

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Gail Boysen-Presit Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1967-1970
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

**Brief History**

Gail Boysen-Presit and her family moved from Rochester, Minnesota, to Bloomington, Illinois, where they lived during her elementary school years at Washington School. She graduated from Winter Park (Florida) High School, where she won blue ribbons in the Scholastic Art Awards Exhibit, 1978 and 1979. In 2001, she married Rodger Presit (1961-2016) and lives in Belleview, Florida. In 2021, when she donated this collection, she was an architect at Linn Engineering and Design in Winter Park, Florida.

**Scope**

The focus of the Gail Boysen-Presit Collection is memorabilia from her elementary school years at Washington High School, Bloomington, 1967-1973.

## Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: Miscellaneous

- 1.1 Letter from Gail Boysen-Presit to Bill Kemp regarding the donated materials, September 27, 2021.
- 1.2 Gift agreement for Gail Boysen-Presit
- 1.3 Certificate of Achievement for Gail Boysen for completing bicycle rules of the road.
- 1.4 "'Three Little Pig[s]' Opera," *Pantagraph*, October 25, 1970. Photo of children, including Gail Boysen, in cast.

### Folder 2: Report Cards

- 2.1 Report cards for kindergarten, first, second, third, fourth, and fifth grades at Washington School.
- 2.2 Seventeen notes of commendation from Gail Boysen's second grade teacher for attributes such as listening well, being thoughtful, and having a sense of humor. Colored construction paper, 5x8", bi-folded, with commendation pasted inside.

### Folder 3: School memories photograph booklets

Four booklets for Washington Grade School for the years 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, and unidentified. Each is bound by a plastic spiral, is 4.25 x 5.5", and contains photographs of faculty and staff at Washington School, as well as individual photos of children (unidentified) in each grade class.

### Folder 4: Writing Better Each Day

Copy of Gail Boysen's book *Writing Better Each Day Recorder*, Transition Edition, Columbus, Ohio: The Zaner-Bloser Co., 1959; 1969. This workbook directs student to copy a short text, forming their letters accurately and with correct punctuation.

### Folder 5: Hospital Stay

This two-pocket folder includes a letter written by Gail Boysen describing her stay in the hospital when she had her tonsils and adenoids removed, January 1970. Bound are pages upon which are pasted her patient bracelet, "Hospital Notes" from the *Pantagraph*, and hand-drawn cards which her classmates sent.