

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Bea Armstrong Collection**  
**Dorothy Beatrice Blagg Armstrong**

**Collection Information**

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| VOLUME OF COLLECTION: | 1 Box   |
| COLLECTION DATES:     | 1898-1991   |
| RESTRICTIONS:         | None  |
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| ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:  | None  |
| OTHER FINDING AIDS:   | None  |
| LOCATION:             | Archives  |
| NOTES:                |   |

**Brief History**

Born in Hudson to William Campbell and Alma Belle Cope Blagg, Beatrice “Bea” Armstrong (1915-1993) grew up in Cooksville. She earned a two-year teaching certificate from Illinois State Normal University and taught in one-room country schools in McLean County.

Bea wed Donald G. Armstrong in 1938 at Cooksville. The couple farmed nearby and raised daughter Beverly. Don died in 1991.

A member of the Union Church in Cooksville and attendee of the Ellsworth Methodist Church, Bea taught Sunday School and was president of the Women’s Society of Christian Service.

She was a member of several hereditary organizations, most notably the Daughters of the American Revolution. She also participated in the McLean County Genealogical Society and McLean County Historical Society.

Bea was a charter member of the Eastern McLean County Ambulance Association. She also was a member of the McLean County Home Extension and a 4-H leader.

## Scope and Contents

The Bea Armstrong Collection consists of one regular size document box and one large record box, a photograph component and loose newspapers. The regular size document box contains material about the Daughters of the American Revolution and other patriotic organizations. The larger record box contains material of a more general nature.

The first box, the regular document box, contains material about patriotic organizations. These organizations are: Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Daughters of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, Daughter of Founders and Patriots, Colonial Dames of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century and Magna Carta Dames. All of these organizations were and remain hereditary orders. Among Mrs. Armstrong's collection is application material for several of the organizations, correspondences and stationary. By far the most information is on the Daughter of the American Revolution, DAR. Mrs. Armstrong kept application material, correspondences, histories, newsletters and newspaper clippings about this organization.

The second box contains materials of a more general nature. Within that box, there are personal correspondences, newspaper clippings, research writings, information about Cooksville and the McLean County Historical Society. Much of the Cooksville information pertains to the bicentennial celebration in 1982. This includes newspaper clippings about bicentennial events, history of the founders and products for sale. There is also quite a bit of information about the McLean County Historical Society. Newspaper articles, as well as newsletters provide for an understanding of the Historical Society's purpose and changes over time. Other important aspects of the Bea Armstrong Collection are her personal correspondences and writings. She wrote several articles for local newspapers. Copies of her manuscripts can be found within this collection.

In addition to the boxed collections, there is a folder of loose newspapers and a box of photographs. These have been separated from the collection because of size and description.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### Box 1 – DAR and Patriotic Associations

|                  |   |  |            |
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| <b>Folder 1:</b> | <b>Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century</b>                |  |            |
| 1.1              | Colonial Daughters of the 17 <sup>th</sup> Century Eligibility List |  |            |
| 1.2              | Nametag templates   |  |            |
| 1.3              | “Objects of the Society”  |  |            |
| 1.4              | 1977  | National Society Colonial Daughters of the 17 <sup>th</sup> Century By- Laws |            |
| 1.5              | 1980  | “  | “          |
| 1.6              | 1976-1979   | “  | “ Yearbook |
| 1.7              | 1982-1985   | “  | “          |
| 1.8              | 1982-1985   | “  | “          |
| 1.9              | 1982-1985   | “  | “          |
| 1.10             | 1985-1988   | “  | “          |
| 1.11             | 1979-1982   | “  | “          |
| 1.12             | 1988-1991   | “  | “          |
| 1.13             | 1985-1988   | “  | “          |
| 1.14             | 1985-1988   | “  | “          |
| 1.15             | 1976-1979   | “  | “          |
| 1.16             | September 1987  | Members and Ancestors  |            |
| 1.17             | 1978  | Summer meeting postcard reminder and RSVP                                    |            |
| 1.18             | 1985  | Summer meeting flier reminder and RSVP                                       |            |
| 1.19             | March 14, 1985  | Registrar’s Report   |            |
| 1.20             | March 14, 1985  | Treasurer’s Report   |            |
| 1.21             | July 8, 1986  | Board meeting  |            |
| 1.22             | October 21, 1986  | “  |            |
| 1.23             | March 12, 1987  | “  |            |
| 1.24             | July 30, 1987   | “  |            |
| 1.25             | October 22, 1987  | “  |            |
| 1.26             | March 10, 1988  | “  |            |
| 1.27             | July 29, 1988   | “  |            |
| 1.28             | [unknown]   | “  |            |
| 1.29             | 1986  | Annual Report  |            |
| 1.30             | 1987  | Illinois Chapter Report  |            |
| 1.31             | 1987  | Illinois Chapter Report  |            |
| 1.32             | March 22, 1981  | Letter: Martha to Bea Armstrong  |            |
| 1.33             | Spring 1983   | Juanita Balance to Colonial Daughters of the 17 <sup>th</sup> C.             |            |
| 1.34             | Spring 1986   | James Cope to Colonial Daughters of the 17 <sup>th</sup> C.                  |            |
| 1.35             | May 20, 1986  | Letter: Mildred Devonny to Bea Armstrong                                     |            |
| 1.36             | May 30, 1986  | Letter: Mrs. Donald Zimmerman to Bea Armstrong                               |            |
| 1.37             | May 30, 1986  | “ to Mary  |            |
| 1.38             | July 29, 1986   | Rough drafts of thank you notes to Fontilla, Joyce and Cornelia              |            |
| 1.39             | September 20, 1988  | Letter: Billie Cooper to Members   |            |
| 1.40             | [unknown]   | Addressed Dear Madam State Regent no signer                                  |            |
| 1.41             | 1982  | Cost for medals and decorations  |            |

- 1.42 1982/1983 Budget
- 1.43 Report of the IL. Chapter for period ending March 1, 1988
- 1.44 July 10,1961 Visit of President General, Mrs. William Carroll
- 1.45 October 22, 1986 *Breeze-Courier*, “Colonial Daughters of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century meet in Decatur”
- 1.46 November 4, 1986 *Olympia Review*, “Colonial Daughters Hold Fall Meeting”
- 1.47 October 29, 1987 *The Colfax Press*, “Colonial Daughters Meet”
- 1.48 Colonial Daughters of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Stationary
- 1.49 Colonial Daughters of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century envelopes
- 1.50 Tentative schedule for Luncheon on March 6,7 and 8, 1980

**Folder 2: Patriotic Organizations**

- 2.1 Membership Eligibility for National Society of Colonial Dames of the XVII Century (NSCD)
- 2.2 August 5, 1988 Letter: Maurine Wallace to Bea Armstrong
- 2.3 Instructions for National Registrar to the Chapter Registrar (NSCD)
- 2.4 NSCD worksheet
- 2.5 Official Invitation for Bea Armstrong to become a member of the NSCD
- 2.6 Preliminary Application for Membership to the NSCD
- 2.7 Application for Membership—National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America (NSDFPA)
- 2.8 Illinois Chapter of NSDFPA Yearbook 1982-1985
- 2.9 Supplement to 1983-1984 Yearbook NSDFPA
- 2.10 “ 1985-1987 “
- 2.11 Invitation for Bea Armstrong to join the NSDFPA
- 2.12 [unknown] Letter: Marion Fisher to Bea Armstrong
- 2.13 January 7, 1979 “ “
- 2.14 November 12, 1978 “ “
- 2.15 March 12,1978 Letter: Gladys Rose Clark to Bea Armstrong
- 2.16 [unknown] Letter: Lynitte Sherman to Members
- 2.17 February 20, 1980 Letter: Harriet Hodge to Bea Armstrong
- 2.18 December 2, 1980 Letter: Ruth to Bea Armstrong
- 2.19 November 24, 1983 Information about upcoming events at Carson’s Highland Room II-NSDFPA
- 2.20 December 13, 1978 Letter: Bea Armstrong to Mrs. Fisher
- 2.21 “A Priceless Heritage, A Sacred Trust,” Information about the National Society of Magna Carta Dames (NSMCD)
- 2.22 Envelope of the NSMCD
- 2.23 October 1, 1983 Letter: Rose Scanlin to Bea Armstrong
- 2.24 June 19, 1985 Letter: Barbara Davis to Bea Armstrong
- 2.25 “ “ “

**Folder 3: Heritage Luncheon and Honor Rolls (Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR)**

- 3.1 Speech for DAR Days September 11-14, 1949
- 3.2 “ “ September 9-12, 1980

- 3.3 March 5, 1980 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of State Officers Club Program
- 3.4 (blank) Illinois American Heritage Committee Chapter Report Due January 10, 1980
- 3.5 (blank) Illinois American Heritage Committee Chapter Report Due January 10, 1980
- 3.6 (blank) Illinois American Heritage Committee Chapter Report Due February 15, 1982
- 3.7 (blank) Illinois American Heritage Committee Chapter Report Due February 15, 1983
- 3.8 June 1981 Illinois Division Meeting—Honor Roll results
- 3.9 1980-1981 “ “
- 3.10 [unknown] “ “
- 3.11 1982-1983 “ “
- 3.12 Report of the State Chairman of the American Heritage Committee
- 3.13 “ “
- 3.14 Various notes concerning different divisions
- 3.15 (1980) American Heritage Committee Report
- 3.16 (1980-1981) “ “
- 3.17 Additional Information- American Heritage
- 3.18 “ “
- 3.19 Agenda for American Heritage Luncheon
- 3.20 “ “
- 3.21 March 7, 1980 Seating Chart for American Heritage Conference
- 3.22 March 6,7 and 8, 1980 84<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference Program
- 3.23 April 1,2 and 3, 1982 86<sup>th</sup> “ “
- 3.24 Speech notes about Honor Roll and DAR days 1981
- 3.25 Gold and Silver ribbons
- 3.26 Table name place cards: J.K. Kincaid, J.J. Hamm, D. Armstrong, J.V. Lucas, H.C. Warner, R.A. Killey, W.P. Jackson
- 3.27 1979 DAR Days nametag for Bea Armstrong
- 3.28 American Heritage State Chairman nametag of Bea Armstrong
- 3.29 Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter DAR nametag for Bea Armstrong
- 3.30 Felt Bell
- 3.31 Nametag- Mrs. Donald Armstrong, Alternate State Chair American Heritage, Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter
- 3.32 Photographs of Heritage Luncheon—Bea Armstrong and flower displays

**Folder 4: Dedication of George Washington Plaque**

- 4.1 Statement of Account from the Gorham Company, Providence, RI.
- 4.2 Dates and histories of men listed on the G. Washington Plaque
- 4.3 “Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in McLean County”
- 4.4 Informational letter regarding the dedication of the G. Washington Plaque—signed by Ruth
- 4.5 February 16, 1978 *The Colfax Press*, “DAR to rededicate George Washington plaque”
- 4.6 Guest ticket list for the dedication of George Washington plaque
- 4.7 Invitation to the Dedication of the George Washington Plaque

- 4.8 Information about George Washington Plaque
- 4.9 List of invitations issued to the dedication on October 28, 1976
- 4.10 "Presentation of Plaque"
- 4.11 "Presentation of Plaque"
- 4.12 October 28, 1976 Program for Dedication of the George Washington Plaque
- 4.13 February 22, 1978 Program for Rededication of the George Washington Plaque
- 4.14 "Dedication of Bicentennial Plaque"
- 4.15 September 14, 1975 Letter: James Pemberton to Bea Armstrong
- 4.16 September 14, 1975 Letter: James Turner to Bea Armstrong
- 4.17 October 10, 1976 Letter: Sally Leaman to Bea Armstrong
- 4.18 October 12, 1976 Letter: Kathryn to Bea Armstrong
- 4.19 October 14, 1976 Letter: Bea Anderson to Bea Armstrong
- 4.20 October 16, 1976 Letter: Lois J. Maier to Bea Armstrong
- 4.21 October 18, 1976 Letter: Lois J. Maier to Bea Armstrong
- 4.22 November 2, 1976 Letter: Mary Perry to Bea Armstrong
- 4.23 November 2, 1976 Letter: Jake J. Ringger to Bea Armstrong
- 4.24 December 6, 1932 Information letter about the George Washington Plaque
- 4.25 List of people to send thank you notes and rough examples
- 4.26 Martha Washington's a Tea Party text and speech

**Folder 5: Correspondence of the Daughters of the American Revolution**

- 5.1 [unknown] Marshal to Bea Armstrong
- 5.2 Fall 1975 Fall Newsletter 1975
- 5.3 June 1979 Margaret W. Terrell to State and Chapter Chairmen
- 5.4 June 1979 Margaret W. Terrell to State and Chapter Chairmen
- 5.5 July 1980 Geraldine R. Reeves to State and Chapter Chairmen
- 5.6 August 1980 Geraldine R. Reeves to State and Chapter Chairmen
- 5.7 (1980) Bea Armstrong to Chapter Chairman
- 5.8 Aug 1981 Bea Armstrong to Chapter Regent and Honor Roll Chair
- 5.9 Oct 1981 Bea Armstrong to Division Director, Chapter Regent and Honor Roll Chairman
- 5.10 Oct 1981 Bea Armstrong to Division Director, Chapter Regent and Honor Roll Chairman
- 5.11 (1979/1980) Bea Armstrong to Chapter Chairman
- 5.12 (1980) Bea Armstrong to Chapter Chairman
- 5.13 (1980/1981) Bea Armstrong to Chapter Chairman
- 5.14 Invitation to Bea Armstrong to become Division III Lineage Research Committee Chairman
- 5.15 Oct 25, 1978 Jane Lucas to Bea Armstrong
- 5.16 Nov 5, 1978 Bea Armstrong to Jane Lucas
- 5.17 May 30, 1979 Jane Lucas to Bea Armstrong
- 5.18 June 17, 1979 Bea Armstrong to Jane Lucas
- 5.19 June 24, 1979 Bea Armstrong to Mrs. Baxter
- 5.20 Aug 8, 1979 Margaret Terrell to Bea Armstrong
- 5.21 Aug 17, 1979 Bea Armstrong to Patricia Sayers

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| 5.22 | Aug 20, 1979   | Bea Armstrong to Mrs. Baxter   |
| 5.23 | Aug 22, 1979   | Mary Ellen Harvey to Bea Armstrong   |
| 5.24 | Nov 15, 1979   | Marylee Cooper to <i>Breeze-Courier</i> Chairman   |
| 5.25 | Nov 24, 1979   | Mrs. Perry French to Bea Armstrong   |
| 5.26 | Nov 29, 1979   | Dolly Egert (National Vice-chairman Heritage Committee) to Bea Armstrong   |
| 5.27 | Nov 6, 1979    | Barbara Fehrenbacher to Bea Armstrong  |
| 5.28 | Nov 8, 1979    | Bea Armstrong to Patricia Sayers   |
| 5.29 | Dec 3, 1979    | Sheila Richards to Bea Armstrong   |
| 5.30 | Jan 1980       | Helen B. Weston to Bea Armstrong   |
| 5.31 | Jan 7, 1980    | Janet to Bea Armstrong   |
| 5.32 | Jan 11, 1980   | Mrs. Lisle Bassett (Regent Kishwaukee Trail) to Bea  |
| 5.33 | Jan 11, 1980   | Bea Armstrong to Marylee Cooper  |
| 5.34 | Jan (15) 1980  | phone message for Bea Armstrong  |
| 5.35 | Jan 18, 1980   | Mrs. William R. Meyer to Bea Armstrong   |
| 5.36 | Jan 25, 1980   | Mrs. Adam French to Bea Armstrong “  |
| 5.37 | Jan 27, (1980) | Jane Lucas to Bea Armstrong  |
| 5.38 | Jan 28, 1980   | Mrs. W.C. Miller to Bea Armstrong  |
| 5.39 | Jan 30, 1980   | Bea Dunningham to Bea Armstrong  |
| 5.40 | Jan 31, 1980   | Florence Yarbrough to Bea Armstrong  |
| 5.41 | Feb 4, 1980    | Mrs. Edward J. Stevens to Bea Armstrong  |
| 5.42 | Feb 1980       | Mrs. John J. Forestner to Bea Armstrong  |
| 5.43 | Feb 1980       | Linda Carlson to Pat, forwarded to Bea Armstrong   |
| 5.44 | Feb 18, 1980   | Bea Armstrong to Jane Lucas  |
| 5.45 | Mar 14, 1980   | Dorothy Williams to Bea Armstrong  |
| 5.46 | Mar 25, 1980   | Bea Armstrong to Dorothy Williams  |
| 5.47 | Apr 17, 1980   | Gladys M. Montgomery to Bea Armstrong  |
| 5.48 | May 26, 1980   | Mrs. Leroy G. Heidel Sr. (State Correspondence Secretary) to Bea Armstrong   |
| 5.49 | Aug 1980       | Geraldine R. Reeves to National Vice, State and Chapter Chairmen   |
| 5.50 | Sep 13, 1980   | Margaret Barber to Bea Armstrong   |
| 5.51 | Sep 21, 1980   | Margaret Barber to Bea Armstrong   |
| 5.52 | Mar 6, 1981    | “Changes in Statistics from American Heritage Chairman of Illinois” Bea A. to Mrs. Reeves (Bea Armstrong) to Rosalie |
| 5.53 | Mar 6, 1981    | (Bea Armstrong) to Rosalie   |
| 5.54 | March 1981     | Mary Lockwood to Bea Armstrong   |
| 5.55 | Apr 20, 1981   | Mary Lockwood to Bea Armstrong   |
| 5.56 | May 18, 1981   | Bea Armstrong to Geraldine Reeves  |
| 5.57 | June 19, 1981  | Geraldine Reeves to Bea Armstrong  |
| 5.58 | June 27, 1981  | Fran Triebel to Bea Armstrong  |
| 5.59 | Sep 6, 1982    | Margaret Barber to Bea Armstrong   |
| 5.60 | Sep 1, 1983    | Margaret Hall to Members of the DAR  |
| 5.61 | Jan 11, 1988   | Patricia Whiteside Sayers to Bea Armstrong   |
| 5.62 | Jan 27, 1988   | Bea Armstrong to Patricia Sayers   |

**Folder 6: Newspaper Clippings**

**Folder 7: Application Material for DAR**

- 7.1 Information about the Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter NSDAR
- 7.2 December 30, 1987 Letter concerning the Supplemental Application
- 7.3 Supplemental Application
- 7.4 Application for Membership to the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution
- 7.5 “ “ “
- 7.6 “ “ “
- 7.7 “ “ “
- 7.8 1975 “Instructions for copying source records and their preparation for library use”
- 7.9 Revised 1989 “Instructions for copying source records and their preparation for library use” with extra information and forms

**Folder 8: Miscellaneous DAR Material**

- 8.1 September 1968 *Illinois DAR News* vol. XII, no. 4
- 8.2 February 1969 *Illinois DAR News* vol. XIII, no. 2
- 8.3 February 1981 *Illinois DAR News* vol. XXVI, no. 2
- 8.4 June 1981 *Illinois DAR News* vol. XXVI, no. 3
- 8.5 September 1981 *Illinois DAR News* vol. XXVI, no. 4
- 8.6 1976 “Focus” United States of America Bicentennial booklet
- 8.7 1976 “Know the DAR” an information booklet about the DAR
- 8.8 1961 Regent’s Report
- 8.9 1975-1976 Regent’s Report
- 8.10 Sep. 23, 1932 Regent’s Report
- 8.11 May 10, 1979 By-laws of the Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter NSDAR
- 8.12 1974-1976 DAR/Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter information
- 8.13 1975-1976 DAR/Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter Supplement
- 8.14 [unknown] DAR Ritual
- 8.15 [unknown] List of Markers placed by the Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter of the DAR
- 8.16 Oct. 18, 1973 Tour in Bloomington to Historical Markers placed
- 8.17 Oct. 17, 1975 Revolutionary soldiers buried in McLean County
- 8.18 DAR Records
- 8.19 Information about Lincoln Marker outside of Historical Society
- 8.20 Unknown list of names
- 8.21 May 1972 List of members of the Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter
- 8.22 Oct. 14, 1976 Biographical information about Prof. Bushnell—he made a presentation to the DAR
- 8.23 1973 notes about events at Ramada Inn
- 8.24 1986 DAR Days information—bookmark about house tour on September 10

**Box 2 —General Collection**

**Folder 1: Newspaper Stories April 29, 1898 to July 7, 1899**

**Folder 2: Newspaper Stories July 7, 1899 to May 4, 1900**



- Folder 3: Newspaper Stories May 18, 1900 to February 22, 1901**
- Folder 4: Newspaper Stories March 1, 1901 to October 11, 1901**
- Folder 5: Newspaper Stories October 18, 1901 to June 27, 1902**
- Folder 6: Newspaper Stories July 4, 1902 to February 27, 1903**
- Folder 7: Newspaper Stories March 6, 1903 to September 16, 1904**
- Folder 8: Newspaper Stories September 23, 1904 to August 24, 1906**
- Folder 9: Newspaper Stories August 24, 1906 to May 1, 1908**
- Folder 10: Newspaper Stories May 8, 1908 to August 27, 1909**
- Folder 11: Newspaper Stories August 27, 1909 to December 31, 1909**
- Folder 12: Various stories and manuscripts**
- 12.1 "Home Bureau," by Mrs. Ethel Heagler
  - 12.2 "Four H Club," by Mrs. Heagler ca. 1935
  - 12.3 "The First School of Blue Mound Township," by Mrs. Heagler
  - 12.4 "Baptist Church of Blue Mound Township 1867-1890"
  - 12.5 "Grand View Prairie Presbyterian Church," by W.W. Newton presented as a speech on January 21, 1936
  - 12.6 "1887: Mrs. J.C. Wilson, letter from Grumfield (?), Iowa," by Mrs. Heagler ca. 1935
  - 12.7 "Sulphur Spring, Blue Mound Township," by Bea Armstrong
  - 12.8 "Blue Mound Hill, Blue Mound Township," by Bea Armstrong
  - 12.9 "History of Fletcher School—compiled from records and memory," by Clara A. (Conger) Watson, June 1935
  - 12.10 "History of Fletcher School—compiled from records and memory," by Clara A. (Conger) Watson, June 1935
  - 12.11 "A Pioneer Wedding," excerpts from *The Great Meadow* by Elizabeth Madox Roberts
  - 12.12 List of Deceased by year, month and day; 1901-1905
  - 12.13 "Cooksville A Leader" from *The Cooksville Enterprise*
  - 12.14 "History of Blue Mound Township," by Mrs. Heagler
  - 12.15 "Pioneer Families," by Mrs. Heagler ca. 1937
  - 12.16 Information about Cooksville/Blue Mound Township and the people who resided there
  - 12.17 "Rose Hill School" in *McLean County and Its Schools* by William Brigham
  - 12.18 "The Northwest Ordinance of 1787"
  - 12.19 "Long Before Grain Dryers" by Donald Armstrong
  - 12.20 "Long Before Grain Dryers" by Donald Armstrong (Handwritten Copy)

- 12.21 History of Indian Populations in North America and the McLean County Region
- 12.22 "Sulphur Springs, Blue Mound Township"
- 12.23 "Scott Hill, Blue Mound Township"

**Folder 13: Various "Centennial Corners"(biographies of important Cooksville families) from the *Colfax Press***

**Folder 14: McLean County Historical Society I**

- 14.1 Nov. 1989 MCHS Newsletter "On the Square" vol. 21, no. 5
- 14.2 Jan.-Feb. 1990 MCHS Newsletter "On the Square" vol. 22, no. 1
- 14.3 March 1990 MCHS Newsletter "On the Square" vol. 22, no. 2
- 14.4 May-June 1990 MCHS Newsletter "On the Square" vol. 22, no. 3
- 14.5 July-Aug. 1990 MCHS Newsletter "On the Square" vol. 22, no. 4
- 14.6 Sep.-Oct. 1990 MCHS Newsletter "On the Square" vol. 22, no. 5
- 14.7 June 1991 MCHS Newsletter "On the Square" vol. 23, no. 4
- 14.8 *The Future of Our History: The Campaign for the McLean County Historical Society*
- 14.9 Celebration Announcement/Bulletin
- 14.10 June 1990 Fred Dolan, Pres. Board of Directors MCHS to Friends of MCHS
- 14.11 *Guidebook the Historical McLean County*
- 14.12 *McLean County: Serving the Public with Private Funds*
- 14.13 Press Release: "Eastern McLean County Historical Tour"
- 14.14 Speech notes
- 14.15 Various newspaper clippings

**Folder 15: McLean County Historical Society II**

- 15.1 Brochure "The Indian in McLean County-12,000 Years of History"
- 15.2 "Highlights of American History 1869-1969"
- 15.3 "I Have a Dream" a speech by Bea Armstrong
- 15.4 Piece of cloth from the dome of the McLean County Courthouse-summer 1971
- 15.5 McLean County Historical Society Newsletter vol. 8, no. 2
- 15.6 McLean County Historical Society Newsletter vol. 10.no. 2
- 15.7 May 22, 1972 Annual Meeting Report of the MCHS
- 15.8 (Aug. 21, 1975) Marilyn Townley to Bea Armstrong
- 15.9 May 25, 1971 Casey to Donald Armstrong
- 15.10 Feb. 19,1970 Glenn W. Dodds (President) to Officers and Board of Directors of the MCHS
- 15.11 Apr. 13, 1975 Mark Wyman (Chairman) to Officers and Board of Directors of the MCHS
- 15.12 Apr. 22, 1975 Orville Waltz (Head of Museum Committee) to Wayne Rogers (President MCHS)
- 15.13 Sep. 19, 1974 Wayne Rogers to Eugene Funk, Judson Chubbuck, Mrs. Edwin Cook, Joe Ochiltree, Bill Rolley, Don Armstrong, Mrs. Edward B. Rust,

- Glenn Dodds, Mrs. Mary Jo Iverns, Mrs. William Munro, Elmo Franklin
- 15.14 Nov. 4, 1974 Minutes of October 30, 1974 Board of Directors Meeting MCHS
- 15.15 Oct. 25, 1974 Wayne Rogers to Board of Directors MCHS
- 15.16 Aug. 27, 1974 Jim [Geben] to Donald Armstrong
- 15.17 [unknown] Personal note about MCHS
- 15.18 (1971) Morris Jones (President) to Officers and Board MCHS
- 15.19 June 7, 1971 Donald or Bea Armstrong to Morris Jones
- 15.20 [unknown] Report to membership
- 15.21 1982-1983 Annual Report
- 15.22 Minutes of Sep. 18, 1973's Board of Directors Meeting
- 15.23 1974-1975 Report on the volunteers of the MCHS
- 15.24 1974-1975 Program Report
- 15.25 April 16, 1975 Report on the Library
- 15.26 Dec. 1, 1972 Report on Alternative Housing
- 15.27 Minutes of July 16, 1975's Board Meeting
- 15.28 July 21, 1975 Wayne Rogers to Board Members
- 15.29 Minutes of June 25, 1975's Board meeting
- 15.30 Minutes of April 23, 1975's Board meeting
- 15.31 Minutes of February 5, 1975's Board meeting
- 15.32 Minutes of November 25, 1974's Board meeting
- 15.33 Minutes of September 24, 1975's Board meeting
- 15.34 Minutes of April 26, 1976's Board meeting
- 15.35 Minutes of August 26, 1976's Board meeting
- 15.36 Jan. 19, 1977 Donald Armstrong to Board—Re: resignation
- 15.37 Minutes of the January 20, 1977's Board meeting
- 15.38 Jan. 21, 1977 Wayne Rogers to Donald Armstrong
- 15.39 June 7, 1977 Barbara Dunbar to Bea Armstrong
- 15.40 MCHS Newsletter vol. 10, no. 6
- 15.41 MCHS Newsletter vol. 11, no. 2
- 15.42 MCHS Newsletter vol. 11, no. 8 Sep. 1977
- 15.43 MCHS Newsletter vol. 12, no. 2 Feb. 1978
- 15.44 June 6, 1969 Vern C. Grey to Donald Armstrong
- 15.45 MCHS Museum brochure
- 15.46 MCHS Newsletter vol. 6, no. 2 June 1969
- 15.47 Annual Report to Membership 1980-1981
- 15.48 Annual Report to Membership April 1985- March 1985
- 15.49 Annual Report to Membership 1982-1983
- 15.50 Annual Report to Membership 1982-1983
- 15.51 Miller/Davis Law Office brochure
- 15.52 MCHS Museum brochure

**Folder 16: *Illinois Correspondents***

- 16.1 *Illinois Correspondent* Autumn 1972 vol. 1, no. 2
- 16.2 *Illinois Correspondent* Spring 1973 vol. 1, no. 3
- 16.3 *Illinois Correspondent* Summer 1973 vol. 1, no. 4

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| 16.4  | <i>Illinois Correspondent</i> | Fall 1973      | vol. II, no. 1  |
| 16.5  | <i>Illinois Correspondent</i> | Winter 1974    | vol. II, no. 2  |
| 16.6  | <i>Illinois Correspondent</i> | Spring 1974    | vol. II, no. 3  |
| 16.7  | <i>Illinois Correspondent</i> | Summer 1974    | vol. II, no. 4  |
| 16.8  | <i>Illinois Correspondent</i> | Sep./Oct. 1974 | vol. III, no. 1 |
| 16.9  | <i>Illinois Correspondent</i> | Nov./Dec. 1974 | vol. III, no. 2 |
| 16.10 | <i>Illinois Correspondent</i> | Jan./Feb. 1975 | vol. III, no. 3 |
| 16.11 | <i>Illinois Correspondent</i> | Mar./Apr. 1975 | vol. III, no. 4 |
| 16.12 | <i>Illinois Correspondent</i> | Summer 1975    | vol. III, no. 5 |

**Folder 17: Bicentennial of the United States of America**

- 17.1 Spring 1975 Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Quarterly  
"In the Sprit of '76: Namesakes of Our Bicentennial Fleet"
- 17.2 Sep. 1974 (U.S.A. Bicentennial Committee DAR)  
Jane F. Smith, Chairperson to Chapter Regent
- 17.3 [1976] *The Pantagraph*, "Freedom Train draws huge crowd"
- 17.4 Nov. 9, 1974 *West Virginia Hillbilly*, "In 1976 All Roads Will Lead . . ."
- 17.5 " " "Bath Under Three Flags"
- 17.6 [unknown] "The Bicentennial of the Battle of Point Pleasant," by Jane F. Smith, IL. Committee U.S.A. Bicentennial Chairperson
- 17.8 [1976] Pictures of members of the American Revolution  
Bicentennial Committee

**Folder 18: Cooksville Bicentennial**

- 18.1 Various Newspaper clippings about Cooksville's Bicentennial events
- 18.2 Rules and Requirements of "Tales of Cooksville" Contest
- 18.3 Handwritten manuscript "State Route 165," by Donald Armstrong
- 18.4 July 4, 1975 Senior Citizens Parade Cooksville
- 18.5 1975 Fourth of July Plans-City of Cooksville
- 18.6 1975 Fourth of July Plans "to taken care of yet"
- 18.7 Dec. 14, 1975 Program for Cooksville-Blue Mound  
Township Bicentennial Community Flag Presentation
- 18.8 [1976] Flier- "Celebrate Uncle Sam's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Cooksville"
- 18.9 July 4, 1976 Bicentennial Community Service Program
- 18.10 Flier- "Meet Your Friends at Cooksville's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration"

**Folder 19: Cooksville Centennial 1882-1982**

- 19.1 Various newspaper clippings
- 19.2 Schedule of events for July 3, 1982
- 19.3 Flier of events during Cooksville's Centennial Celebration
- 19.4 July 3 and 4, 1982 Cooksville Centennial Pageant
- 19.5 July 4, 1982 Cooksville Centennial Community Worship
- 19.6 Order-form for *The Centennial History of Cooksville and Blue Mound Township*, by Laurel Quaid

**Folder 20: Miscellaneous Cooksville**

- 20.1 "Destroyed by Fire"
- 20.2 "State Route 165," by Donald Armstrong

- 20.3 "Township Organized into School Districts 1885"
- 20.4 "History of M.E. Church-Cooksville," by Bea Armstrong (hand written)
- 20.5 " " " (typed)
- 20.6 Land Owners Blue Mound Township 1874
- 20.7 "Blue Mound Township," by Bea Armstrong
- 20.8 "Cooksville and Blue Mound Township," by Bea Armstrong
- 20.9 Nov.1932 "History of Cooksville," by Bea Armstrong (hand written)
- 20.10 " " " "
- 20.11 " " " (typed)
- 20.12 "Early History of Cooksville"
- 20.13 "Early History of Cooksville"
- 20.14 "The Cooksville Enterprise" August 14,1908
- 20.15 "Grand View Prairie Presbyterian Church," by Harry Heagler ca. 1935
- 20.16 Cooksville Methodist Church Information
- 20.17 History of Presbyterian Church since 1893
- 20.18 Union Church (Blue Mound Township)
- 20.19 Announcement of Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Cooksville Telephone Company
- 20.20 Community Birthday and Activity Calendar 1971
- 20.21 Various Newspaper Articles

**Folder 21: Personal Correspondences**

- 21.1 October 1, 1905 Mabel to Alma Cope
- 21.2 June 1910 Mabel to Alma Cope (Post Card)
- 21.3 January 2, 1911 Eva to Alma Cope (Post Card)
- 21.4 (Unknown) Maggie to Alma Cope (Post Card)
- 21.5 March 23, 1910 Maggie to Alma Cope (Post Card)
- 21.6 (Unknown) Martha Cope to Bea Armstrong
- 21.7 October 1910 Maggie to Alma Cope
- 21.8 January 1911 Geo. and [Gleu] to Alma Cope
- 21.9 April 1911 Martha to Alma Cope
- 21.10 June 1911 Martha to Alma Cope
- 21.11 December 10, 1951 Alta Lovell to Bea Armstrong
- 21.12 December 27, 1950 Alta Lovell to Bea Armstrong
- 21.13 December 13, 1955 Alta Lovell to Bea Armstrong
- 21.14 December 2, 1960 Mabel to Alma Cope
- 21.15 January 14, 1961 Alta Lovell to Bea Armstrong
- 21.16 December 1963 Alta Lovell to Bea Armstrong
- 21.17 May 12, 1966 Alta Lovell to Bea Armstrong
- 21.18 August 23, 1966 Alta Lovell to Bea Armstrong
- 21.19 February 18, 1969 Alta Lovell to Bea Armstrong
- 21.20 February 10, 1968 Alta Lovell to Cousins (Bea Armstrong and family)
- 21.21 March 5, 1968 Alta Lovell to Bea Armstrong
- 21.22 September 8, 1968 Alta Lovell to Bea Armstrong
- 21.23 March 8, 1969 Jennie Havens to Bea Armstrong
- 21.24 Memorial Service Program for Jennie Havens
- 21.25 September 10, 1979 Laurel Quaid to Bea Armstrong
- 21.26 July 3, 1982 Donald Armstrong to Bea Armstrong (Anniversary)

- 21.27 August 28, 1983 Carlos and Leata Park to Bea and Donald Armstrong
- 21.28 (Unknown) Carlos and Leata Park to Bea and Donald Armstrong
- 21.29 1986 Mildred to Bea and Donald
- 21.30 Memo from Bea Armstrong regarding Edward Stickney, the researcher of the Paul Revere Bells
- 21.31 (March 1978) Elizabeth Hart to Illinois Friends
- 21.32 Christmas (unknown) Mabel to Bea Armstrong
- 21.33 Christmas (unknown) Mabel to Bea Armstrong
- 21.34 (Unknown) Alta Lovell to Bea Armstrong
- 21.35 July 17, 1975 Grace Small, a.k.a. The Hitchhiking Grandma, a.k.a. 'that' Grace Small to Bea Armstrong
- 21.36 January 23, 1976 Grace Small to Bea Armstrong
- 21.37 May 19, 1981 Grace Small to Bea Armstrong
- 21.38 November 19, 1980 Grace Small to Bea Armstrong
- 21.39 July 3, 1985 Grace Small to Bea Armstrong
- 21.40 June 6, 1896 Grace Small to Bea Armstrong
- 21.41 Newspaper article about Grace Small
- 21.42 Unknown photograph of twins-mailed from Culpeper, Virginia (1961)
- 21.43 Birth Announcement of Kimberly Robertson (January 16, 1961)
- 21.44 May 17, 1976 Bea Armstrong to Barbara
- 21.45 (unknown) Samuel Buck to Bea Armstrong
- 21.46 May 14, 1976 James Hart to Bea Armstrong
- 21.47 July 2, 1987 Eda Wagner to Bea Armstrong
- 21.48 October 1970 Opal Lehman to Bea Armstrong
- 21.49 August 14, 1984 Kathy Taylor to (Eastern Ambulance Association) Bea Armstrong
- 21.50 (unknown) Mary and Friends to Bea Armstrong
- 21.51 March 10, 1980 Mary Ellen Harvey to Bea Armstrong
- 21.52 April 8, 1983 Leta Shankel to Bea Armstrong
- 21.53 March 2, 1931 Department of Public Works and Buildings-Division of Highways to All District Engineers

**Folder 22: Ephemera**

- 22.1 Business Card of Darwin C. Rust, Chairman of McLean County Bank
- 22.2 Business Card of Robert H. Hass, Department of Natural Resources
- 22.3 Business Card of Montvallce Motel
- 22.4 Business Card of B.W. Bond, F.A.A.O.P.C. Optometrist
- 22.5 Business Card of Gale Bragg, Associate, DePestel & Seitz Real Estate Brokers
- 22.6 *Journal of the Illinois Conference*
- 22.7 *The Central Illinois Historical Messenger* Vol. 3, No. 2 Apr-Jun 1971
- 22.8 *The Central Illinois Historical Messenger* Vol. 5, No. 2 Apr-Jun 1973
- 22.9 *The Central Illinois Historical Messenger* Vol. 9, No. 1 Jan-Mar 1977
- 22.10 *The Lighter of Flames-A Pageant about Illinois State Normal University*
- 22.11 1974 Historic Site Search Entry Form
- 22.12 1976-77 Program for "1776" Presented by the Community Players
- 22.13 McLean County Informational Brochures

- 22.14 June 6, 1973 Octavia Community Unit Schools Reminder to parents about the schedule of summer school
- 22.15 Script and Notes for Tour of Eastern McLean County
- 22.16 May 1987 *Bloomington-Normal Genealogical Society Newsletter*  
Vol. XXI, no. 5
- 22.17 Fletcher Aces Ball Club 1933-1936 List of Players and Positions
- 22.18 Church of the Pioneers Brochure
- 22.19 McLean County Yearbook 1973-1975
- 22.20 News Release and Letters for Robert W. Mitchler, State Senator
- 22.21 Speech Notes
  - a. Cooksville
  - b. June 22, 1973 Blue Mound Tour
  - c. February 17, 1976 Cooksville-Blue Mound Township

**Loose Newspaper Collection:**

**McLean County Box I**

- 1. December 1985 BroMenn Poster
- 2. 1947 Detail Map of McLean County
- 3. McLean County, Illinois Informational Brochure
- 4. 1981 *Colfax Press* Supplement about Centennial
- 5. September 3, 1981 *Colfax Press* Centennial Pictures Issue
- 6. Special Paper about the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the McLean County Farm Bureau
- 7. March 13, 1984 *The Pantagraph* Supplement "A Look at McLean County"
- 8. August 11, 1977 *Colfax Press* page 4
- 9. July 8, 1982 "Cooksville Celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday"
- 10. "100 Years Ago" A Special Newspaper about Cooksville's Centennial
- 11. March 20, 1977 *The Pantagraph* "McBarnes Building a Phoenix of Flames"
- 12. August 21, 1977 *The Pantagraph* "Open House at McBarnes Building"
- 13. March 12, 1978 *The Pantagraph* "Happy Birthday! Museum is 86"
- 14. May 9, 1976 *The Pantagraph* "Review of Bicentennial Events"
- 15. July 3, 1960 *Family Weekly* "Bell was Saved" by Oscar Schisgall