

McLean County Museum of History

William Bach Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION	3 boxes
COLLECTION DATES	1912-1950
PROVENANCE	Gift
RESTRICTIONS	None
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ALTERNATE FORMATS	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS	None
LOCATION	Archives
NOTES	See Photos.

Historical Sketch

William R. Bach, son of William and Sophia (Koehler) Bach, was born December 10, 1871 in Bloomington, Illinois. He was an attorney in McLean County, Illinois, for over 60 years until his death on December 26, 1955. He served as Bloomington City Attorney from 1897-1901 and 2 terms as states attorney for McLean County in 1905 and 1913. He first practiced with Sig Livingston until 1917 and later practiced law with his son William J. Bach with offices in the Livingston Building in downtown Bloomington. He was a senior counselor for the Illinois Bar Association and past president of the McLean County Bar Association and Third District Bar Association. In 1900, he authorized a history of the city of Bloomington, Illinois.

He became a 33rd degree Mason in 1913 and was only the second man in Bloomington to achieve the rank. He served as Commander in Chief of the Bloomington Consistory in 1915-1916 and was active in the building of the Bloomington Masonic and Scottish Rite Temple. He served as a president of the Bloomington Rotary Club and was an active member of Wesley Methodist Church.

He married Lelia Frances Means June 17, 1897 they had one son, William J. Bach. She preceded him in death in 1954.

Scope and Content Note

The William Bach collection consists of 3 boxes and 82 folders. It contains probate cases, lawsuits, cases and reports involving the Illinois Grain Dealers Association, the Illinois Central Rail Road (I.C.R.R.), plus letters and other miscellaneous items.

Box 1: Individuals/Legal Documents

Folder 1: Estate of William P. Plumley c.c. Brown administrator J&P Heyworth, IL

Folder 2: Estate of William B. Thomas; Oscar H. Schindler administrator

Folder 3: Wright vs Wright-partition separate maintenance

Folder 4: Grant Bros. vs Smith Charles Shaefer attorney

Folder 5: Foster Estate

Folder 6: Vandervoort vs. Gibbons Matter

Folder 7: Estate of John Mooney; administratrix Cornelia Mooney Heyworth, IL

Folder 8: Howard vs Henry Berenz & Son

Folder 9: Cameron Matter

Folder 10: Estate of Christian Kline- Deceased

Folder 11: Estate of Minnie Hindenburg Sale of Interest of Ward

Folder 12: Estate of Mr. John Friedrich Ehlers administratrix Mrs. Louise Ehlers 103 W. Bissell
St. City

Folder 13: Estate of A.D. Gerbrich

Folder 14: James Melliush- Harry Read Matter

Folder 15: Claus Stroh vs Matthew Kerber Cropsey, IL

Folder 16: Gray vs. Means

Folder 17: Roger Williams

Folder 18: Charles F.J. Agle vs. Kate Beam

Folder 19: Charles E. Pearce Estate

Folder 20: Thomas H. Greenfield et al. vs. Louis Lauritson

Folder 21: Klingberg vs Belle Baker

Folder 22: Mr. A.B. Miller vs F.W. Maurer & D.E. Maurer
Mr. F.W. Maurer vs Forest H.

Folder 23: Estate of Eugenie M. Bradley executrix Carrie F. Howard

Folder 24: Estate of Eva Brand executors Henry Brand & Charles Brand
Guardianship of Florence Joseph-Rudolph Joseph Guardian

Folder 25: Brokaw vs. Smalley

Folder 26: Mr. E.L. Burtis vs Walter Schad in Hudson

Folder 27: Fred L. Stevens vs Thomas R. Kane
Folder 28: Loyal Y. Crawford Estate Eliza Crawford conservator
Folder 29: Silberstein vs. Gibbs etc. retained to defend by Mr. Hoobler & Mr. Leikens of Gridley
Folder 30: Bauman vs Bauman
Folder 31: J.R. Price vs I.D. Smith Estate
Folder 32: E.A. Kennedy vs. E.R. Mickelberry
Folder 33: Sophia Lighthurt
Folder 34: John L. Ortman vs. Edward Meiners
Folder 35: 2 letters from Fictional "Uncle Nat" from The After School Club 1913 and undated
Folder 36: Letter from William Bach October 31, 1908
Folder 37: C.W. Hilton vs. A.M. & Belle Kennedy

Box 2: RR& Grain Elevators Cases

Folder 1: L.E.Slick & Co. vs. Bradbury Grain Co.
Folder 2: Towanda Grain Co. vs. Scott Arnold Estate
Folder 3: Shellabarger Case 278-333Conf. Return Presidents Committee of IL Railroads & Committee of IL Grain Dealer Assoc.
Folder 4: Hasenwinkle vs. Worth-Gayles Grain Company
Folder 5: Interstate Commerce Decisions Affecting Grain Trade- IL Grain Dealers Assoc.
Folder 6: Colfax Grain vs. L.S. Bradford
Folder 7: Illinois Grain Dealers Assoc. 1917-1918 Matters
Folder 8: Ed S. Bradbury vs. Illinois Central Railroad
Folder 9: Car Shortage
Folder 10: Maintenance Charges Industrial Tracks
Folder 11: C.E. Fletcher vs C.C.C. & St. R.R. Co.
Folder 12: William H. Suffern Grain Co. vs. I.C.R.R.
Folder 13: J.J. Foster vs. I.C.R.R.
Folder 14: Illinois Grain Dealer's Assoc. Important Letters/Reports 1918
Folder 15: Cairo Freight Rate
Folder 16: Fred Wolkau Jr. vs Bloomington-Normal Railways & Light Co.
Folder 17: John Benson, Latham, IL vs. I.C.R.R.
Folder 18: Haynes Crossing
Folder 19: IL. Traction System Application for Electrical Rate Increase for light & power Heyworth Elect. Lt. & Power Co.
Folder 20: Rueben Prothro vs. I.C.R.R. Bloomington-Normal Railway & Light Co.

Box 3: Misc. Papers

Folder 1: Louisa Oliver vs. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

Folder 2: Emma Cox (administratrix) of Maurice Cox Estate vs. Illinois Bell Telephone Co.
Folder 3: Village of Cooksville Illinois Electric Light & Bond Ordinance
Folder 4: Bulkhead matter IL. Grain Dealer's Assoc.
Folder 5: George S. Nafziger vs. Emory Carlock & George S. Nafziger vs. Lake Erie & Western R.R.
Folder 6: Route 4 Right of Way for Public Road Purposes
Folder 7: Grace Ewing vs Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
Folder 8: Car Demurrage Rules
Folder 9: A.C. Dunson and C.A. Martin dba A.C. Dunson & Co. vs Lee Wright
Folder 10: National Tire & Rubber Co. vs. J.V. Cole Vulc.Works
Folder 11: South Allin St. Pavement
Folder 12: Howard H. Durham vs. American Life Ins. Company
Folder 13: Electric Light Company Chenoa, Illinois
Folder 14: John Webber vs. John Fitzgerald
Folder 15: Mr. Leslie Reel of Congerville, IL vs L.E. Slick & Co.
Folder 16: Kathreyn Mahoney & J.C. Mahoney
Folder 17: City of Bloomington vs. Joe H. Smith
Folder 18: Wheeler vs. City of LeRoy
Folder 19: Illinois Grain Dealers Correspondence 1918
Folder 20: June-Aug 1920 Elevator Storage Rates I.H. French & Co.
Folder 21: Accent on Fifty
Folder 22: William Murray vs. Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis R.R. Inc.
Folder 23: J.Q. Hitch & M.A. Kirk vs I.C.R.R.
Folder 24: Mrs. Anna Quaid (Colfax R.R.) vs. W.S. Woodrow (Toledo, OH)
Folder 25: Illinois Grain Dealers Association Rate Charts 1920

Loose Items: Interstate Commerce Commission Claims for Loss/Damage on Grain
Minnesota Rate Case George T. Simpson vs David C. Shepard