

McLean County Museum of History

William B. Price—McLean County Courthouse

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Collection Information

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Brief History of Courthouse

The Mclean County Courthouse, located in the main square (200 N. Main Street) of downtown Bloomington, Illinois, was completed in 1903. Adlai Stevenson, former Vice President of the United States gave the formal address when the building was dedicated. It is currently the home of the McLean County Museum of History. The building was designed by Architect William Reeves of the firm of Reeves and Baillie, Peoria, Illinois. The McLean County Museum of History moved into the building in 1991.

Scope

The collection includes the personal archive of William “Wid” Brokaw Price. Mr. Price was born in Normal, Illinois in 1926, the son of Walter Brokaw Price and Erma Brumme Price. At the time of this collection, he lived at 1700 East Washington Street. He maintained a campaign to save the “Old Courthouse” beginning in 1965 when the McLean County Board began to investigate the possibility to replace or expand the current court house. The collection contains numerous newspaper articles, letters that Mr. Price wrote, and a booklet that Mr. Price created which he distributed in furtherance of his quest. Mr. Price died in 2010.

Box and Folder Inventory

- Folder 1 Where There’s a Will: Mr. Price’s Quest**
- 1.1 Paper, “Where There’s A Will”, Barbara Scott Price, 21 May 1973, submitted for a course at Illinois State University entitled, “American State and Local Government”, 12 pages, plus 6 handwritten pages of original draft (front and back).
- Folder 2 Price’s Booklet**
- 2.1 Paper, “Facts About The Fourth McLean County Courthouse”, William Brokaw Price, 1967, 30 pages, plus 1 page (photocopy) from cover of typewriter paper box which contained document.
- Folder 3 Newspaper Articles and Newsletters (The Pantagraph):
 Letters to the Editor**
- 3.1 Letter, from William B. Price, 1700 E. Washington, “Preserve County Building”, 4 December 1965.
- 3.2 Letter, from Barbara Price, 1700 E. Washington, “More Facts on Courthouse, December 1965.
- 3.3 Letter, from Barbara Price, 1700 E. Washington, “Suggests Vote on Courthouse”, 16 January 1966.
- 3.4 Letter, from John Grassfield, 502 E. Emerson, “New Courthouse on Square”, 29 January 1966, notation added: “His opinion didn’t prevail, Thank god!”.
- 3.5 Letter, from John A. Guy, 510 Manchester Rd., “Enters Courthouse Debate”, 1 February 1966.
- 3.6 Letter, from Harry E. Baker, Stanford, “City Revitalization Plans”, 2 February 1966.
- 3.7 Letter, from Mrs. Jeanette C. Parker, “Commission Not Democratic”, 7 February, 1966.
- 3.8 Letter, from Mrs. M. M .Cowden, R.R. 1, “Pushes County Building Idea”, 7 February 1966.
- 3.9 Letter, from William B. Price, 1700 E. Washington, “Why Building Commission?”, 9 February 1966.

- 3.10 Letter, from Elwell Crissey, 409 E. Beecher, "Tearing Up Downtown May Spell 'Finis'", 24 February 1966.
- 3.11 Letters, from Mrs. P.J. McDonald, 504 [?] E. Walnut, "League Not Debating Courthouse Issue", and Mrs. Frances Culbertson, 601 Virginia, Normal, "No Magic in New Courthouse", 24 February 1966.
- 3.12 Letter, from Esta Grace Ackerson, 807 W. Hovey, Normal, "Keep Historic County Courthouse", 1966.
- 3.13 Letter, from Rupert Kilgore, 18 White Pl., "Architecture Worth Saving", 1966, notation added: "One of the best letters! R. Kilgore, Prof. Art History II. Wesleyan".
- 3.14 Letter, from William B. Price, 1700 E. Washington, "Courthouse Plan at Hand", 1966, notation added: "Agree with any plan to save the building".
- 3.15 Letter, from Mrs. Jeannette C. Parker, 302 Imperial Dr., "Professional Studies Unheeded", 1966.
- 3.16 Letter, from Frank Earl Jones, 102 ½ E. Market, "Build Courthouse Tower?", 1966.
- 3.17 Letter, from William B. Price, 1700 E. Washington, "Examine Poke First", 30 March 1967.
- 3.18 Letter, from William B. Price, 1700 E. Washington, "Hits Board Appointment", 1 May 1967, along with typewritten unsigned copy of letter, dated 30 April 1967.
- 3.19 Letter, from Norman C. Sutter, R. R. 2, "County bureaucracy or democracy?", 1967.
- 3.20 Letter (photocopy of newspaper), from William B. Price, 1700 E. Washington, "Save county courthouse; save \$\$", 1972, along with typewritten unsigned copy of letter, dated 8 November 1972.
- 3.21 Letters, from Marian Spratt, Le Roy, "Erect county building in stages", John English, R. R. 3, "Board's duty to make decisions", and Thelma G. Bailen, 903 S. Mercer, "Committee could rescue courthouse", October 1973.
- 3.22 Letter, from William Hannie, 604 N. School, Normal, "Another Courthouse Plan", 1973.
- 3.23 Letter, from Elizabeth S. Ives, 1316 E. Washington, "Courthouse Our Heritage", undated.
- 3.24 Letter, from Elwell Crissey, Bloomington, "There's still a chance of saving some history", undated, but "23 September" written in.

**Folder 4 Newspaper Articles and Newsletters (The Pantagraph):
McLean County Board**

- 4.1 White, Roland, "Courthouse Action Delayed Until Dec. 14 Board Meeting", The Pantagraph, 11 November 1965.
- 4.2 White, Roland, "Shopping for Courthouse Heads Supervisor Slate", The Pantagraph, 12 December 1965, page 3.
- 4.3 White, Roland, "McLean Supervisors Vote For New County Building", The Pantagraph, 15 December 1965, Notation added: "Our efforts are paying off – he is out strongest opponent".
- 4.4 Staff, "Courthouse Site On board Agenda", The Pantagraph, 9 January 1966, page 3.

- 4.5 White, Roland, "County Board Again Waits for Decision on Courthouse", The Pantagraph, 11 January 1966.
- 4.6 Engelhorn, Jim, "Supervisor Group, Council discuss Downtown Renewal", The Pantagraph, 25 January 1966.
- 4.7 Staff, "Supervisors Would Educate Public on Courthouse Need", The Pantagraph, 9 February 1966.
- 4.8 Staff, "Supervisors Would Educate Public on Courthouse Need", The Pantagraph, 9 February 1966.
- 4.9 Staff, "Decision Waits On Courthouse", The Pantagraph, 11 February 1966.
- 4.10 Adams, Bill, "Barker Quits Board With blast at Council", The Pantagraph, Feb 1967
- 4.11 White, Roland, "County Board Told Money On Hand For Courthouse", The Pantagraph, 16 March 1967.
- 4.12 White, Roland, "Board Places Courthouse Bond Issue Before Voters", The Pantagraph, 4 April 1967, notation added: "Defeated 5 – 1".
- 4.13 Staff, "Courthouse Proposition Defeat Attributed to Poor Selling Job", The Pantagraph, 6 April 1967.
- 4.14 White, Roland, "Air Conditioned Courthouse Gets Board's Tentative OK", The Pantagraph, 26 April 1967, page 3.
- 4.15 Staff, "Building Commission Gains County Panel", The Pantagraph, 12 December 1967, page 3.
- 4.16 White, Roland, "Board Candidates Air Views on Issues", The Pantagraph, 9 February 1969, page B-8, notation added: "Almost impossible – we need public use, public support" and "Hunter wanted to tear it down, before he got all those calls + letters".
- 4.17 Staff, "Reports on New Courthouse, Jail Going to Supervisors", The Pantagraph, 5 March 1969.
- 4.18 White, Roland, "County Board Votes 25-23 For New Courthouse Site", The Pantagraph, 22 April 1969, page A-3, notation added: "2 votes!"
- 4.19 White, Roland, "County Community Center Plans Explained to Board", The Pantagraph, 6 January 1970, page A-3, notation added: Court House still in danger more than four years after we started working to save it – Here we have an architect plugging for destruction".
- 4.20 Spencer, Mark, "Possible use for courthouse: Rent it", The Pantagraph, 29 November 1971, page 2, notation added: "Public discussion had been going on for six years at this point – and the fate of the courthouse was still unsettled".
- 4.21 Spencer, Mark, "Courthouse bid delayed", The Pantagraph, 10 October 1972, page A-3.
- 4.22 Spencer, Mark, "Courthouse remodeling too costly - committee", The Pantagraph, 23 October 1972.
- 4.23 White, Roland, "Board votes out complex", The Pantagraph, 14 November 1972, page 2, along with attached clipping presumably from same date, "Board member's position misstated".
- 4.24 White, Roland, "\$6.5 million county budget includes some building funds", The Pantagraph, 15 November 1972, plus Staff, "More debate on courthouse", page A-5.

- 4.25 Spencer, Mark, "County board orders design for new jail, court building", The Pantagraph, 21 November 1972, page 2.
- 4.26 Spencer, Mark, "County board members divide on fate of present courthouse", The Pantagraph, 22 November 1972, page A-3, notation added: "Our efforts rewarded, but we still worry – nothing is definite".
- 4.27 Spencer, Mark, "County gets \$47,825 bill for unused courthouse plan", The Pantagraph, 12 February 1973, page A-3.
- 4.28 Spencer, Mark, "County to get federal funds for courthouse renovation?", The Pantagraph, 4 March 1973.
- 4.29 Spencer, Mark, "County board rejects Normal Fairview bid", The Pantagraph, 14 March 1973, plus side bar entitled "Historic" which notes that grant for renovation of courthouse may be available now that building had been place on national register of historic places.
- 4.30 Spencer, Mark, "Courthouse-jail approved by 19-7 county board vote", The Pantagraph, 14 March 1973, page A-3.
- 4.31 Staff, "Two Added to County Body", The Pantagraph, undated.
- 4.32 Staff, "Building Board Full", The Pantagraph, undated.

Folder 5 Newspaper Articles and Newsletters (The Pantagraph):

Articles about the Building

- 5.1 Staff, "The Interior is Rich" and "Monument In Masonry", 24 September 1903, page 5 (on 7 photocopied pages).
- 5.2 Staff, "The Frescoing And Furniture", 24 September 1903, page 6 (on 4 photocopied pages).
- 5.3 Staff, "Today's Program", 24 September 1903, page 7 (on 3 photocopied pages).
- 5.4 Staff, "Given To county", 25 September 1903, page 9 (on 2 photocopied pages).
- 5.5 Staff, "1965 – 'Twas Not Wanting for Wishes", 2 January 1966, page 3.
- 5.6 Staff, "Hassler's Verse Served As Entrée to Political Life", 16 January 1966, page 8.
- 5.7 White, Roland, "Courthouse Space Scarcity Proving Costly to County", 12 March 1967, page 3.
- 5.8 White, Roland, "Downtown Building Owner Suggests Mall on Square", 1966, page 2.
- 5.9 Political Advertisement, "Attention McLean County Taxpayers", from McLean County Taxpayers' League, 12 May 1967.
- 5.10 Staff, "Regional planner would save that 'beautiful' old courthouse", 6 January 1972, page A-3, notation added: "sweet, but partial, victory (after 6 years of battle)".
- 5.11 Keeran, James, "U.S. Parks Service may put courthouse on 'preserve' list", 7 October 1972, page A-5, notation added: "These people were a real help – thanks for Buffie Ives".
- 5.12 White, Roland, "Target for action : Old courthouse", 10 November 1972, page A-5, notation added: "Seven Years – From Nov 11, 1965, when we started the campaign to save it – its fate still undecided".
- 5.13 Wills, Bill, "On courthouse: ACI views range from 'begin building' to 'abide by results of referendum'", 11 November 1972, page A-3, plus Editorial, "'Best buy'

- concept can lead to new courthouse decision”, and Letter to Editor, Bernard E. Wall, “New courthouse an obvious need”, page A-4.
- 5.14 White Roland, “Can beauty and utility mix?” 12 November 1972, page A-3, plus Letter to Editor, William B. Price, “Save county courthouse; save \$\$”, page A-4.
- 5.15 Downs, Fern M., Withers Library Staff, “How Time Flies, 25 Years Ago”, 13 November 1972, re: found original cornerstone for third county courthouse build in 1868.
- 5.16 Driver, Lolita, “His courthouse collection could be a book”, 19 November 1972, page C-16.
- 5.17 Liston, Phyllis, “How Time Flies, 25 Years Ago”, 10 January 1993, re: booklet advocating preservation of courthouse distributed to McLean County Board of Supervisors.
- 5.18 Liston, Phyllis, “How Time Flies, 25 Years Ago”, 22 April 1994, re: approval vote for new courthouse site.

Folder 6 Newspaper Articles and Newsletters (The Pantagraph)
Editorials

- 6.1 Editorial, “High Cost Big Hurdle To Courthouse Savers”, 26 December 1965.
- 6.2 Editorial, “Courthouse Preservation Fails To Rally Support”, 4 January 1966.
- 6.3 Editorial, “Downtown Can Invite Both Cars and People”, 11 January 1966.
- 6.4 Editorial, “City-County Teamwork Essential to Renewal”, 26 January 1966.
- 6.5 Editorial, “Our Jail’s Tired Structure”, 1 February 1966.
- 6.6 Editorial, “Courthouse Decision For Those Who ‘Care’”, 10 February 1966.
- 6.7 Editorial, “New Decisions Forced On County Building”, 6 April 1967.
- 6.8 Editorial, “It Is Near Decision Time”, 14 May 1967.
- 6.9 Editorial, No Title (“courthouse building as worth saving”), 16 February 1969.
- 6.10 Editorial, “Major Effort Worthwhile”, 25 February 1969.
- 6.11 Editorial, “Time to decide courthouse future”, 3 December 1971, with notation added: “Still, Worry + uncertainty”.
- 6.12 Editorial, “McBarnes worth saving”, 10 October 1972.
- 6.13 Editorial, “Cost lid impractical”, 1972.
- 6.14 Editorial, “Public Can Whip Ugliness”, undated.

Folder 7 Personal Letters from and to William B. Price

- 7.1 Letter, from W. A. Matheson, President, Bloomington Association of Commerce, Bloomington, Illinois, to “Dear Member”, 10 January 1965, 2 pages (photocopy), re: vote of past presidents of Association recommends building new courthouse on current site.
- 7.2 Letter, from W. B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to Mrs. F. Culbertson, Normal, Illinois, 25 January 1965, 1 page (typewritten), in response to Mrs. Culbertson’s letter of 5 January 1965 to Wm. Price, re: Mr. Price’s letter in The Pantagraph, 1 page (handwritten).
- 7.3 Letter from William B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to Paul Morris, County Clerk McLean County, Bloomington, Illinois, 27 December 1965, 1 page (photocopy), re: request to see Finance and Public Building Committee minutes denied.

- 7.4 Letter, from W. B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to H. Clay Tate, Editor, The Pantagraph, Bloomington, Illinois, 27 December 1985, 2 pages (photocopy), re: attempt of Board of Supervisors to keep Committee meeting minutes private.
- 7.5 Letter, from William B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to John J. Holub, DDS, Bloomington, Illinois, 9 January 1966, 1 page (photocopy), re: public access to Committee meeting minutes.
- 7.6 Letter, from W. B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to Clyde Hunter, Bloomington, Illinois, 11 January 1966, 1 page (typewritten), re: your comments about letter writers.
- 7.7 Letter, from Mrs. William Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to Editor, The Pantagraph, 11 January 1966, 2 pages (typewritten rough draft, with handwritten changes), re: comments of Mr. Clyde Hunter, a local barber and Board of Supervisor's member (unknown if sent or published in The Pantagraph).
- 7.8 Letter, from Elwell Crissey, Director, Words at Work, Bloomington, Illinois, 18 January 1966, 1 page (typewritten), re: Pantagraph editorial "dangerous to our cause".
- 7.9 Letter, from W. B. Price, Citizens' Group, Bloomington, Illinois, to National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D. C., 25 January 1966, 1 page, re: need your help.
- 7.10 Letter, from W. B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to Bert Kinsella, Gridley, Illinois, 25 January 1966, 1 page (typewritten), re: your letter to me responding to my letter in The Pantagraph.
- 7.11 Letter, from William B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to John Brantingham, Bloomington, Illinois, 1 February 1966, 1 page (typewritten), re: forming Building Commission.
- 7.12 Letter, from William B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to Sheriff Ralph Skidmore, Bloomington, Illinois, 1 February 1966, 1 page (typewritten), re: current county jail.
- 7.13 Letter, from William B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to Harry E. Baker, Stanford, Illinois, 1 February 1966, 1 page (typewritten; second page missing), re: your letter in The Pantagraph.
- 7.14 Letter, from William B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to "Dear Supervisor", 4 February 1966, 1 page (typewritten), re: Public Building Commission, notation added: "Mail to: 49 supervisors Ed. Pantagraph".
- 7.15 Letter, from William B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to "Dear Citizen", 7 February 1966, 2 pages (typewritten), re: Public Building Commission; "simply a device to get rid of the citizens' traditional rights to a referendum on major building projects", notation added: "Mailed to about 100 people".
- 7.16 Letter, from unknown sender ("I can't sign my name to this"), to The Price's, 13 February 1966, 5 pages (handwritten), re: "good luck to you!".
- 7.17 Letter, from Mrs. Culbertson, to Wm. Price, 14 February 1966, 1 page (handwritten), re: my letter in The Pantagraph omitted any reference to the Referendum.
- 7.18 Letter, from Gordon Longhta, Director Local Government Research, Taxpayers' Federation of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois, to William B. Price, Bloomington,

- Illinois, 15 February 1966, re: information on Public Building Commissions not available; write to Illinois Municipal League.
- 7.19 Letter, from Mrs. Homer D. (Lillian) Etherton, LeRoy, Illinois, to William B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, 16 February 1966, 1 page (typewritten), re: wrong to proceed without referendum.
- 7.20 Letter, from Elwell Crissey, to Glen W. Beverige, The Star, Heyworth, Illinois, 24 February 1966, 1 page (typewritten, carbon-copy), re: help us break news monopoly of The Pantagraph, notation in red: "Mailed to all rural weeklies and the 2 Normal papers".
- 7.21 Letter, from unknown sender (presumably William B. Price), to "Dear Citizen", 2 March 1966, 1 page (typewritten), re: Harland Bartholomew plan of May 1965.
- 7.22 Letter, from Mrs. Helen Duprey Bullock, Director, Department of Information, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C., 7 March 1966, 1 page, re: sending you copy of the recommendations of our report to Congress et alia.
- 7.23 Letter, from William B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to The Daily Pantagraph, Bloomington, Illinois, 8 February 1967, 1 page (typewritten), re: re-elect Paul D. Vandervort as Assistant Supervisor (unknown if sent or published in The Pantagraph).
- 7.24 Letter, from unknown sender (presumably William B. Price), to Editor, The Daily Pantagraph, Bloomington, Illinois, 9 February 1967, 1 page (typewritten), re: your editorial did not support the re-election of Paul D. Vandervort as Assistant Supervisor (unknown if sent or published in The Pantagraph).
- 7.25 Letter, from Earl W. Henderson, Jr., Architect AIA, Ferry and Henderson, Springfield, Illinois, to Mrs. Buffie Ives, Bloomington, Illinois, 8 November 1967, 1 page (photocopy), plus 11 page report ("summary of my observations") (carbon-copy), re: preservation of Court House.
- 7.26 Letter, from William B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to Dwight F. Rettie, Director, Division of Land Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C., 7 December 1967, 1 page (typewritten carbon-copy), re: thank you for accepting invitation to speak in Bloomington.
- 7.27 Letter, from William B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, Paint Hill Farm, Southern Pines, N.C., 28 December 1967, 2 pages (typewritten carbon-copy), re: enclosing copies of court house book.
- 7.28 Letter, from Buffie Ives, Paint Hill Farm, Southern Pines, N.C., to William B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, 1 January 1968, 1 page (handwritten front and back), re: amazing Court House brochure.
- 7.29 Letter, from Barbara Coolidge, Bloomington, Illinois, to Mr. Price, 10 January 1968, 1 page (handwritten front and back), re: hope Mrs. Vrooman has written you and sent the check.
- 7.30 Letter, from Dwight F. Rettie, Director, Division of Land Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C., , to William B. Price, 1700 E. Washington, Bloomington, Illinois 19 February 1968, 1 page (typewritten), re: thank you for your hospitality.

- 7.31 Letter, from Bill Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to Louis D. Williams, 402 S. Mercer, Bloomington, Illinois, 6 March 1968, 2 pages (typewritten carbon-copy), re: report of your subcommittee of the PBC.
- 7.32 Letter, from Wid Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to James R. Pemberton, 801 Broadway, Normal, Illinois, October 1972, 1 page (typewritten carbon-copy), re: how to use present courthouse.
- 7.33 Letter, from William B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to Mr. Wilbert R. Hasbrouk, 1800 South Prairie, Chicago, Illinois, 2 November 1972, 1 pages (typewritten carbon-copy), re: our telephone conversation about saving our courthouse.
- 7.34 Letter, from Committee to Save the Courthouse, William B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to Dear Citizen, 4 November 1972, 1 pages (typewritten photocopy), re: booklet, notation added: "Mailed to All Members of New Board, 2nd mailing of court house Book".
- 7.35 Letter, from William B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, Paint Hill Farm, Southern Pines, N.C., 9 November 1968, 1 page (typewritten carbon-copy), re: enclosing letter he is sending to Dan Malkovitch, notation added: "Efforts to save the courthouse starting Nov 11, 1965".
- 7.36 Letter, from William R. Brandt, Livingston, Barger, Brandt, Slater & Schroeder, Bloomington, Illinois, to William B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, 9 November 1968, 1 page (typewritten), re: your letter of November 4 regarding retention of existing courthouse.
- 7.37 Letter, from Barb Kinsella, Gridley, Illinois, to Mr. Price, undated, 2 pages (handwritten front and back), re: our fine court building.
- 7.38 Letter, from Barbara Price, to [The Daily Pantagraph?], undated (but is in response to a letter published in the Pantagraph on 29 January 1966, but unknown if sent or published), 2 pages (typewritten carbon-copy with handwritten changes).
- 7.39 Letter, from Frances Culbertson, Normal, Illinois, to Wm. Price, undated, 1 page (handwritten front and back), re: thank you for your nice letter and list of Supervisors.

Folder 8 National Register of Historic Places

- 8.1 Paper, "Research Suggestions for Completing National Register Forms", William G. Farrar, Director, Illinois Historic Landmark Survey, Benton, Illinois, July 1972.
- 8.2 Document, "Instructions for the Preparation of National Register Nomination Forms: Illinois Historic Structures Survey", for "Structures", prepared by Paul E. Sprague, Director, Illinois Historic Structures Survey, Chicago, Illinois, July 1972, 6 pages
- 8.3 Document, "Instructions for the Preparation of National Register Nomination Forms: Illinois Historic Structures Survey", for "Districts", prepared by Paul E. Sprague, Director, Illinois Historic Structures Survey, Chicago, Illinois, July 1972, 5 pages.
- 8.4 Application, "National Register of Historic Places, Inventory- Nomination Form", for The McLean County Courthouse and Square, 8 November 1972, 4 pages (photocopy)

- 8.5 Letter, from W. B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to Mr. Dan Malkovitch, 320 South Main, Benton, Illinois, 10 November 1972, 1 page (typewritten carbon-copy), re: National Register forms for Mclean County courthouse.
- 8.6 Letter, from Wm. B. Price, Bloomington, Illinois, to Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, Paint Hill Farm, Southern Pines, N.C., 15 November 1972, 1 page (typewritten carbon-copy), re: “entire courthouse package was shot down in flames”.
- 8.7 Photograph, “Now Historic”, from The Pantagraph, 5 March 1973, page 2, re: Courthouse placed on registry of historic places.
- 8.8 Certificate, McLean County Courthouse placed on National Register of Historic Places, September 1974, with handwritten notation that it was presented to William B. Price. Chairman, Committee to Save the Court House. (Note that certificate indicates that building was placed on register on 6 February 1972).
- 8.9 Document, “Instructions: Using the National Register Forms”, undated, 4 pages.
- 8.10 Document, National Register of Historic Places Inventory –Nomination Form (Continuation Sheet), undated, 1 page.

Folder 9 Miscellaneous

- 9.1 Newsletter, National Trust for Historic Preservation, December 1965, Volume V, Number 13, re: Adlai Stevenson, III, elected to Board.
- 9.2 Newsletter, McLean County Historical Society, November 1967, Volume 4, Number 3, 4 pages (bifold), 2 copies (with notation by WBP [William B. Price], “Articles by Wm. B. Price, from Old Pantagraphs”, and “While serving on the Society’s Board of Directors I was put in charge of the Newsletter. After writing some articles in the Newsletter about the wonderful qualities of the courthouse, I was quietly removed from the Board, and the Newsletter.”).
- 9.3 Document, “Courthouse: Suggestions”, Jan 1966, 1 page (typewritten carbon-copy), notation added: Plan of Attack to Save Courthouse”.
- 9.4 Document, “Weekly Newspapers Published in McLean County”, 1966, 1 page (typewritten carbon-copy), by Elwell Crissey.
- 9.5 Document, Poem entitled “Spirit of ‘76”, 1976, by W. B. Price and Barbara Price, 2 page (typewritten 2 copies but not identical), notation added: “We had lots of fun writing this & sent it to Pantagraph – would not publish it”.
- 9.6 Document, Poem entitled “Plea to People of Mclean County, Illinois”, undated, by Wm. and Barbara Price, 1 page (typewritten with handwritten changes), notation added: “Sent to Pantagraph – refused to publish it. Many thanks to Oliver Wendell Holmes (“old ironsides”)”.
- 9.7 Document, “The Court Houses of McLean County”, undated, 4 pages (typewritten).
- 9.8 Document, Notes presumably by William Price, undated, 1 page (handwritten front and back), re: plans A, B, and C.
- 9.9 Pamphlet, “How to Save a Court House”, undated, 1 page (tri-fold), from Committee for the Preservation of Historic Courthouses, New York State Bar Association, Albany, New York.
- 9.10 Document, “Seven Basic Steps Towards An Effective Program for Preserving An Historic Site or Building”, from National Trust for Historic Preservation, undated, 2 pages.

- 9.11 Document, "Criteria for Evaluating Historic Site and Buildings", from National Trust for Historic Preservation, undated, 4 pages.
- 9.12 Document, "Constitution and By-Laws for a Tax-Exempt Organization", by Charles A. Gridley Dawe, from National Trust for Historic Preservation, undated, 12 pages.
- 9.13 Document, "From the Daily Bulletin, Bloomington, Illinois, July 12, 1900", undated, 2 pages (typewritten with photocopied detail of court house pasted at bottom).
- 9.14 Document, Untitled, but with handwritten notation added by "WBP" at top of first page: "List of Committee to Save the Courthouse Members Attached", undated, 3 pages (typewritten), re: plans suggested for re-use of courthouse.
- 9.15 Document, Untitled, undated, 2 pages (typewritten), re: quoted sections of the "Jacobs report", along with comments presumably by William Price. [The Jacobs report is a reference to J. L. Jacob & Co., "Report on Management & Property Improvements and Space Requirements", June 1965].
- 9.16 Document, Untitled, undated, 2 pages (typewritten), re: selected sections of the "Jacobs report" [see 9.15].
- 9.17 Document, "What can citizens do to save the courthouse?", undated, 1 page (typewritten), re: list of actions to take, along with list of County Supervisors.