

**McLean County Museum of History**

**McLean County Chamber of Commerce Collection**

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**Brief History**

Timeline:

- 1900 - Bloomington Business Men's Association formed.
- 1901 - Bloomington Business Men's Association incorporated.
- 1912 - Name changed to Commercial Club of Bloomington.
- 1922 - Name changed to Association of Commerce of Bloomington.
- 1968 - Association of Commerce of Bloomington and the Normal Chamber of Commerce merge to form the Association of Commerce and Industry of McLean County. The ACI's scope of activities becomes county-wide.
- 1984 - Name changed to McLean County Chamber of Commerce.

Originally formed in 1900, this association of businessmen wanted to improve the community after it had been ravaged by a fire that almost destroyed half of downtown Bloomington. Nearly every major business was destroyed and most were not adequately insured, so they suffered

financially as well. About 200 businessmen met to discuss the city's future and 89 of those men formed the first Bloomington Business Men's Association. They brought businesses and new jobs to the city which helped Bloomington rise from the ashes and become a prominent center of commerce in downstate Illinois. As the association grew, the city started to expand in size and commerce partly due to the influence of the Chamber of Commerce.

The organization held festivals in Bloomington to foster interest in building businesses in the city and strengthen connections with the association. Railroad, electric, and other companies sought opportunity to build in Bloomington and the association helped them achieve this through its influence and strength. The association even fought to keep Illinois Wesleyan University in the McLean County area during the early 1900's when the school could no longer hire staff and was planning to relocate to Springfield. The association was willing to pay for the expansion and reestablished Wesleyan which led the school to become one of the best small Midwestern colleges of its time.

During the Great Depression, the association had to fight even harder for progress. They created public work projects, unemployment committees, and even raised funds to provide relief to families in need. It was the most difficult time for the association because members were leaving due to their businesses going under during the years that followed the stock market crash. Despite this, the association carried on and grew exponentially in the years that followed the World War II. They decided that Bloomington needed to revitalize almost every aspect of the city for the future: roads needed to be resurfaced, buildings repaired, the public schools were far behind the times compared to other schools, and the sewers were inadequate at best.

The association continued to expand and grow much as Bloomington did in the following decades. In the 1970's when it was known as the Association of Commerce and Industry in McLean County, Bernard Wall was the president of the association and he petitioned for the unification of the Bloomington and Normal – albeit unsuccessfully. The association also began to expand to other counties across Central Illinois in search of new potential business opportunities and gains. Expanding economic development started to become a trademark characteristic of the association during this time. Labor unions under John Penn also joined the Chamber of Commerce. In doing so, unions and business elites worked together to organize a collective body that not only wanted to provide the city with new business opportunities, but also provide workers with safe and reliable jobs for the growing county.

### **Scope Note**

This collection contains annual reports; contact lists; work program packets; brochures; pamphlets; documents and correspondence related to parks and recreation, transportation, water quality, rail planning and rail abandonment.

## **Box and Folder Inventory**

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 1: ACI Annual Meeting Programs and Reports I**

- 1.1.1 Photocopy of the program for the Annual Meeting & Banquet in 1903 or 1904
- 1.1.2 Report of the Secretary of the Commercial Club December 31, 1914
- 1.1.3 Summary of Statistical Report of Association, 1923
- 1.1.4 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of Commerce of Bloomington, Illinois, 1924
- 1.1.5 Association of Commerce Annual Meeting program, 1927
- 1.1.6 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Invitation, 1938
- 1.1.7 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Banquet for the Association of Commerce, 1944
- 1.1.8 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report, 1944
- 1.1.9 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Program, January 24, 1956
- 1.1.10 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Program, February 6, 1957
- 1.1.11 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Program, February 11, 1958
- 1.1.12 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Report, 1959
- 1.1.13 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Report and Meeting program, 1961
- 1.1.14 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report & Dinner program, 1964
- 1.1.15 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Report, 1965
- 1.1.16 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Report, 1967
- 1.1.17 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Program, February 15, 1967
- 1.1.18 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting for February 15, 1967
- 1.1.19 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Report, 1968
- 1.1.20 Program for the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet, 1969
- 1.1.21 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Program, January 21, 1969
- 1.1.22 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Program, February 19, 1970
- 1.1.23 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Program, February 26, 1971
- 1.1.24 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting Program, March 2, 1972
- 1.1.25 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting Program, February 14, 1973
- 1.1.26 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting Program, February 6, 1974
- 1.1.27 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Program, March 31, 1975
- 1.1.28 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Program, March 10, 1976

**Folder 2: ACI Annual Meeting Programs and Reports II**

- 1.2.1 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Program, February 25, 1977
- 1.2.2 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Program, February 4, 1978
- 1.2.3 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting program, March 11, 1980
- 1.2.4 Notice of Shareholders Meeting December 11, 1980
- 1.2.5 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting "Direction 80's Giving Tradition New Direction, March 17, 1981
- 1.2.6 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner Program, April 13, 1983
- 1.2.7 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner Program, February 23, 1984
- 1.2.8 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting, February 21, 1985
- 1.2.9 McLean County Chamber of Commerce Directory of New Members 1988/89
- 1.2.10 89<sup>th</sup> annual Dinner Program, 1990
- 1.2.11 McLean County Chamber of Commerce Directory of Membership, 1992
- 1.2.12 McLean County Chamber of Commerce Buyers Guide and Membership Directory 1994

**Folder 3: ACI Annual Meeting Programs and Reports III**

- 1.3.1 McLean County Chamber of Commerce Annual Report 1999
- 1.3.2 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner program, January 27, 2000
- 1.3.3 Centennial Gala (1900-2000) Program and invitation, January 27, 2001
- 1.3.4 McLean County Chamber of Commerce Membership Directory and Business Guide, 2003
- 1.3.5 Annual Gala of 2004 Program
- 1.3.6 Letter for the Annual Gala of 2005 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
- 1.3.7 Annual Gala of 2005 Program

- 1.3.8 Annual Gala “Unlocking the Keys to Success” of 2006
- 1.3.9 Annual Report, 2014
- 1.3.10 List of major employers of McLean County, undated
- 1.3.11 Women’s Division Association of Commerce and Industry of McLean County Membership Directory, undated

**Folder 4: Membership Classification & Committee Service Preferences**

- 1.4.1 Membership Classification Acceptance papers, 1949
- 1.4.2 Letter used in Acknowledging “Membership Classification Acceptance” 1949
- 1.4.3 “A New Design for ’49,” brochure regarding membership plan, 1949
- 1.4.4 “Member, Bloomington Association of Commerce” Emblem Sticker, 1957
- 1.4.5 1958 chart marking committee preferences
- 1.4.6 Preference list & card, 1959
- 1.4.7 Bloomington Downtown Council Membership recognition, January 11, 1968
- 1.4.8 Membership Survey, 1983
- 1.4.9 Membership certificate 2008
- 1.4.10 List of professional staff leaders, undated

**Folder 5: Brochures and Pamphlets I**

- 1.5.1 Official Bulletin Association of Commerce, Bloomington, Illinois Vol. 1, No 8. Feb 1918
- 1.5.2 Official Bulletin Association of Commerce, Bloomington, Illinois June 1918
- 1.5.3 Illinois Journal of Commerce, August 1924- Bloomington’s Welcome Sign
- 1.5.4 “Bloomington Illinois Facts and Figures,” 1 January 1930 from Association of Commerce.
- 1.5.5 “In Bloomington . . . . “List of activities of Association of Commerce, 1930-31.
- 1.5.6 Statistical Digest: Bloomington and Normal, Illinois, May 1, 1957.
- 1.5.7 Firm of the Month, “Corn Belt Electric Cooperative Inc.” Vol. 5 No. 3, March of 1972
- 1.5.8 Firm of the Month, “Bloomington Federal Savings and Loan” Vol. 6 No. 1, January and February of 1973
- 1.5.9 Town of Normal Information & Service Directory, May 1977
- 1.5.10 Your A.C.I. Stands for Community Progress...” newsletter, 1978
- 1.5.11 Packet for ACI ballot and Membership survey of 1983
- 1.5.12 Bloomington-Normal Development Profile, 1987
- 1.5.13 The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hometown Hero Awards brochure, “The Heat is On!” May 9<sup>th</sup> 1991.
- 1.5.14 McLean County Chamber of Commerce Farm Breakfast brochure, 1995
- 1.5.15 15<sup>th</sup> annual McLean County Chamber of Commerce Farm Breakfast brochure, 2000
- 1.5.16 Sponsorship booklet of 2005
- 1.5.17 Program for Administrative Professionals Luncheon “Shaping the Future, 2007.
- 1.5.18 McLean County Illinois Community Profile, 2015

**Folder 6: Brochures and Pamphlets II**

- 1.6.1 Your Ticket to the Future Pamphlet, undated
- 1.6.2 “You’ll Find A Good Life in Bloomington-Normal” booklet, undated
- 1.6.3 Speaker’s bureau brochure, undated
- 1.6.4 New Directions for McLean County booklet, undated
- 1.6.5 6 pamphlets explaining different reasons Bloomington-Normal is a good community to live in, undated
- 1.6.6 Brochure persuading businesses to come to Bloomington-Normal, undated
- 1.6.7 Brochure Bloomington, Illinois “The Hub of the Corn Belt” undated
- 1.6.8 Town of Normal: a photographic dialogue on the value of thinking Normal

- 1.6.9 "McLean County What's in it for you!" brochure by Association of Commerce and Industry, undated
- 1.6.10 Red Raccoon Games letter hosting the McLean County Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours, undated

**Folder 7: Water Quality Documents**

- 1.7.1 March 8, 1956 in the Pantagraph "Sanitary District Named Best Operated in Class"
- 1.7.2 Auditor's Report Bloomington and Normal Sanitary District April 30, 1964
- 1.7.3 10 copies of November 5, 1964 City of Bloomington Water System sheet
- 1.7.4 Pages 8-16 of some sort of water quality report, 1965
- 1.7.5 A Description of the Illinois General use Water Quality Standards, November 1977
- 1.7.6 Newspaper clipping Ordinance No. 136, undated
- 1.7.7 Water and Sewage Disposal Rates Bloomington, Illinois, undated
- 1.7.8 Notes

**Folder 8: Parks and Recreation**

- 1.8.1 Letter to Mr. Middleton, President of the Association of Commerce from John H. Woodworth, Jr. Director of Parks and Recreation regarding updating the zoo, March 6, 1973
- 1.8.2 Questionnaire, March 23, 1973
- 1.8.3 Current Activity Report: Community Industrial Park Study Commission, July 25, 1980
- 1.8.4 The Four Seasons association pamphlet, The Family Recreation Center of 1985
- 1.8.5 The Four Seasons record of Payments 1985-1987

**Folder 9: Financial Statements & Audit Reports I**

- 1.9.1 Annual Financial Report, 1924
- 1.9.2 Financial Statement, 1925
- 1.9.3 Financial Statement, 1926
- 1.9.4 Financial Statement, 1926
- 1.9.5 Financial Statement, 1927
- 1.9.6 Financial Statement, 1928
- 1.9.7 Financial Statement, 1928
- 1.9.8 Financial Report, 1929
- 1.9.9 Commerce Banquet expenditures & appropriation, 1929

**Folder 10: Financial Statements & Audit Reports II**

- 1.10.1 Financial Statement, 1930
- 1.10.2 Financial Statement, 1931
- 1.10.3 Report of Examination of Records of Association of Commerce, 1933
- 1.10.4 Report of Examination of Records of Association of Commerce, 1934
- 1.10.5 Report of Examination of Records of Association of Commerce, 1936
- 1.10.6 Annual Report, 1938
- 1.10.7 Report of Examination of Records of Association of Commerce, 1939

**Folder 11: Financial Statements & Auditor Reports III**

- 1.11.1 Report of Examination of Records of Association of Commerce Bloomington, Illinois December 31, 1940
- 1.11.2 Report of Examination of Records of the Association of Commerce, December 31, 1944
- 1.11.3 Audit Report Association of Commerce, 1947
- 1.11.4 Audit Report Association of Commerce, 1948
- 1.11.5 Audit Report Association of Commerce, 1949
- 1.11.6 Audit Report Association of Commerce, 1949

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- 1.12.1 Auditor's Report, 1954
- 1.12.2 Auditor's Report, 1954
- 1.12.3 Financial Statement, 1955
- 1.12.4 Auditor's Report, 1955
- 1.12.5 Auditor's Report, 1955
- 1.12.6 Audit Report, 1956
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- 1.12.8 Preliminary Financial Statement, December 31, 1967

## **Folder 13: Rail Planning**

- 1.13.1 Newspaper Clippings from 1975 re-rail planning
- 1.13.2 Public hearing information from the Interstate Commerce Commission, February 18, 1975
- 1.13.3 Informational letter for Rail Users from Gary Askam, Barbara Shelby and Bob Rice. February 19, 1975
- 1.13.4 Information on railroad plans, February 28, 1975
- 1.13.5 Letter from Robert L. Rice and Gary Askam regarding the proposed railroad line, requesting coming to meetings and hearings, March 1975
- 1.13.6 March 6, 1975 letter to rail users from Gary Askam, Barbara Shelby and Bob Rice
- 1.13.7 Illinois public hearing information, March 7, 1975
- 1.13.8 Railway Coalition Agenda March 13, 1975 and Notes
- 1.13.9 Information on Morris Tick Company, March 19, 1975
- 1.13.10 Testimony Submitted for Review by the Rail Services Planning Office's hearing on the US Railway Association's Preliminary System Plan, March 24, 1975.
- 1.13.11 March 26, 1975 Letter from the Rail Services Planning Office to John D. Lamarra regarding rail planning
- 1.13.12 Map of McLean County
- 1.13.13 Photocopy of "Profit Center Analysis for Railway Branch Lines by J.A. McDonald and V.J. Roggeveen, undated
- 1.13.14 Rail User Questionnaire, blank and undated

## **Folder 14: Railroad Abandonment Documents I**

- 1.14.1 March Tax Calender letter, February 21, 1974
- 1.14.2 "More on Rail Trackage Abandonment" article, February 27, 1974
- 1.14.3 FS Services, Inc. Bulletin and Zone locator map, March 4, 1974
- 1.14.4 Report of impact of rail reorganization, March 7, 1974
- 1.14.5 Letter from Richard Stroyan regarding enclosed list of appointments made & materials to help with testimony, March 11, 1974
- 1.14.6 Association of Commerce and Industry of McLean County packet regarding public hearing, March 11, 1974
- 1.14.7 Filled out forms of companies who rely on the rail, March 12, 1974
- 1.14.8 March 13, 1974 Letter from Rich Stroyan to Paul Anderson regarding enclosed information and refers to Daily Pantagraph articles
- 1.14.9 Reminder and times of hearings, March 14, 1974
- 1.14.10 United Transportation Union letter to Ben Pitcher, executive director of the Association of Commerce & Industry, enclosing a copy of testimony from Thomas J Duggan, March 15, 1974
- 1.14.11 March 19, 1974 Letter from M. B. Oglesby, Executive Assistant at the House of Representatives to Mr. Gerald V. Beer, President of the Association of Commerce & Industry regarding exerting maximum opposition to any plan that would adversely affect Central Illinois

**Folder 15: Railroad Abandonment Documents II**

- 1.15.1 April 1974 letter from Howard Fricke with attached testimony
- 1.15.2 Additional Illinois Cities Added as Hearing Sites in Rail Restructuring Program, April 15, 1974
- 1.15.3 Railroad abandonment & subsidization meeting invitation list, April 16, 1974
- 1.15.4 Letter from Edward Madigan, Representative in Congress to Ben Pitcher regarding attached explanation for rail abandonment procedures, April 19, 1974
- 1.15.5 April 26, 1974 letter to Ben Pitcher from Robert Mattson, Executive Director of the State of Illinois
- 1.15.6 Release regarding railroad hearings, May 21, 1974
- 1.15.7 June 6, 1974 News Release re: Railroad Abandonment
- 1.15.8 Letter from David C. Pals of the Community Development Division of the Department of Business and Economic Development, June 7, 1974
- 1.15.9 Economic Impact of Railroad Abandonment of McLean County, Illinois, June 7, 1974
- 1.15.10 Public Hearing Agenda June 7, 1974
- 1.15.11 Remarks by Arthur D. Lewis regarding railroad abandonment, June 13, 1974
- 1.15.12 Newspaper article "Rail Abandonment Not Primary Aim, Lewis Says" June 14, 1974
- 1.15.13 June 17, 1974 article to Mr. Stroyan from Robert R. Mattson regarding thanks for suggestions

**Folder 16: Railroad Abandonment Documents III**

- 1.16.1 Brochure "Community Options In... Rail Abandonment Proceedings & Transit System Financing" undated
- 1.16.2 Zone 138 rail information, undated
- 1.16.3 1974 Newspaper Clippings, various dates
- 1.16.4 More Newspaper clippings, various dates
- 1.16.5 Proposal for Survey of Rail Abandonment Impact of Logan County Illinois by Rail Tech & Associates, undated
- 1.16.6 An Evaluation of and Alternatives to the Problem of Non-self Sustaining Branch Lines and Discussed in Rail Service in the Midwest and Northeast Region by Albert J. Reinschmidt, Robert M. Magnuson, and Thomas R. Myers, undated
- 1.16.7 2 Maps of railroads in McLean County with highlighted rails proposed for abandonment, undated
- 1.16.8 Copy of list of rails to be abandoned, undated
- 1.16.9 Notes, undated
- 1.16.10 Notes, undated

**Folder 17: Planning & Zoning Commission**

- 1.17.1 Status Report for McLean County United Community Planning Committee, January, 1971
- 1.17.2 Meeting notice Thursday January 14, 1971 to discuss coordination of planning activities in McLean County
- 1.17.3 Memorandum from Herman Dirks to the Members of Planning Coordination Committee, February 25, 1971
- 1.17.4 March 5, 1971 Memorandum of meeting
- 1.17.5 March 11, 1971 letter from Jane C. Shoger to Ben Pitcher regarding a luncheon meeting to discuss juvenile services
- 1.17.6 March 12, 1971 Notice given that a petition has been received regarding rezoning
- 1.17.7 March 13, 1971 Annual Dinner Program for McLean County Regional Planning Commission
- 1.17.8 United Community Services of McLean County meeting notice, March 15, 1971
- 1.17.9 March 22, 1971 Notice given that a petition has been received regarding rezoning
- 1.17.10 March 30, 1971 Notice to the Sisters of the third order of St. Francis regarding zoning

- 1.17.11 April 2, 1971 Report regarding zoning issues & related map
- 1.17.12 April 2, 1971 Report regarding zoning issues & related map
- 1.17.13 April 2, 1971 Report regarding zoning issues & related map
- 1.17.14 April 2, 1971 Report regarding zoning issues & related map
- 1.17.15 April 2, 1971 Report regarding zoning issues & related map
- 1.17.16 April 2, 1971 Report regarding zoning issues & related map
- 1.17.17 April 2, 1971 Report regarding zoning issues without map
- 1.17.18 April 7, 1971 Meeting agenda
- 1.17.19 April 8, 1971 Agenda for Bloomington-Normal Urbanized Area Technical Committee
- 1.17.20 Interagency Coalition for Comprehensive Community Planning Memorandum of Understanding as of Spring 1971 (draft) April 13 1971
- 1.17.21 April 14, 1971 Meeting notice & agenda
- 1.17.22 May 5, 1971 Bloomington Planning & Zoning Commission meeting minutes
- 1.17.23 May 21, 1971 Bloomington Planning & Zoning Commission meeting minutes
- 1.17.24 Letter from Vernon Pohlmann, Chairman of United Community Services of McLean County re-mental health planning project, May 24, 1971
- 1.17.25 July 7, 1971 Bloomington Planning & Zoning Commission meeting minutes
- 1.17.26 Amendments to the McLean County Zoning Ordinance adopted Feb. 11, 1974
- 1.17.27 Map of request for rezoning, undated
- 1.17.28 Interagency Coalition for Comprehensive Planning, undated
- 1.17.29 Planning Coordination Committee contact information, undated
- 1.17.30 Proposed Objectives for a Springfield Area Interagency, undated
- 1.17.31 Notes

#### **Folder 18: Transportation**

- 1.18.1 Testimony Submitted for Review by the Illinois Transportation Study Commission's Hearing on the Illinois Supplemental Freeway System State Highway Needs Study August 26, 1976
- 1.18.2 Public Hearing packet, April 4, 1979
- 1.18.3 Illinois Highways Today and Tomorrow background summary, undated

#### **Folder 19: Study of Bloomington High School Dropouts**

- 1.19.1 Survey of Student Dropouts of the 1960-61 Senior Class of Bloomington High School
- 1.19.2 Note of results of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade standardized testing October, 1963
- 1.19.3 Report of Research Study of Dropouts and Graduates, May 1964
- 1.19.4 Subject Offerings for 1964 Bloomington Summer School brochure
- 1.19.5 List of Bloomington High School Graduates of Even Years, 1952-1964
- 1.19.6 Bloomington High School Schedule for Teachers 1964-1965
- 1.19.7 Facts about Bloomington Public Schools, undated

#### **Folder 20: Women Management Packet**

- 1.20.1 Illinois State University College of Business letter to participants of Women in Management
- 1.20.2 Contents of packet: "Mangers of Leaders: are they different?" "Two women, three men on a raft" "Women in management IT" "Management Work" "How to reduce dependence on the boss" "Thoughts on Leadership" "Management: Activities and Style" "Why Bosses Turn Bitchy" List of participants in Women in Management, Worksheet

#### **Folder 21: Programs of Work I**

- 1.21.1 Illinois State University letter & program proposals to Ben Pitcher, June 6, 1974
- 1.21.2 ACI Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for Program of Work July 22, 1974
- 1.21.3 ACI Letter from G.V. Beer to board members regarding proposed program of work, July 29 1974



- 1.21.4 Proposed Program of Work 1974-1975
- 1.21.5 Worksheet from the Association of Commerce and Industry Program of Work 1975-1976
- 1.21.6 July 4, 1976 re- 1776-1976 "Let's do it up right!"
- 1.21.7 Proposed Program of Work 1977-78
- 1.21.8 "Letter from your President" Program of work 77-78

**Folder 22: Programs of Work II**

- 1.22.1 Proposed Program of Work 19878-79
- 1.22.2 Message to ACI directors and board members in relation to the 1979 Program of Work
- 1.22.3 Program of work 1979-80
- 1.22.4 Proposed Program of Work 1982-1983
- 1.22.5 Program of Work Workshops, meeting with C. Ben Pitcher & Bob James, list of businesses to participate, undated
- 1.22.6 List of names, undated
- 1.22.7 Timeline of events, undated
- 1.22.8 Chart of priorities, undated
- 1.22.9 ACI Board of Directors Orientation meeting, undated

**Folder 23: Drafts of Program of Work Packet**

- 1.23.1 Approx. 100 pages of drafts for Program of Work packet

**Folder 24: Organizational Improvements I**

- 1.24.1 Program to justify dues increase and re-evaluation 1968
- 1.24.2 Reorganization of committee-council structure 1968
- 1.24.3 Article in The Pantagraph "Tailored Growth for County Aim of Organization in ACI" July 13, 1969
- 1.24.4 Organizational Improvement Committee meeting synopsis, December 17, 1970
- 1.24.5 Organizations and Current Projects, March 14, 1980
- 1.24.6 Various reports on committees, retailers, manufacturers, and budgets of 1981
- 1.24.7 Transportation Committee "Emerging Corridor" January 12, 1981
- 1.24.8 Various Committee reports for 1982-1983
- 1.24.9 Various documents on the different divisions of improvement, undated
- 1.24.10 List of committees & contact information within Organizational Improvement, undated

**Folder 25: Organizational Improvements II**

- 1.25.1 Community Development Survey Subject Matter, undated
- 1.25.2 Letter to ACI members regarding Education Committee votes, undated
- 1.25.3 Policy Statement for the Solicitation Control Committee, undated
- 1.25.4 Legislative Committee Policy, undated
- 1.25.5 Re-organization suggestions for president, undated
- 1.25.6 List of committees and chairmen for the "Community Betterment" division, undated
- 1.25.7 Reorganized committee structure invitation, "What about the year ahead?" undated

**Folder 26: CETA**

- 1.26.1 I.M.U Program Review September 1980
- 1.26.2 Letter from Mary Heck to Eric Pitcher, March 9, 1981
- 1.26.3 Comprehensive Employment Training Act Contract Signature Sheet (2), undated
- 1.26.4 Comprehensive Employment and Training Program Budget Summary Sheets, undated
- 1.26.5 McLean County CETA Program Request for Proposal Signature Sheet, undated
- 1.26.6 Newspaper clippings: "Panel OKs plan to help jobless" "B-N, county may reap benefits from program" "audit questions CETA spending" undated

**Folder 27: Manpower Survey**

- 1.27.1 Manpower Survey Bloomington-Normal 1967-1974

**Folder 28: Miscellaneous I**

- 1.28.1 Bloomington Christmas Gift Auction Certificate for ten cents, 1935
- 1.28.2 Modine Manufacturing Company, "Diversification through Specialization" 1962
- 1.28.3 For Immediate Release, "Secretary of Labor Williard Wirtz will be the featured speaker at the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual association of Commerce dinner Wednesday, February 15, December 20, 1966
- 1.28.4 Newspaper Clippings, "A of C Dinner To Hear Wirtz" December 20, 1966
- 1.28.5 Newspaper Clippings, "A of C Speaker Bone Urges Working for True Democracy" and "A of C Hears Robert Bone" January 22, 1969
- 1.28.6 Newsclipping & letter from Eunice Dale to Jerry E. Bennett regarding information and details about local candidates & mayoral race, January 23, 1973
- 1.28.7 Feb. 1973 "Sound Court Reform Plan" in the Chicago Daily News
- 1.28.8 Bloomington Industrial Development Corporation Debenture Notes, Dec 31, 1977
- 1.28.9 Synopsis of various committees and task force in 1978-79
- 1.28.10 "Clubs and Organizations," by Association of Commerce and Industry of McLean County, April 1979
- 1.28.11 Old West Saloon Night flyer, January 30, 1981
- 1.28.12 "Major Employers of Mclean County," by Association of Commerce and Industry of McLean County, Feb 1982. 13 pp.
- 1.28.13 Internship Project Report, February 22, 1982
- 1.28.14 Communications Department Report, April 1982
- 1.28.15 Let us Entertain You Ad and Letter to Marilyn Hamilton, May 6, 1982

**Folder 29: Miscellaneous II**

- 1.29.1 Information for ACI retreat at Allerton Park, 1983
- 1.29.2 Synopsis of the ACI Board of Directors Workshop meetings, October 18-19, 1983
- 1.29.3 Synopsis of the Board of Directors premiere Installation Luncheon on October 28, 1983
- 1.29.4 The Composition of Entitlements Other than Net Interest and Including Food Stamps, 1965, 1975, and 1985
- 1.29.5 Newspaper Clippings titled, Top ad executive to address chamber" and tickets for the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner, January 12, 1985
- 1.29.6 Letter to Paul Welch from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States about the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner of the McLean County Chamber of Commerce, February 21, 1985
- 1.29.7 McLean County Chamber of Commerce Logo and Newsletter, "84<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner McLean County Chamber of Commerce" February 21, 1985
- 1.29.8 Invitation to the President's Reception and Newspaper Clippings titled, "Chamber honors retiring chief executive" February 21, 1985
- 1.29.9 Diamond Star Motors, Grand Opening Ceremony booklet Nov 10, 1988
- 1.29.10 Central Illinois Corridor Council folder relating to transportation, education and employers information, 1990
- 1.29.11 Explore New Territory with SME, 1992
- 1.29.12 Historic downtown Bloomington and it's neighborhoods map of 1995
- 1.29.13 McLean County Chamber of Commerce Archival Holdings on Site as of July 2000
- 1.29.14 McLean County Chamber of Commerce Event Reminder Card, May 2016

**Folder 30: Miscellaneous III**

- 1.30.1 Newspaper Clippings, "Turn Out for Wirtz" undated

- 1.30.2 Profile for W. Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Labor, undated
- 1.30.3 Picture of Keith Reinhard and News clipping titled, "Chamber picks pair for 1984 Youth of the Year" with two pictures of the high school Youth of the Year, undated
- 1.30.4 Newspaper Clipping by Dave Haake, "Quick thaw could bring on serious flooding" undated
- 1.30.5 Booklet titled "the way executives cut taxes" undated
- 1.30.6 Rent Comparable Grid Sheet, blank and undated
- 1.30.7 List of various Senate and House members, undated
- 1.30.8 ACI Image Campaign Theme Development "Here we Grow" undated
- 1.30.9 Guideline for ACI Interview, undated
- 1.30.10 Action 8384 ACI plan, undated
- 1.30.11 Chicago Blue Cross table of expenditures and highlights of the Rockford Blue Cross Surgical/Medical and Major Health Services, undated
- 1.30.12 "To the Citizens of Bloomington," facts regarding the plan for transferring the Meadows Manufacturing Company from Pontiac to Bloomington, undated
- 1.30.13 Memo written about William Henry Wente, the area director of the Industrial Development Consolidated Rail Corporation, undated
- 1.30.14 Business and Community Services Department document that contains meetings, events, the ambassadors club, and the crimestoppers monthly report, undated
- 1.30.15 Collection of ACI department functions, membership communications and relations, small business department, area of developments, government other various divisions, undated
- 1.30.16 Bloomington Junior Association of Commerce Program presenting Jessica Dragonette in Concert, Undated
- 1.30.17 Program for "Opera Under the Stars" presented by Bloomington Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1940.

**Folder 31: Land Use Study Group**

- 1.31.1 Correspondence involving the Association's Land Use Study Group, 1976-80.

**Box 2**

**Folder 1: ACI Board of Directors Meetings and Memos I**

- 2.1.1 ACI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, September 27, 1974
- 2.1.2 ACI Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, February 22 1980
- 2.1.3 ACI Board Meeting Guest List, May 28, 1980
- 2.1.4 ACI Board of Directors Meeting, December 8, 1980
- 2.1.5 ACI Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, January 23, 1981
- 2.1.6 ACI Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, February 27 1981
- 2.1.7 ACI Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, April 24, 1981

**Folder 2: ACI Board of Directors Meetings and Memos II**

- 2.2.1 ACI Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, May 29, 1981
- 2.2.2 ACI Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, July 10, 1981
- 2.2.3 ACI Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, November 13, 1981
- 2.2.4 ACI Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, January 27, 1982
- 2.2.5 ACI Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, February 26, 1982
- 2.2.6 ACI Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, March 31, 1982

**Folder 3: ACI Board of Directors Meetings and Memos III**

- 2.3.1 ACI Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, May 21, 1982
- 2.3.2 ACI Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, June 25, 1982

- 2.3.3 Board of Directors Orientation Packet, October 5-7, 1982
- 2.3.4 ACI Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, November 23, 1982
- 2.3.5 ACI Board of Directors Meeting, April 29, 1983
- 2.3.6 ACI Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, December 2, 1983

**Folder 4: ACI Procedures Manual**

- 2.4.1 Procedures Manual, August 1974

**Folder 5: Minutes, Board of Directors**

- 2.5.1 Minutes, June 9, 1964
- 2.5.2 Minutes, February 21, 1969
- 2.5.3 Minutes, March 21, 1969
- 2.5.4 Minutes, April 18, 1969
- 2.5.5 Minutes, May 16, 1969
- 2.5.6 Minutes, June 20, 1969
- 2.5.7 Minutes, July 18, 1969
- 2.5.8 Minutes, October 10, 1969
- 2.5.9 Minutes, December 19, 1970

**Folder 6: LIFE at its best in Bloomington-Normal**

- 2.6.1 "The Heart of the Richest Agricultural Area in the World" LIFE magazine, undated
- 2.6.2 Synopsis that corresponds to the above magazine pictures on each page, undated

**Folder 7: ACI News and Views**

- 2.7.1 Business News, Association of Commerce and Industry, December 1968
- 2.7.2 News and Views Volume 10, Number 12, November 1977
- 2.7.3 News and Views Volume 11, Number 1, January 1978
- 2.7.4 News and Views Volume 11, Number 3, March 1978
- 2.7.5 News and Views Volume 11, Number 11, November 1978
- 2.7.6 News and Views Volume 12, Number 3, March 1979
- 2.7.7 News and Views and Issues, Volume 6, Number 11, November 1990
- 2.7.8 News and Views and Issues, Volume 6, Number 5, May 1990

**Folder 8: ACI Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Memos I**

- 2.8.1 Board of Directors, 1920
- 2.8.2 Board of Directors, 1971
- 2.8.3 Board of Directors, 1975-1976
- 2.8.4 Board of Directors, 1977-1978
- 2.8.5 Board of Directors, 1978-1979
- 2.8.6 Memo to the ACI Board of Directors about the Energy Contingency Planning, April 25 1980
- 2.8.7 Memo to the ACI Board of Directors about Selected ACI Committees and Divisions, November 13, 1981
- 2.8.8 Memo to the ACI Board of Directors about the Promotion and Prospect Committee Update and Authorization, May 19, 1982
- 2.8.9 Memo to the ACI Board of Directors about the Formation of Local Development Corporation, May 19, 1982
- 2.8.10 Memo to the ACI Board of Directors about the Economic Growth Committee Forecasting Model, May 20, 1982

**Folder 9: ACI Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Memos II**

- 2.9.1 Board of Directors, 1981-1982 and Official Ballot

- 2.9.2 Memo to the ACI Board of Directors about the Request to use the name, “Economic Development Corporation” May 20, 1982
- 2.9.3 Memo to the ACI Board of Directors about the Monthly Activity Report, May 26, 1983
- 2.9.4 Board of Directors, 1983-1984
- 2.9.5 Board of Directors, 1983-1984 (revised for following year)
- 2.9.6 Board of Directors, 1984-1985
- 2.9.7 Past Presidents of the Chamber of Commerce, undated

**Folder 10: Awards and Certificates**

- 2.10.1 State of Illinois, Secretary of State: James A. Rose, Certificate of 1901
- 2.10.2 Employer Recognition Award, September 21, 2006
- 2.10.3 Employers’ Association Proud Member certificate, undated
- 2.10.4 Certificate of Appreciation, undated

**Folder 11: AID-Crimestoppers**

- 2.11.1 Commercial/Industrial Development Division Activity Report Synopsis, November 2, 1978 to January 25, 1979 and notes
- 2.11.2 Various AID-Crimestoppers documents, undated

**Folder 12: ACI Executive Committee Meetings**

- 2.12.1 Executive Committee Meeting, June 9, 1979
- 2.12.2 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda, December 5, 1980
- 2.12.3 Executive Committee Meeting, February 20, 1981
- 2.12.4 Executive Committee Meeting, June 22, 1981
- 2.12.5 Executive Committee Meeting, May 14, 1982
- 2.12.6 Reminders and Dates for the Executive Committee, undated

**Folder 13: Proposed Budgets, Financial and New Revenue Statements**

- 2.13.1 Proposed Budget, 1967
- 2.13.2 Report of Dues Re-Evaluation Committee, September 24, 1967
- 2.13.3 Statement of New Revenue, September 30, 1967
- 2.13.4 Letter from John J. Neils about the ACI financial structure, November 3, 1967
- 2.13.5 Preliminary 1968 A of C Budget Estimates
- 2.13.6 Letter from Jack King along with Board reports and Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, 1980
- 2.13.7 Bloomington Consumer Report of year of 1980
- 2.13.8 Budgeted Income Statement and various other reports, October 31, 1980
- 2.13.9 Comparative Statement of Operations for the three months ended December 31, 1980
- 2.13.10 Letter from Kenneth J. Emmons about the City of Bloomington’s Community Development Application for the 1981-82 Fiscal year, January 9, 1981
- 2.13.11 Accounts Received, April 1983
- 2.13.12 Accounts Receivable, April 1983
- 2.13.13 Budget Statement Income for seven months, ending April 30, 1983
- 2.13.14 Accounts Received, November 1983
- 2.13.15 Comparison of Budgeted Expenses vs. Actual Expenses, 1977-1983
- 2.13.16 Proposed Budget of 1983-1984
- 2.13.17 Accounts Received, October 1984

**Folder 14: Executive Committee Reports and Memos**

- 2.14.1 Economic Development Department Report, June 22, 1981

- 2.14.2 Memo regarding a Proposed Merger of Manpower Committee and Personnel Council, March 27, 1981
- 2.14.3 Memo regarding the Illinois Power Co. Economic Development Series, February 22, 1982
- 2.14.4 Memo regarding the publication of ACI Membership Directory, February 22, 1982
- 2.14.5 Memo regarding Selected Economic Development Activities, May 13, 1982
- 2.14.6 Memo regarding Formation of Local Development Corporation, May 13, 1982
- 2.14.7 Memo regarding the Normal Chamber of Commerce-Membership Proposals, May 14, 1982
- 2.14.8 Memo regarding the Creation of an Economic Development Council, November 5, 1982
- 2.14.9 Letter to Stan Ommen about the Economic Research Committee, November 5, 1982
- 2.14.10 Memo regarding the update on Corn Belt Corridor Promotional Folder and Business retention Committee, February 16, 1983
- 2.14.11 Memo regarding the Executive Committee Report, April 21, 1983
- 2.14.12 Memo Regarding the monthly Activity Report, May 18, 1983
- 2.14.13 Memo regarding the Monthly Activity Report, June 16, 1983
- 2.14.14 Executive Committee meeting, Minutes, July 13, 1983
- 2.14.15 Memo Regarding the Republican Fundraising Luncheon, August 5, 1983
- 2.14.16 Executive Committee meeting Agenda, August 31, 1983
- 2.14.17 Executive Committee Report, undated

**Folder 15: Economic Development I**

- 2.15.1 A Plan for Economic Development, 1969
- 2.15.2 Economic Development Policy, 1971
- 2.15.3 Economic Development Progress Report, January 16, 1981
- 2.15.4 Memo regarding an Activity Report for the Economic Development Department, January 4, 1982
- 2.15.5 Current Business Prospect-Related Activities, January 26 1982
- 2.15.6 Special Projects Report and Memo, February 22, 1982
- 2.15.7 Standing Committee/Division Activity Report, February 22, 1982
- 2.15.8 Memo regarding the Economic Development Department Activities, March 24, 1982
- 2.15.9 Letter regarding a proposed agenda for an Economic Development Coordination Committee, March 30, 1982
- 2.15.10 Proposed Topics from the Economic Development Department Report, June 21, 1982
- 2.15.11 Detailed Outline of the Economic Development Council, November 5, 1982
- 2.15.12 Memo regarding the Creation of an Economic Development Council, December 10, 1982
- 2.15.13 Memo Draft regarding the creation of an Economic Development Council, December 15, 1982

**Folder 16: Economic Development II**

- 2.16.1 Draft Contract Proposal for Economic Development Services, January 13, 1983
- 2.16.2 County-Wide Economic Development Council Proposal, January 28, 1983
- 2.16.3 Memo Regarding a Request to use the name "Economic Development Corporation" February 16, 1983
- 2.16.4 Prospect Activity Report, January 29 - February 24, 1983
- 2.16.5 Economic Development Council Draft, August 24, 1983
- 2.16.6 Memo Regarding the Report on Current Projects, November 7, 1983
- 2.16.7 Articles of Incorporation under the General Not for Profit Corporation Act about the Economic Development Corporation, undated

**Folder 17: Ballot for New Name and Mission Statement**

- 2.17.1 Memo regarding the Ballot to adopt new name for the Association and to adopt a new Mission Statement, May 18, 1984

**Folder 18: Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws**

- 2.18.1 Observations and By-Laws, September 12, 1967
- 2.18.2 McLean County Industrial Safety Council, August 29, 1973
- 2.18.3 McLean County Chamber of Commerce, Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, October 1984
- 2.18.4 Constitution Articles, incomplete, undated
- 2.18.5 Articles of Incorporation or Constitution, undated
- 2.18.6 By-Laws and Articles, undated
- 2.18.7 Chamber of Commerce By-Laws, undated
- 2.18.8 Major Employers Council By-Laws, undated

**Folder 19: Abstract of Title**

- 2.19.1 People's Abstract of Title to the Association of Commerce, undated

**Folder 20: Proposals**

- 2.20.1 Proposal for the union of Bloomington and Normal Illinois, January 1965

**Folder 21: Letters and Memos Pertaining to ACI**

- 2.21.1 Letter from Eunice Dale about unassigned committees, January 26, 1973
- 2.21.2 Letter from Eunice Dale about the Drivers License Bureau, July 23, 1973
- 2.21.3 Letter from Eunice Dale about Avco Community Developers, July 24, 1973
- 2.21.4 Letter from Shigeo Yamamoto about the Japanese Industrial Corn Promotion Mission, December 9, 1980
- 2.21.5 Season's Greetings Letter from the ACI, December 30 1980
- 2.21.6 Memo from Bruce Callis, December 30, 1980
- 2.21.7 Memo from Eric Pitcher regarding the Committee Assignment Report to Pat Wannemacher, November 9, 1981
- 2.21.8 Memo from Eric pitcher about the Proposed Services Agreement with Bloomington Downtown Council, January 4, 1982
- 2.21.9 Memo from Eric Pitcher about the Formation of Small Business Administration Certified Development Company (Section 503) January 4, 1982
- 2.21.10 Letter from Eric Pitcher about the Board of Directors meeting, February 16, 1983
- 2.21.11 Letter from Lloyd I. Watkins, President of Illinois State University, February 28, 1983
- 2.21.12 Memo from Eric Pitcher about the Executive Committee Report, April 21, 1983
- 2.21.13 Memo from Eric Pitcher about the EDCMCA Inc. 503 Certification, August 30, 1983
- 2.21.14 Letter from Janet Dunn about the Pantagraph Informant Proposal, August 31, 1983
- 2.21.15 Letter from Jerald J Bratberg, April 13, 1988
- 2.21.16 Letter from Dave Hawkinson, December 14, 1990
- 2.21.17 Letter from Sharon Tavana to Greg Koos about the Leadership program, June 12, 1996

**Folder 22: The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting Introduction (1972)**

- 2.22.1 Photo of the set up for the Meeting
- 2.22.2 Seating arrangement and Introductions for Top Head Table
- 2.22.3 Telegram to Ben Pitcher
- 2.22.4 News Release Addressed by Melvin R. Laird
- 2.22.5 Seating Arrangement for the Annual Dinner
- 2.22.6 The Invitation to attend the President's Reception in the Ballroom of the Bloomington Country Club after the Dinner Meeting

**Folder 23: The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting Agenda (1972)**

- 2.23.1 The Agenda for the Events of the Dinner Meeting
- 2.23.2 Vice President Ribbon

**Folder 24: The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting Guests (1972)**

- 2.24.1 Various photos of individuals from the meeting (4 sets)
- 2.24.2 Newspaper clippings, "Laird to address ACI Meeting" and the "71<sup>st</sup> ACI dinner to honor Arends"
- 2.24.3 Newspaper clippings, "Never crawl to negotiating table-Laird"
- 2.24.4 Newspaper clippings about Laird
- 2.24.5 Mr. Pitcher's Invitation list
- 2.24.6 Craig Hart's Guest List
- 2.24.7 Ben Pitcher's Guest List
- 2.24.8 Set of Photos from the Dinner Meeting
- 2.24.9 Newspaper clippings about Student Union Planning to Protest Against Laird
- 2.24.10 Collection of invitations for the Presidents Reception
- 2.24.11 Presidents Reception Invitation List
- 2.24.12 List of people who are Invited to the Presidents Reception

**Folder 25: The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting Reservation Table (1972)**

- 2.25.1 Letter with Regards to all Members of the Association of Commerce and Industry
- 2.25.2 News Release from Rich Stroyan about the Meeting
- 2.25.3 Memo to Mrs Dale about the Eureka Williams Company
- 2.25.4 Draft for the Letter to all Members of the Association of Commerce and Industry
- 2.25.5 Synopsis of Melvin R. Laird
- 2.25.6 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Reservation List of Ticket Values for Individuals
- 2.25.7 Notice to the Directors
- 2.25.8 Different sets of Areas in the Ballroom to sit as shown through Various Tickets
- 2.25.9 Table B Line Up
- 2.25.10 List of Various Individuals for the President's Reception
- 2.25.11 Seating Arrangement and Introductions for Top Head Table

**Folder 26: The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting Instructions (1972)**

## Instructions for Head Table Guests

- 2.26.1 6 Members to Guard Door and 2 for Stairway
- 2.26.2 Names, Addresses, and Phone Numbers of Guests
- 2.26.3 Work List and Notes
- 2.26.4 Speaker's Table Guests and Board Members
- 2.26.5 Notes for the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner
- 2.26.6 Notes

**Folder 27: The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting Protesters (1972)**

- 2.27.1 Protest papers, "Rally and March to Greet Melvin Laird" and "Melvin Laird is Coming!!!!!!"
- 2.27.2 Newspaper clippings, "A few words on Mel," "Laird's Coming Protested," "Concerned Student Union plans protest march against Laird," and "Laird demonstration expectable"
- 2.27.3 Newspaper clippings, "Laird's varied accomplishments" and "Prices high wages low the war goes on"
- 2.27.4 Copies of various articles
- 2.27.5 Candidate's and Citizen's Pledge
- 2.27.6 Letter from the Concerned Students for a Re-alignment of national Priorities of Illinois Wesleyan University
- 2.27.7 Pictures of the Protestors (2 sets)
- 2.27.8 Ben Pitcher's notes



**Folder 28: The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting Thank You Letters (1972)**

- 2.28.1 Letter from William Munro to Al Kemnitz, Dick Kimberley, and Robert Beyer about helping out with the Dinner Meeting
- 2.28.2 Letter from William Munro to Karl Adams about where the meeting will be held
- 2.28.3 Letter from William Munro to Don Massie about where the meeting will be held
- 2.28.4 Letter from Ben Pitcher to William Sullivan about the Bloomington Barbershop Chorus
- 2.28.5 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Karl Adams giving thanks for helping with the meeting
- 2.28.6 Letter from Ben Pitcher to William Boettcher about the Presidents reception
- 2.28.7 Letter from William Munro to Karl Adams about where the meeting will be held
- 2.28.8 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Marvin Beasley giving thanks for helping with the meeting
- 2.28.9 Letter from Craig Hart to James Bicket giving thanks for helping with the meeting
- 2.28.10 Letter from Craig Hart to Richard Benson giving thanks for helping with the meeting
- 2.28.11 Letter from Craig Hart to Eugene Fanning giving thanks for helping with the meeting
- 2.28.12 Letter from Craig Hart to Edward Hoffman giving thanks for helping with the meeting
- 2.28.13 Letter from Craig Hart to James Stahly thanking him for his rendition of "God Bless America"
- 2.28.14 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Darrell McCleary giving thanks for helping with the meeting
- 2.28.15 Mr. Pitcher's Annual Dinner Thank-you's
- 2.28.16 Letter from William Munro to Warren Simmons about information for the meeting
- 2.28.17 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Keith Middleton about the meeting's success
- 2.28.18 Letter from Ben Pitcher to W. A. Matheson Sr. giving thanks and praising his appearance at the meeting
- 2.28.19 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Melvin Laird giving thanks for everything Laird did at the meeting and presenting photos for him.
- 2.28.20 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Harold Steele giving thanks and enclosing a photo for him
- 2.28.21 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Julian Levine giving thanks for helping with the meeting
- 2.28.22 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Leslie Arends giving thanks for everything and looking to the future because she is leaving the District
- 2.28.23 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Mayor Walter Bittner giving thanks and enclosing a picture of him with Laird, Mayor Baugh and the ACI President
- 2.28.24 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Don Rector enclosing a picture of him with Ed Madigan and Les Arends
- 2.28.25 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Darrell Achenbach giving thanks for helping with the meeting and enclosing some pictures for him
- 2.28.26 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Robb Underwood giving some pictures to him
- 2.28.27 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Mayor Charles Baugh giving thanks for his contribution
- 2.28.28 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Colonel Hadley giving thanks for helping with the meeting

**Folder 29: The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting Various other Letters I (1972)**

- 2.29.1 Letter from Keith Middleton to Melvin Laird about the Annual Banquet of the Association of Commerce and Industry of McLean County
- 2.29.2 Letter from Keith Middleton to Melvin Laird about the Annual Banquet of the Association of Commerce and Industry of McLean County (Draft)
- 2.29.3 General Attendance Letter
- 2.29.4 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Mayor and Mrs. Glenn Watt about attending the upcoming 71<sup>st</sup> dinner
- 2.29.5 Letter from Keith Middleton to John Connally about the Annual Banquet of the Association of Commerce and Industry of McLean County
- 2.29.6 Letter from Craig Hart to William Springer honoring their attendance to the meeting
- 2.29.7 Letter from Craig Hart to Edward Hoffman honoring their attendance to the meeting
- 2.29.8 Letter from Ben Pitcher to John Armstrong honoring their attendance to the meeting
- 2.29.9 General letter from Ben Pitcher to Gerald Marks, Lester Brann, and Harold Crater

- 2.29.10 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Eugene Miller honoring their attendance to the meeting
- 2.29.11 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Ralph Claassen honoring their attendance to the meeting
- 2.29.12 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Kenneth Wyant honoring their attendance to the meeting
- 2.29.13 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Constance King enclosing pictures for her
- 2.29.14 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Melvin Laird thanking him for his contribution
- 2.29.15 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Carl Wallace thanking him for his attendance
- 2.29.16 Room Rental Information for the Dinner Meeting at the Scottish Rite Temple
- 2.29.17 Letter from Reverend Wolgamot to Craig Hart declining the invitation due to Laird being present at the meeting
- 2.29.18 Letter from William Harris to Craig Hart about not being able to attend the wedding
- 2.29.19 Letter from Karl Adams to William Munro about the program placement
- 2.29.20 Letter from Don Massie to William Munro responding to the invitation to the meeting
- 2.29.21 Letter from Mrs. Babcock to Ben Pitcher apologizing on not being able to help at an event and also a list of various leading conservatives under Catherine Babcock Inc.
- 2.29.22 Letter from Edward Dirks of the Bloomington Federal Savings and Loan Association to the ACI about a check for the 34 tickets purchased for the meeting
- 2.29.23 Hand written letter from Mayor Glenn Watt to Ben Pitcher wanting to attend the dinner
- 2.29.24 Letter from Timothy Ives to Craig Hart apologizing for not being able to attend the meeting
- 2.29.25 Letter from William Springer to Craig Hart about wanting to attend the meeting
- 2.29.26 Letter from Richard Ogilvie to Craig Hart not being able to attend the meeting
- 2.29.27 Letter from Charles Percy to Craig Hart

**Folder 30: The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting Various other Letters II (1972)**

- 2.30.1 Letter from William Kuhfuss to Craig Hart about not being able to attend the meeting
- 2.30.2 Letter from Law Offices: Yoder, Yoder, Luedtke and Hartweg to Craig Hart regretting they will not be attending the meeting
- 2.30.3 Letter from William Such to Craig Hart not being able to give a commitment to the meeting for Senator Percy
- 2.30.4 Letter from William Such to Craig Hart saying it would be impossible for Senator Percy to attend
- 2.30.5 Letter from Joseph Meek to Ben Pitcher about Bob Dwyer not being able to come to the annual dinner
- 2.30.6 Telegram from Richard Ogilvie to Ben Pitcher about not being able to attend the meeting
- 2.30.7 Letter from Paul Simon to Craig Hart about not being able to attend the meeting
- 2.30.8 Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson to Craig Hart about not being able to attend the meeting
- 2.30.9 Letter from Ray Dickerson to Ben Pitcher declining the invitation
- 2.30.10 Letter from Orville Bergren to Ben Pitcher about not being able to attend the meeting
- 2.30.11 Letter from Lester Brann Jr. to Ben Pitcher looking forward to the meeting
- 2.30.12 Letter from Robert Dwyer to Ben Pitcher about not being able to attend the meeting
- 2.30.13 Letter from Leslie Arends to Ben Pitcher stating that Secretary Connally would have accepted the invitation
- 2.30.14 Letter from John to Leslie Arends declining the invitation to the meeting
- 2.30.15 Letter from Leslie Arends to Ben Pitcher thanking him for his contribution to her campaign
- 2.30.16 Letter from Edward Hoffman to Craig Hart about wanting to go to the meeting
- 2.30.17 Letter from William Harris to Craig Hart looking forward to the meeting
- 2.30.18 Letter from Robert Underwood to Craig Hart looking forward to the meeting
- 2.30.19 Letter from John Armstrong of the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce to Craig Hart wanting to attend the meeting
- 2.30.20 Letter from R. L. Van Auscall to Ben Pitcher wanting to make it to the meeting
- 2.30.21 Letter from Hugh Muncy to Ben Pitcher thanking him for the invitation
- 2.30.22 Letter from Ralph Claassen to Ben Pitcher about wanting to attend the meeting

- 2.30.23 Letter from John Armstrong to Ben Pitcher thanking him for the invitation
- 2.30.24 Letter from Jack Gooding to Ben Pitcher thanking him for the invitation
- 2.30.25 Letter from Ben Pitcher to Leslie Arends
- 2.30.26 Handwritten Letter to Ben Pitcher
- 2.30.27 Letter from Mary Lou Speaks to Craig Hart thanking him for the invitation
- 2.30.28 Letter from Edward Madigan to Craig Hart planning to attend the meeting
- 2.30.29 Letter from Harber Hall to Craig Hart thanking him for the invitation
- 2.30.30 Letter from Ralph Claassen to Ben Pitcher thanking him for the invitation
- 2.30.31 Notes

**Folder 31: Leadership McLean County Projects and Plans I**

- 2.31.1 Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter, Project Team "A" March 1997

**Folder 32: Leadership McLean County Projects and Plans II**

- 2.32.1 Heartland Head Start Project Report, N=March 1999
- 2.32.2 Pamphlet of the Heartland Head start, March 26, 1999
- 2.32.3 Synopsis of the Heartland Head Start Project, undated
- 2.32.4 Marketing Plan Focusing on Building Community Awareness for Heartland Head Start, undated

**Folder 33: Leadership McLean County Projects and Plans III**

- 2.33.1 Department of Child and Family Services Marketing Plan, "Developing Children, Fostering Smiles in McLean County: A Toolkit for Recruiting Foster Parents" March 17, 2000
- 2.33.2 "Show your True Colors: Become a DCFS Foster Parent" undated

**Folder 34: Leadership McLean County Projects and Plans IV**

- 2.34.1 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, The A Team, March 17, 2000
- 2.34.2 Leadership McLean County Class of 2000, Team B Project Papers
- 2.34.3 Project Narrative- Team C, "School Buddy" Program, 2001

**Folder 35: Leadership McLean County Projects and Plans V**

- 2.35.1 Various Applications for Team Projects, undated
- 2.35.2 "Uniquely Bloomington!" Project, undated

**Folder 36: Leadership McLean County: House of Faith, Hope, and Love**

- 2.36.1 House of Faith, Hope, and Love, Group 1, 1998-1999

**Folder 37: Leadership McLean County: American Red Cross of McLean County**

- 2.37.1 "Developing a marketing plan for *Sport safety Training* and investigating available funding opportunities" 1998-1999 Leadership McLean County Class

**Folder 38: Leadership McLean County: Peace Meal Press Kit**

- 2.38.1 Peace Meal Press Kit, Class of 1999

**Folder 39: Leadership McLean County: Home Sweet Home Mission**

- 2.39.1 "Mission Possible" Team D, Class of 2000

**Folder 40: Leadership McLean County: Activity Kits for the Children's Foundation**

- 2.40.1 Various Activity Kits, Class of 2000

**Folder 41: Leadership McLean County: Children's Discovery Museum**

2.41.1 Main Project collection for the Children's Discovery Museum, undated

**Folder 42: Leadership McLean County: Group Projects**

2.42.1 "A Comprehensive Study of Leadership program best Practices" March 9, 2001

**Folder 43: Leadership McLean County: Pamphlets, letters, and Mission Statements**

2.43.1 Leadership Mission Statement Booklet, 1996

2.43.2 Leadership Mission Statement Booklet, 1997

2.43.3 Leadership McLean County Pamphlet, undated

**Folder 44: Leadership McLean County: Applications**

2.44.1 Leadership Confidential Application, 1996

**Folder 45: Leadership McLean County: Yearbooks I**

2.45.1 Leadership Yearbook, 1993-1994

2.45.2 Leadership Yearbook, 1999-2000

2.45.3 Leadership Yearbook, 2000-2001

2.45.4 Leadership Yearbook, 2001-2002

**Folder 46: Leadership McLean County: Yearbooks II**

2.46.1 Leadership Yearbook, 2002-2003

2.46.2 Leadership Yearbook, 2003-2004

2.46.3 Leadership Yearbook, 2004-2005

2.46.4 Leadership Yearbook, 2005-2006

2.46.5 Leadership Yearbook, 2006-2007

2.46.6 Leadership Yearbook, 2007-2008

**Box 3**

**Loose Items:**

- 3.1.1 Association of Commerce and Industry of McLean County Minute Book, October 1973-September 27, 1974
- 3.1.2 Association of Commerce and Industry of McLean County Minute Book, October 25, 1974-September 30, 1975
- 3.1.3 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, 1976-77
- 3.1.4 Association of Commerce and Industry of McLean County Minute Book, October 1977-September 1978
- 3.1.5 Executive Committee Minute Book, October 1977- December 1978
- 3.1.6 Board of Directors Minute Book, 1978-79
- 3.1.7 Board of Directors Minute Book, 1979-80
- 3.1.8 Executive Committee Minutes, October 1980- June, 1981
- 3.1.9 Board of Directors Minute Book, October 31, 1980- July 10, 1981
- 3.1.10 Board of Directors Minute Book, 1981-82
- 3.1.11 Board of Directors Minute Book, 1982-83
- 3.1.12 Corporate Records of Bloomington Industrial Development Corporation, Book No. One, undated

**Box 4**

**Loose Items:**

- 4.1.1 Bloomington-Normal Illinois 1966
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