

McLean County Museum of History

Bea Baas Diaries Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1968-2007
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
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Brief History

Berneice Emma “Bea” Baas began a career at State Farm Insurance in 1952 as a stock clerk in the warehouse on Empire St. She moved to the Illinois Office when it opened in 1957 as a clerk typist and eventually advanced to stenographer in the Admin Services Dept.

Her hobbies included home decorating, gardening, and especially sewing clothing. Her husband Harry managed the Singer Sewing Center as of 1968. The couple had one son, Ron.

Bea died in 2007 at age 92, still a resident of Bloomington.

Scope

This collection includes two personal diaries, plus an obituary and company newsletter celebrating her fifteenth work anniversary with State Farm.

Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Obituary

- 1.1 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 24 Oct 2007.
- 1.2 State Farm Insurance Companies' Midwesterner Illinois Office newsletter, Feb 23, 1968. Vol. XI No. 4. Page 4 contains a work biography and photo of Bea.

Folder 2: Diary, 1982-86

- 2.1 Personal diary with daily entries.

Folder 3: Diary, 1990-94

- 3.1 Personal diary with daily entries.