiddix)
- 1.5.3 Letter with enclosed ISU evaluation statement
- 1.5.4 Student fees cards
- 1.5.5 Commencement invitation

**Folder 6: News Clippings, Postcards, & Greeting Cards**

- 1.6.1 Group Forms for Reunions: Crown Point School Pupils, Teachers Renew old times at Carlock
- 1.6.2 Former Teachers and Pupils of Crown Point School Founded in 1850 Near Carlock Hold First Reunion, photograph.
- 1.6.3 Page from undated newspaper with headlines such as: Prohibition is Spreading, and Purcell Bros. Two Stallions!
- 1.6.4 Postcard from Martin's father in Florida
- 1.6.5 Holiday cards from Harry and Linda Hughes (3)
- 1.6.6 Holiday card from Kathy Harcharik
- 1.6.7 Postcards from B. P. Heldman (2)
- 1.6.8 Birth announcement card from Harry and Linda Hughes

**Folder 7: Education Certificates**

- 1.7.1 State of Illinois Elementary Teacher's Certificate for Elizabeth Anders Wyckoff, August 1930
- 1.7.2 State of Illinois First Grade Teacher's Certificate for Elizabeth Anders, June 1929
- 1.7.3 Letter from County Superintendent of Schools to Mrs. Delmer Wyckoff regarding exchange of Teacher's Certificate.
- 1.7.4 Application for Exchange of a County for a Limited State Certificate (2)
- 1.7.5 The International Sunday School Association Diploma for Mrs. Lilian Wyckoff

**Folder 8: Memorial Books**

- 1.8.1 Memorial book for John William Keller, Killed in Action in the Philippines, April 1942
- 1.8.2 Memorial book for Effie Lillian Wyckoff, October 1, 1950

**Folder 9: Military Buttons Research**

- 1.9.1 Analysis of the Buttons from Brunswick Town and Fort Fisher booklet

- 1.9.2 American Military Insignia 1800-1851 by J. Duncan Campbell and Edgar M. Howell, 1963. Photocopy
- 1.9.3 13 pages of hand-written notes
- 1.9.4 Hortsman Bros. & Co. Catalogue of Military Goods for 1877
- 1.9.5 Typed list of early manufacturers of metal buttons & chronological ordering of military buttons
- 1.9.6 5 pages of hand-written notes
- 1.9.7 7 interlibrary loan request forms
- 1.9.8 1 page of hand-written notes
- 1.9.9 Formal Classification and the Analysis of Historic Artifacts by Lyle M. Stone, photocopy.
- 1.9.10 Identification Index to the Emilio Collection of Military Buttons, photocopies.
- 1.9.11 19 pages of hand-written notes, including 4 index cards
- 1.9.12 Mackinac History Vignettes booklet (2)
- 1.9.13 Button Patterns: The Regular Army 1783-1821, photocopy
- 1.9.14 Uniform Buttons as Aids in the Interpretation of Military Sites, photocopy
- 1.9.15 Dating Early Plain Buttons by Their Form by Stanley J. Olsen, photocopy
- 1.9.16 Revised Regulations for the Army of the United States, 1861. Photocopy
- 1.9.17 3 pages of hand-written notes
- 1.9.18 6 pages typed notes
- 1.9.19 Correspondence from the Reference Archivist at the U.S. Army Military History Research Collection regarding buttons
- 1.9.20 Tippecanoe Tales, 3 copies
- 1.9.21 Photocopy of book by Sidney B. Brinckerhoff titled "Metal Uniform Insignia of the Frontier U.S. Army 1846-1902"
- 1.9.22 Photocopy of a chapter in a book with the same title as above

**Folder 10: Military Buttons Research**

- 1.10.1 Correspondence between Martin Wyckoff and Lee regarding button research
- 1.10.2 Hand-written introduction to the book
- 1.10.3 Draft of book
- 1.10.4 Publishing Agreement

**Folder 11: Military Buttons Reviews & Correspondence**

- 1.11.1 Book review by George McDonald II
- 1.11.2 Letter from someone at WJBC with enclosed magazine page suggesting Marty put his book in a shop in NYC
- 1.11.3 Antique Week tri-state trader informing that the Military Button review copy will be used in a future issue
- 1.11.4 September 1984 issue of Footlocker, quarterly newsletter of the Association of American Military Uniform Collectors, page 3 contains review of Martin's book
- 1.11.5 September-October 1985 issue of Infantry, A professional journal for the combined arms team.
- 1.11.6 Volume 1, Number 3 of Congress News from Congress of Illinois Historical Societies and Museums. Martin's book is mentioned under "Other Publications of Interest"
- 1.11.7 Receipt for study and consideration, reverse side announces publication of Martin's book

- 1.11.8 Newspaper clipping titled "Texans Bring Back Mexico Battle Artifacts" "Yoakumite Don Jank Returns from Mexico Adventure Tour with Battle Artifacts" and "'Alamo Flag' plea may be refused"
- 1.11.9 Xerox from The Analectic magazine, December 1820
- 1.11.10 Note from Don Jank to Mr. Wyckoff regarding question about button
- 1.11.11 Photocopy of button
- 1.11.12 Letter from Norman O. Dalve of Redwood City, California to McLean County Historical Society with enclosed money for "Marine Badges & Insignia of the World"
- 1.11.13 May 1984 letter to Norman F. Barka from Martin Wyckoff re-receipt of his book, publishing in newsletter
- 1.11.14 March 1985 letter to Bill from Martin regarding a button
- 1.11.15 1984 letter from Steve Hedrick to McLean County Historical Society regarding purchase of military buttons book
- 1.11.16 August 1984 letter from Nancy W. Green re-receipt of copy of book
- 1.11.17 November 1984 letter from Eiran Harris to Martin Wyckoff regarding question related to book. Martin's response is also included
- 1.11.18 February 14, 1985 letter from Jeffery Kohn regarding enclosed check for military buttons book
- 1.11.19 February 14, 1985 letter from Lewis Leigh, Jr.
- 1.11.20 February 1985 letter to William A. Turnbaugh from Martin Wyckoff regarding answering button questions
- 1.11.21 Photocopy of Campbell & Howell(?) 1963
- 1.11.22 Letter from Carol Brooks to the historical society regarding purchase of military buttons book
- 1.11.23 Letter from Darryl L. Bowers to "whom it may concern" asking for information about any books related to military buttons
- 1.11.24 Colonial Relic news, October 1986
- 1.11.25 C.R.H.A. (Colonial Relic Hunters of America) letter to McLean County Historical Society asking permission to duplicate page XIX of the military buttons book
- 1.11.26 April 1985 letter to Mr. Wyckoff from Don Jank
- 1.11.27 Letter to Martin from Stephen Osman of the Minnesota Historical Society regarding buttons, bow ties, and civil war exhibit
- 1.11.28 Colonial Relic News, April 1987
- 1.11.29 April 1988 letter to Steve from Martin
- 1.11.30 July 1988 letter from William B. Garrett regarding purchase of book
- 1.11.31 Record of book sales

**Folder 12: McLean County Artists Lecture at ISU**

- 1.12.1 Typed copy of lecture given by Martin, 8 pages
- 1.12.2 Bloomington-Normal Artists: The 1800s
- 1.12.3 Flier for "A History of the Visual Arts in Bloomington-Normal Area" June 26, ISU Galleries (In conjunction with the exhibition Bloomington-Normal Artists: The 1800's
- 1.12.4 Written draft of lecture
- 1.12.5 Thank-you from University Galleries to Marty for agreeing to participate in the discussion with Merle Glick
- 1.12.6 Photocopy of "Louis O. Lussier Portratist" 4 pages
- 1.12.7 Photocopy of newspaper article about William Burke
- 1.12.8 Photocopy of "The Pioneer Family of Gilstrap" (1 page)

- 1.12.9 Announcement of MCHS exhibit paintings of Mrs. Almira S. Burnham, 4 pages, 1987.

**Folder 13: Robert Greenlee House**

- 1.13.1 2 copies of application for National Register of Historic Places filled out by Martin Wyckoff, 24 pages each.
- 1.13.2 Sketch of house
- 1.13.3 Final copy of application for National Register of Historic Places filled out by Martin Wyckoff, 27 pages.
- 1.13.4 Letter from City of Bloomington to Ms. Swallow regarding meetings on proposed nomination
- 1.13.5 Letter from City of Bloomington to Ms. Swallow regarding approval of nomination of Greenlee house.
- 1.13.6 Letter from Illinois Historic Preservation Agency regarding the presentation of the Greenlee House.
- 1.13.7 notes, presumably Martins presentation about the house
- 1.13.8 Sweden House Lodge brochure, directions to the lodge & list of local restaurants
- 1.13.9 June 1996 Letter from Illinois Historic Preservation Agency thanking Martin for the draft nomination of the Robert Greenlee House at 806 N. Evans Street.
- 1.13.10 draft of the nomination of the Robert Greenlee House
- 1.13.11 notes

**Folder 14: McLean County Museum of History**

- 1.14.1 May 20, 1992. Martin Wyckoff letter of resignation
- 1.14.2 May 18, 1992. Letter summarizing meeting had with Greg Koos and Fred Dolan giving him three choices for the future (part-time job, resign, or dismissed)
- 1.14.3 May 15, 1992. Letter from Fred Dolan to Staff of MCHS acknowledging and thanking staff for their efforts in moving to the new location
- 1.14.4 11 pages of personnel policy and benefits information for McLean County Historical Society employees
- 1.14.5 Photocopy of letters 12.1 and 12.2

**Folder 15: Normal Historic District**

- 1.15.1 2 brochures for the Town of Normal Historic Preservation Program
- 1.15.2 1 handout explaining the benefits of historic district status
- 1.15.3 Excerpt from a paper by Eric Sweetwood explaining the historic significance of the Broadway Fell area.
- 1.15.4 contents of a packet sent to residents explaining the impact of landmark district designation on property values
- 1.15.5 5 Town of Normal meeting notices
- 1.15.6 Letter from Carl Esenwein regarding money raised for legal fees related to fighting the proposed BroMenn parking lot
- 1.15.7 Notice for public meeting regarding the houses on prospect
- 1.15.8 Letter from BroMenn regarding plans for parking lot
- 1.15.9 Thanks for participation in meeting from Michael Krippel
- 1.15.10 Letter from Robert J. Lenz, Attorney at Law
- 1.15.11 Letter from Saint & Carmichael, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors At Law
- 1.15.12 Meeting minutes with BroMenn
- 1.15.13 Meeting of Warner and Carter Highland Subdivision



- 1.15.14 Neighborhood Subcommittee Meeting
- 1.15.15 Town of Normal Notice of Informational Meeting
- 1.15.16 Letter from Eric Sweetwood regarding next step of making historic district
- 1.15.17 Neighborhood Subcommittee meeting
- 1.15.18 Notes from meeting with PATH and BroMenn
- 1.15.19 Multiple newspaper clippings regarding the changing neighborhoods in Normal, and attempts to make Broadway/Fell area a historic district
- 1.15.20 Architectural plan for parking lot on Prospect
- 1.15.21 Virginia-Highland Area Neighborhood Association (VHANA) documents (Contact sheets, meeting agendas, etc)
- 1.15.22 Neighbors Association of Normal documents
- 1.15.23 Old house society letter
- 1.15.24 BroMenn healthcare board of directors list
- 1.15.25 Town of Normal Historic Preservation Commission letter proposing making the neighborhood a historic district.

**Folder 16: Arrowsmith Battle Site Research**

- 1.16.1 Correspondence, geological survey maps, notes, photocopied books, sketches, newspaper clippings.

**Folder 17: Miscellaneous**

- 1.17.1 Letter from Fever River Research regarding bottles recovered from excavations of the David Davis Privy.
- 1.17.2 Certificate of Appreciation for Martin Wyckoff from Kiwanis International, April 2002
- 1.17.3 Letter from Rogers L. Kaufman of the Telephone Museum Foundation of Gridley
- 1.17.4 Letter thanking Martin for finding a book, enclosed check from Glenval Fincham
- 1.17.5 Letter to Mr. Wyckoff thanking him for the restoration work, enclosed check from Louise L. Foerster
- 1.17.6 Miscellaneous photocopy of warranty deed of Wilber M. Carter and Leila Carter
- 1.17.7 Business card- John Gregor of Beech-Nut Life Savers
- 1.17.8 Invitation to a Christmas party at the home of Mark and Cheryl Edwards
- 1.17.9 Invitation to open house to celebrate the business of Martin A. Wyckoff and Associates, November 22, 1992
- 1.17.10 Thank-you from Randy for support
- 1.17.11 Letter detailing historic Wyckoff items for sale (genealogy related images on mouse pads, sweatshirts, etc.)
- 1.17.12 Letter from Pikestaff Publications, invitation to submit unpublished works
- 1.17.13 Letter from Kathryn LoMaglio to Martin Wyckoff regarding letter concerning recovery of large cache of stolen items in Georgia.
- 1.17.14 Informational card on the Miller-Davis building
- 1.17.15 History of the Downtown- 5 pages of Bloomington history
- 1.17.16 Community Action business card- Barbara J. Bolender
- 1.17.17 Revival of Christian America- Elect Malcom W. Dale
- 1.17.18 Baskets-n-Oak business card
- 1.17.19 Vote for William F. Gleason for recorder of deeds
- 1.17.20 Brooks Brothers Clothing envelope
- 1.17.21 First National Bank of Normal Envelope, holidays 1959
- 1.17.22 Jewelry opening show card, Katherine McDonough, 1982

- 1.17.23 McLean County Historical Society's Annual Membership Meeting invitation, 1983
- 1.17.24 Camera Craft Studio, Normal Illinois
- 1.17.25 Support Dick Nixon
- 1.17.26 Payroll tax deduction forms
- 1.17.27 Miller-Davis Building brochure
- 1.17.28 14 pages of Bill Clinton thank-you's and memorabilia
- 1.17.29 Posters for "Poetry for Pizza" at the Gallery II (Poetry by James R. Scrimgeour, James Carter-Larue, Lyfe Powerz, D. L. Bolender, and Greg Koos. Music by Dennis Darling, Michael Darling, and John Smithyman)
- 1.17.30 Invitation to the wedding of Greg Koos and Carol Smith
- 1.17.31 Program for show called "Balls"
- 1.17.32 Program for the Fine Arts Festival 1974, Martin did the cover artwork
- 1.17.33 Letter regarding 1977 Sault Ste. Marie Archaeological Project General Information
- 1.17.34 "19<sup>th</sup>-Century Proprietary Medicines: The Development of a Folk Tradition by Ronald W. Deiss
- 1.17.35 Invitation to the art opening of Wendi Smith
- 1.17.36 Paper to go with Edison Record No. 2017 by Irving Gillette
- 1.17.37 April 16, 1987. Letter from Vergil to Marty regarding moving to Lincoln, Nebraska
- 1.17.38 Original Chicago Tribune December 29, 1935. "'Private Joe' at 95 Still a Most Remarkable Man"
- 1.17.39 2 tickets: Methodist Excursion Bloomington to Kankakee and Return Thursday June 21, 1883
- 1.17.40 Photocopied Letter from Adlai to Cousin Julia November 16, 1956.
- 1.17.41 Holiday thank-you card from Sharon to Greg, Bill, and Terri for their work
- 1.17.42 HomeMarket newspaper with Martin's house on the cover and inside cover, December 2, 2011
- 1.17.43 Real estate page for Martins house, by Becky Gerig, RE/MAX agent.
- 1.17.44 Chain letter from Kathy Harcharik
- 1.17.45 Letter from Kathy Harcharik, June 11, 1974
- 1.17.46 Letter from Harry Hughes, October 6, 1971
- 1.17.47 Letter from Harry Hughes, February 1, 1902 (date meant to be humorous)
- 1.17.48 Letter from "LMH," January 6, 1973

**Folder 18: Historic Houses Research**

- 1.18.1 How to Research Your Older Bloomington/Normal Home handout
- 1.18.2 Town of Normal Historic Preservation Commission Application for Certificate of Appropriateness
- 1.18.3 Normal Historic Preservation Commission Dr. Robert G. Bone Historic Preservation Commission Eligibility Criteria, Conditions and Limitations
- 1.18.4 Town of Normal Historic Preservation Commission Dr. Robert G. Bone Historic Preservation Grant
- 1.18.5 Historic Preservation Commission Guidelines
- 1.18.6 February 7, 1937. Photocopies for Pantagraph "The Home of Mrs. Bird Colladay VanLeer Much Admired After Complete Redecoration"
- 1.18.7 Notes on Grantees and Grantors & photocopies of plat maps
- 1.18.8 Photocopies of Pantagraph articles related to old houses around Bloomington-Normal including the Benjamin-Haines house, Gen.W. W. Orme, Ward Lamon, William R. Bach, Harrietta Reeves, 101 E. Walnut, 611 West Locust, Northwest intersection of Oak and

- Locust, Spencer house on West Mulberry, Corder of Jefferson Street and Roosevelt Avenue, Pioneer Home, William Orendorff house, 531 W. Grove
- 1.18.9 notes on Garage, Barn, and Stable at Clover Lawn
  - 1.18.10 401 E. Grove street notes & photocopy of photograph
  - 1.18.11 E. Grove Street Architectural/Historical Survey, 1985, Dr. D. O. Moore House
  - 1.18.12 Photographs of Dr. D. O. Moore house c. 1880, 1862, and 1986
  - 1.18.13 510 E. Grove Street notes and photocopy of photograph
  - 1.18.14 1995 House Tour booklet from old House Society
  - 1.18.15 Hudson Burr home at 210 E. Chestnut
  - 1.18.16 903 E. Jefferson Street information
  - 1.18.17 Centre Hall Newspaper references
  - 1.18.18 118 W. Washington
  - 1.18.19 106 W. Washington
  - 1.18.20 114 E. Market
  - 1.18.21 118 Washington
  - 1.18.22 Illustrated depiction of Issac Funks
  - 1.18.23 Notes on historic houses
  - 1.18.24 News clipping mailed to Martin from Greg Koos regarding 310 E. Walnut
  - 1.18.25 American Architecture Volume 2 1860-1976 by Frederick Koeper, photocopy, 3 pages
  - 1.18.26 photocopy from Old-House Interiors
  - 1.18.27 Letter to Ernst regarding 106 W. Washington
  - 1.18.28 The Bakewell/Jenkins House 607 N. Main Street
  - 1.18.29 The Garling House, 901 W. MacArthur
  - 1.18.30 Gift to the Street award speech
  - 1.18.31 1301 N. Clinton
  - 1.18.32 22 White's Place
  - 1.18.33 904 N. Roosevelt
  - 1.18.34 1201 N. Roosevelt
  - 1.18.35 401 W. Graham
  - 1.18.36 103 E. Kelsey
  - 1.18.37 1104 N. Madison
  - 1.18.38 Pillsbury information sheet
  - 1.18.39 Newspaper article "New Horatio G. Bent School Will Be Ready For Occupancy Next Tuesday"
  - 1.18.40 Bent school research
  - 1.18.41 715 N. Main with picture and list of artifacts from privy in SE corner of alley.
  - 1.18.42 401 W. Mill St.
  - 1.18.43 506 W. Chestnut with list of artifacts from privy.
  - 1.18.44 910 W. Locust

See also Folder 26 for more on privy excavation analyses.

#### **Folder 19: Wyckoff Family Genealogy**

- 1.19.1 Letter dated December 29, 1898 from G. T. Wetzel of Arrowsmith. Letter states that Bertie S. Maxey is an acceptable member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is recommended to the fellowship of the 1<sup>st</sup> M. E. Church in Mahomet or any other. A lock of blonde hair is included in the letter. G. T. Wetzel is the Reverend who married Mary Mae Slinghoff and Henry Montgomery Scott, relatives of Martin Wyckoff according to p. 43 of "One Scott Family History"

- 1.19.2 September 1975. Letter from George C. Scott ("Cy"), son of Mae and Henry (mentioned above), to Delmar Wyckoff regarding family history
- 1.19.3 September 1975. Photocopy of letter to Cy from Ferne regarding family history
- 1.19.4 Memorial Obituary for Delmar D. Wyckoff
- 1.19.5 Wyckoff Family History and Records from "Old World Progenitors of the Wyckoff family" by William L. Wyckoff and Herbert J. Wyckoff Editors and Publishers, 11 pages, 2 copies.
- 1.19.6 October 1975. Letter from George Scott to Mrs. Bernadine Slack
- 1.19.7 Obituary for Paul S. Wyckoff
- 1.19.8 Letter from Mrs. Robert H. Hougham
- 1.19.9 2 typed pages on Wilbur Hensley Allen and family.
- 1.19.10 Jacob Wyckoff obituary
- 1.19.11 Obituary for Delmar Wyckoff
- 1.19.12 hand-written notes on family
- 1.19.13 "Some of the Descendants of Walter Maxey of Wales" by Walter S. Maxey, 1925
- 1.19.14 Brochure for Diane Ippel- Traditional, contemporary, original music and song featuring hammered dulcimer
- 1.19.15 Photocopied article from Chicago Tribune about Diane playing for Central Grade School in Morris.
- 1.19.16 Property Settlement Agreement between Martin Wyckoff and Diane Ippel, April 1991
- 1.19.17 Petition for dissolution of marriage
- 1.19.18 Letter from Maurita Douglass to Bernadine Stack regarding the family history. 4 pages, May 1960
- 1.19.19 Letter from "Cy" to Bernadine February 1975
- 1.19.20 Abstract of title for land in Saybrook, McLean County
- 1.19.21 Final Account and Report of the Estate of William H. Wyckoff
- 1.19.22 August 20, 1983. Letter from Marty to Bernadine regarding information about the Wyckoff Beverage Company

**Folder 20: Fabrics and Fashions in Rural Illinois**

- 1.20.1 April 1992 Thank-you letter from Nancy Torgerson to Martin for showing her his collection of mens clothing. "In the past year or so I've been to about six museums... you have been the most helpful and have the best clothing collection, as far as men's clothing is concerned."
- 1.20.2 copy of "Fabrics and Fashions in Rural Illinois 1840 to 1870: Insights from the Daily Sales journals of the Hoiles General Store, Greenville, Illinois

**Folder 21: Arrowsmith and Fox Fort Research**

- 1.21.1 Notes, photocopies, & research related to Arrowsmith battle site and Fox Fort

**Folder 22: Paul J. Yost House**

- 1.22.1 Report on Initial Examination of Contents, Paul J. Yost house, Pontiac, Illinois
- 1.22.2 brochure on Yost House
- 1.22.3 NIC Conservation Assessment Executive Summary

**Folder 23: Men's Clothing**

- 1.23.1 8 photographs of men's shirts
- 1.23.2 Issue of Dispatch from the Illinois State Historical Society
- 1.23.3 Introduction notes to the evolution of men's clothing

- 1.23.4 catalog photocopy
- 1.23.5 many pages of notes
- 1.23.6 textile classification papers
- 1.23.7 many more pages of notes

**Folder 24: Newspaper Clippings**

- 1.24.1 "Controversial former ISU Head Dies" March 7, 1996 in The Pantagraph
- 1.24.2 "Our Readers Write" January 18. 1996 in The Pantagraph
- 1.24.3 "Lincoln Lore: A need for the truly honest, Abe" August 26, 1994 in The Pantagraph
- 1.24.4 "1860s Graffiti Marks B-N Building" November 28, 1994 in The Pantagraph
- 1.24.5 "Recalls House in Which Elbert Hubbard Was Born" in the Pantagraph, August 28, 1926 (2 copies)
- 1.24.6 "B-N man successful in business of history" Pantagraph article March 28, 1993 about Martin Wyckoff's business
- 1.24.7 "Purported Picture of Abe Lincoln with His First Love Comes to Light" unknown newspaper, date unknown
- 1.24.8 "Stop overreacting to smoking in public" by Martin Wyckoff
- 1.24.9 Photograph of Martin Wyckoff with two antique canes
- 1.24.10 "A playhouse for the book lover" by Gene Smedley November 8, 1998
- 1.24.11 "Belt Line surrounded by controversy" by Gene Smedley
- 1.24.12 "Purported picture of Abe Lincoln with his first love comes to light"
- 1.24.13 "Tomorrow will be the 112<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln"

**Folder 25: Victory Edition 1919: Home Canning & Drying**

- 1.25.1 Victory Edition 1919: Home Canning & Drying of Vegetables & Fruits published by the National War Garden Commission, Washington D.C.

**Folder 26: Privy Excavation Analyses**

Wyckoff's analyses of Bloomington privy excavations conducted by John "Doc" Colteaux include detailed descriptions of artifacts and often information about building occupants. Undated. Excavation sites include:

- 1.26.1 Dr. Conkling house, 504 E. Douglas
- 1.26.2 Papp/Akers house, 810 W. Mulberry
- 1.26.3 Eversole house, 511 E. Front
- 1.26.4 Trotter house, 801 W. Market
- 1.26.5 Mauer/Spieckermann house, 813 W. Market
- 1.26.6 Residence, 713 W. Mulberry
- 1.26.7 Mitchel/Christian house, 509 E. Front
- 1.26.8 Scott/Abbott house, 816 E. Douglas
- 1.26.9 Wilson house, 708 E. Market
- 1.26.10 Seibold/Steere house, 704 N. Prairie (Previously 604)
- 1.26.11 Residence, 704 N. Catherine
- 1.26.12 Purcell house, 313 E. Mulberry
- 1.26.13 Curtin house, 315 E. Mulberry
- 1.26.14 Residence, 910 W. Locust
- 1.26.15 Scanlon house, 914 W. Locust
- 1.26.16 406 ½ N. West

- 1.26.17 408 N. West
- 1.26.18 1111 E. Washington
- 1.26.19 715 N. Main
- 1.26.20 608 N. Mason
- 1.26.21 607 S. Madison
- 1.26.22 401 W. Mill
- 1.26.23 403 W. Mill
- 1.26.24 806 E. Douglas
- 1.26.25 804 S. Lee
- 1.26.26 879 E. Jefferson
- 1.26.27 506 W. Chestnut
- 1.26.28 908 W. Locust
- 1.26.29 903 W. Front
- 1.26.30 306 W. Olive
- 1.26.31 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church block
- 1.26.32 622 E. Locust
- 1.26.33 Corner of Chestnut and Main SE corner
- 1.26.34 Last lot W Mulberry and Howard NE corner

### **Box 2: Books, Writing, and Artwork**

Scrapbook pages of newspaper clippings

Memorial book for Susan Mills

United States Military Buttons of the Land Services 1787-1902, A Guide and Classificatory System by Martin A. Wyckoff, Authors Copy

Composition notebook for English III

ISU Diploma

Normal Community High School Diploma

Guest book for Martin A. Wyckoff and Associates

Personal Account book

Memorial book for Elizabeth Wyckoff

Mathematics syllabus for McLean County Unit District 5 Elementary-Junior High School

You Can Have an Impact booklet for effective letter writing to government officials put out by the McLean County Farm Bureau

Account book

A Century of Candy Making: Necco 1847-1948

Small binder containing sketches of anthropomorphic characters and human characters. Example:

Maggie McGonigle

2 Illinios State University Notebooks containing class notes from Historical Archaeology, Contemporary Art, Jewelry, Art History, Roman Literature, etc.

Notebook containing a long hand-written list of albums in his collection

Notebook titled "The Portable 'Innermost Thoughts of a Sen-Sen Addict.'" Containing notes about cartoonists

Bemused-14 Poems by G. J. Koos, Illustrations by Martin A. Wyckoff

Index March 1973, Vol No.3 with Martin's art on page 10 and 22

Delmar's Income tax record

Delmar's Cash Book

2 DVDs, each containing a guided tour of Martin's home and the memorial service at the McLean County Museum of History 1/22/2011

### **Folder 1: Writing**

- 2.1.1 "World War I- The War at Sea" by Martin Wyckoff (8<sup>th</sup> grade?) U.S. History Class
- 2.1.2 "West Podunk Revisited" by Martin Wyckoff, 1966
- 2.1.3 "The Great Trained Robbery" by Martin Wyckoff, 1967
- 2.1.4 Script
- 2.1.5 "The Romantic Individualist" by Martin Wyckoff March 28, 1969
- 2.1.6 "Mark Twain and the 'Damned Human Race'" by Martin Wyckoff, English 130
- 2.1.7 "Max Ernst, Surrealist" May 25, 1971

### **Folder 2: Artwork**

- 2.2.1 Martin A. Wyckoff, Staff Artist sign
- 2.2.2 3 ink drawings
- 2.2.3 sign: Beware of Killer Shrews
- 2.2.4 drawing of a "Killer Shrew" (an angry shrew in pinstripe suit with machine gun)
- 2.2.5 Drawing of castle Theater to go with a 1924 Pantagraph article about history of moving picture theaters in Bloomington
- 2.2.6 3 comical drawings for the Pantagraph
- 2.2.7 July 22, 1998 payment for drawings
- 2.2.8 11 newspaper clippings of articles accompanying Martin's sketches
- 2.2.9 May 20, 1999 payment for drawings
- 2.2.10 request for drawing for Pantagraph of a guy eating at a table looking at a cop
- 2.2.11 drawing requested above (2 copies)
- 2.2.12 Drawing by Denny Rogers- Illustrator, ISU Classmate, Friend, Fellow Artist (this sketch also appears on the cover of the home tour DVD).

### **Folder 3: Comics**

- 2.3.1 Approximately 150 comics strips of Reddy and Alex Fox, by Martin

### **Folder 4: Martin's Cartoons and Poems**

- 2.4.1 Poem about correspondence. Reverse side has poem about writing a story.
- 2.4.2 Poem about writing
- 2.4.3 Comic by Martin, it was submitted to the Pantagraph
- 2.4.4 Memo from Bill Wills regarding cartoon and the problems he had with it. Folder they were inside said Martin was crestfallen and did not modify the cartoon to please the editor
- 2.4.5 4 more cartoons by Martin
- 2.4.6 Approximately 7 cartoons about Brillo, former ISU president who was quite controversial.
- 2.4.7 Cartoon submitted to the Post-American

### **Folder 5: Photocopies of Correspondence**

(Handwritten transcriptions of sent correspondence. Note: Many of the dates are meant to be whimsical/humorous)

- 2.5.1 to meine Liebchen, May 23, 1872
- 2.5.2 to meine Liebchen, June 7, 1872
- 2.5.3 to Meine Liebchen, Nov. 8, 1972
- 2.5.4 to Bari, March 31, 1873
- 2.5.5 to Victoria, Dec. 13, 1881
- 2.5.6 to Vicky, Sept. 29, 1893
- 2.5.7 to Barb, April 17, 1894
- 2.5.8 to meine Liebchen, January 10, 1914
- 2.5.9 to Barb, August 17, 1914
- 2.5.10 to Bonnie, Nov. 24, 1917
- 2.5.11 to Janice, Nov. 24, 1917
- 2.5.12 to meine Liebchen, Dec. 29, 1917
- 2.5.13 to My dearest, darling Sharon, November 11, 1918, 8:30 pm
- 2.5.14 to My dearest and beloved Sharon, November 11, 1918, 9:00 PM
- 2.5.15 to Bari, 2 October, 1924
- 2.5.16 to Kathie, March 3, 1925
- 2.5.17 to Barb, Oct. 31, 1927
- 2.5.18 to Kathie, October 11, 1934
- 2.5.19 to Bari, October 15, 1934
- 2.5.20 to Ruth, 10 August, 1937
- 2.5.21 to Ruth, August 16, 1937
- 2.5.22 to Ruth, August 29, 1973
- 2.5.23 to Ruth, Dec. 21, 1973
- 2.5.24 to Bari, 24 August, 1974
- 2.5.25 to Kathie, October 15, 1974
- 2.5.26 to Bari, October 24, 1974
- 2.5.27 to Ruth, Aug. 24, 1975
- 2.5.28 to Barb, September 10, 1975
- 2.5.29 to Bari, December 6, 1975
- 2.5.30 to Kathie, Jan. 28, 1976
- 2.5.31 to Kathie, March 2, 1976
- 2.5.32 to Julie, March 3, 1976
- 2.5.33 to Victoria, March 4, 1976
- 2.5.34 to Kathie, April 9, 1976
- 2.5.35 to Kathie, June 6, 1976
- 2.5.36 to Victoria, June 7, 1976
- 2.5.37 to Nancy, July 17, 1976
- 2.5.38 to Tyrone, July 26, 1976
- 2.5.39 to Kathie, March 4, 1977
- 2.5.40 to Victoria, 17 September, 1977
- 2.5.41 to Bari, 10 April, 1978
- 2.5.42 to Victoria, Sept. 5, 1979
- 2.5.43 to Victoria, Oct. 14, 1979
- 2.5.44 to Victoria, Oct. 15, 1979
- 2.5.45 to Kathie, November 23, 1979



- 2.5.46 to Kathie, Jan. 7, 1980
- 2.5.47 to Sarah, January 29, 1980
- 2.5.48 to Victoria, Dec. 11, 1980
- 2.5.49 to Sarah, Jan'y 25, 1981
- 2.5.50 to Victoria, December 18, 1983
- 2.5.51 to Victoria, Dec. 24, 1983
- 2.5.52 to Paul & Cathy, Sept. 8, 1984
- 2.5.53 to Victoria, March 3, 1985
- 2.5.54 to Chris, October 13, 1992
- 2.5.55 to Arnold, September 21, 1994
- 2.5.56 to Barb, Nov. 19, 1994
- 2.5.57 to My dearest, beloved Sharon, October 15, 1996
- 2.5.58 to My dearest, darling Sharon, November 6, 1996
- 2.5.59 to My dearest love, Sharon, December 3, 1996
- 2.5.60 to My dearest, darling Sharon, February 13, 1997
- 2.5.61 to My dearest and most darling love, Sharon, March 5, 1997
- 2.5.62 to My dearest, most beloved Sharon, March 12, 1997
- 2.5.63 to My own dearest, most beloved Sharon, March 12, 1997
- 2.5.64 "Spam! Spam!" words sung to tune of "Notre Dame Victory March", no date
- 2.5.65 partial hand-written letter, no salutations or date
- 2.5.66 partial typed letter, no salutations or date
- 2.5.67 notes on "vacation time", no date
- 2.5.68 to Sharon, no date
- 2.5.69 to Victoria, no date
- 2.5.70 partial hand-written letter, no date

**Folder 6: Assemblage of humorous writing, drawings, etc.**

pp 2-108, largely undated. Includes Mr. Wycoff's resume.