

McLean County Museum of History

Calendar Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	Two boxes.
COLLECTION DATES:	1888-current
PROVENANCE:	None
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	None.

Scope Note

This collection includes calendars from 1888 to present, most with connections to McLean County. Most calendars are promotional from local commercial ventures; others are from not-for-profits; and yet others are art calendars featuring local artists and scenes. Most calendars are monthly but a few are annual, quarterly or bi-monthly. Most are wall-hung styles but the collection also includes a few pocket sized, desktop, and magnetic calendars.

The **folder number indicates the year** of the calendar. If more than one folder is needed for a given year, the first folder is labeled with an "A" and the second with "B", etc. Oversize items are stored in flat special boxes designated as "**Sp1, Sp2**, etc." but are integrated into the folder numbering scheme.

Data listed includes title, sponsor, format, and special features.

Folder 1888

1.1888.1 Untitled, Clark's Spool Cotton, annual, with drawing of young girl sewing.

Folder 1890

1.1890.1 Untitled, The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York (district office in Bloomington); monthly with February onward surviving.

Folder 1896

1.1896.1 "Germania," Supplement to Germania No 64, annual, in German. Includes art and the poem "Bum Neuen Jahre 1896" on reverse. In two pieces.

Folder 1901

1.1901.1 "Frolie 1901 Fortune Telling Calendar," The American Cereal Co., monthly, with astrological images and text plus ads for Quaker Oats.

Folder 1904

1.1904.1 "Placid Waters" Calendar for 1904

Folder 1905

1.1905.1 "Nature's Remedy Cures Constipation & Dyspepsia," R.R. Enlow Drugs (Bloomington), monthly, with drawing of outdoor scene.

1.1905.2 Untitled, Arnold Bros (Bloomington agents for Continental Fire Ins. Co.), monthly with February onward surviving. Features colonial scene of

George Washington.

Folder 1909

1.1909.1 Compliments of A.G. Erickson – Staple and Fancy Groceries and Meats
Phone 110 1311 W. Olive St. Bloomington, Illinois

Folder 1911

1.1911.1 Untitled, Illinois State Normal University, trimester. Features photos of
campus buildings.
1.1911.2 Untitled, illustration of Battle of Rogers' Rock, M.H. Newton & Co.,
Agents, Bloomington, IL

Folders 1915

1.1915 A.1 Untitled, The Colfax Garage (Colfax, IL), July 1915, with drawing and
poem "Maud Muller"

Sp1.1915 B.2 Untitled, monthly, includes reproduction of Chandler's "The Camp Fire"
viewed via open house door. *Oversized in flat Special Box 1.*

Folder 1916

1.1916.1 Untitled, monthly, small calendar with Christmas tree picture.

Folders 1917

Sp1.1917 A.1 Untitled, J. Keenan's Bank of LeRoy, monthly with reverse side for notes,
Owner recorded day by day notes including farming tasks. Tattered and in
fragile condition. *Oversized in flat Special Box 1..*

Sp1.1917 B.1 "Pansies for Thoughts," Herman Lundborg as representative for the
Gerlach-Barklow Company and its "Art calendars de Luxe" Features
poem of title name and tinted drawing of young woman with pansies.
Bloomington City Directories of the time list Herman Lundborg as a
'travelling salesman." *Oversized in flat Special Box 1.*

1.1917 C.3.1 Untitled, dentist Dr. J.A. Moore (Bloomington), September 1917 with
drawing of the Potomac River.

Folder 1921

1.1921.1 United States (small Uncle Sam child)
1.1921.2 Ireland (small Irish child)

Folder 1922

Sp1.1922.1 "Bankers' Art Calendar," Wide-Awake Bank & Trust Co of Cincinnati,

OH, monthly but includes only cover and January. Includes reproductions of famous paintings and weekly quotes on personal financial matters. *Oversized in flat Special Box 1.*

Folder 1932

Sp1.1932.1 Untitled, Great States Home Life Insurance Company (of Bloomington), monthly with months July-December surviving. Includes photo of Washington's Monument in DC. *Oversized in flat Special Box 1.*

Folder 1933

1.1933.1 Untitled, W.H. Gronemeier Bakery (Bloomington); monthly with only December surviving. Features art of mother with infant.

Folder 1935

1.1935.1 "I.S.N.U. Souvenir Calendar 1935
Features photos of campus scenes and buildings.

Folder 1937

Sp1.1937.1 Untitled, Chesapeake & Ohio Lines (Railway Company), quarterly, with drawings of the feline "Chessie" and young children in sleep-related poses. *Oversized in flat Special Box 1.*

Folder 1939

1.1939.1 Untitled, G.N. Snyder Super-Service Store (of McLean) which features Richelieu Foods, monthly. Features several recipes and a photo of prepared foods each month.

1.1939.2 Untitled, small quarterly, with seasonal or holiday sketch for each month.

Folder 1940

1.1940.1 Industrial Casualty Insurance Company, monthly. Drawing of Home Office, Bloomington, Illinois

Folder 1941

1.1941.1 Untitled, Standard Service Stations, monthly but only June, September and November are included. Features light-hearted drawings of youngsters at play, etc.

Folder 1945

1.1945.1 "Rich's Corner Grocery We Aim to Please"

Folder 1946

- 1.1946.1 Master Hand Soap-Crown Manufacturing Company
Handy Home Hints-Calendar for 1946

Folder 1947

- 1.1947.1 "My Calendar of Memory for 1947," Chadbands Jewelry Store
(Bloomington), pocket-sized booklet of monthly calendars. Includes some
owner's notes of birthdays, etc.

Folder 1951

- 1.1951.1 "Burroughs Fuel & Heating Co." Stokers, Furnaces, Coal. 106 S. Linden
Phone 9703-5, Normal Ill.

Folder 1953

- Sp1.1953.1 "Birthday and Community Calendar," W.S.C.S. of Downs, IL, many
business sponsors each month mostly from Downs and LeRoy. Calendar
has a variety of individuals' birthdays, meetings of local organizations,
and social events of the area. *Oversized in flat Special Box 1.*
- Spl.1953.2 "Home-Makers' Calendar," The Normal State Bank, Normal. *Oversized in
flat Special Box 1.*

Folder 1954

- 1.1954.1 Untitled, small blotter calendar of May 1954, McLean County Abstract
Company (Bloomington).

Folder 1967

- 1.1967.1 Untitled, Laesch Dairy Barn (Bloomington), monthly. Features monthly
pocket files and metal pencil holder.
- 1.1967.2 Untitled, First National Bank of Normal, monthly. Features photos of
presumably local school children in school activities.

Folder 1969

- 1.1969.1 "Make Way for Downtown Bloomington," Downtown Retail Council,
monthly for March 1969- February 1970. Includes advertising rates for
radio and newspaper plus sketched ads for downtown shopping.
- 1/1969.2 Bloomington Federal Savings and Loan Association

Folder 1971

- 1.1971.1 Untitled, People's Bank of Bloomington, monthly. Metal pencil holder.

Folder 1973

- 1.1973.1 Untitled, Schilkofski & Huff Arco Oil Service, weekly, appropriate for wall hung or upright on desk.
- 1.1973.2 "Bloomington Calendar," City of Bloomington, monthly. Includes info on city departments and issues plus related photos.

Folder 1975

- 1.1975.1 Don Smith Paint & Wallpaper, Bloomington, Illinois
Paintin' Place, Normal, Illinois
- Sp1.1.1975.2 Famous Black Americans – Historical Calendar

Folder 1976

- 1.1976.1 McLean County Historic Sites Calendar, McLean County Bicentennial Arts Festival Committee, weekly desk calendar. Features mostly photos of local historic sites. 2 copies.

Folder 1979

- 1.1979.1 Untitled, Erickson's Auto Service (Bloomington), monthly with March-December pages still attached. Includes "chalkboard" cleanable with damp cloth.
- 1.1979.2 1979 McKesson Appointment Calendar – Season's Greetings
Thrifty Drug Phone 827-0075 Towanda Plaza Bloomington, Illinois

Folder 1980

- 1.1980.1 Variety Liquor Cave Lounge (Bloomington) monthly

Folder 1981

- 1.1981.1 "Illinois Terminal Railroad Historical Society," monthly. Features photos of Illinois Terminal rail cars in various locales.

Folder 1982

- 1.1982.1 "Bloomington Federal's 1982 Central Illinois Pictorial Calendar," Bloomington Federal Savings & Loan Association, monthly. Features photos of downstate Illinois scenes.
- 1.1982.2 "1982 Airship Calendar & Appointment Log," published by Airship International Press (Bloomington), monthly, with photos of blimps.

Folders 1984

- 1.1984 A.1 "Read all about it: 1984 Family Calendar," The Pantagraph and Corn Belt

Library System, monthly. Featuring photos of children at local libraries plus listings of library events, etc.

- 1.1984 A.2 "B-N Symphony: A Gem of an Investment," Bloomington-Normal Symphony, monthly from September 1983-December 1984. Lists selected historical musical events and some local events.
- 1.1984 A.3 "50 Years of Great American Taste," Steak'n Shake (a firm begun locally), monthly. Features photos of the restaurants and pop culture from 1934-1984.
- 1.1984 A.4 Untitled, Mace Printing & Office Supplies (Bloomington), monthly.
- 1.1984 A.5 Mace Downtown Bloomington – Printing & Office Supplies
- Sp1.1984 B.5 Untitled, Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company (Bloomington), monthly. *Oversized in flat Special Box 1.*

Folders 1985

- 1.1985 A.1 Untitled, Clark Hull of State Farm Insurance, monthly, small easel desk calendar. Features miscellaneous quotes.
- 1.1985 B.2 "Where We Live: Homes of Unitarian-Universalists," Unitarian Church of Bloomington, monthly. Features drawings of local homes by Suan Guess-Welcker and quotes from church members.
- 1.1985 B.3 "Illinois Literary Heritage Calendar 1985," Corn Belt Library System and "READ ILLINOIS," monthly. Features photos of some local and Illinois authors.
- 1.1985 B.4 State Farm Insurance Companies – Home Office: Bloomington, Illinois

Folder 1987

- 1.1987.1 "Bloomington Public Library, monthly. Features historical photos of library and its users.
- 1.1987.2 Untitled, Clark Hull of State Farm Insurance, annual.
- 1.1987.3 "The Legacy of Jesse W. Fell," monthly. Features drawings by Suan Guess-Hanson of local sites connected to Jesse Fell.

Folders 1988

- 1.1988 A.1 "1988 Illinois Scenic Calendar," Champion Federal Savings & Loan, monthly. Features photos of Illinois sites and events.

Sp1.1988 B.2 “100 Years Citizens Savings & Loan 1888-1988,” monthly. Features drawings by local artist Ralston Scott Jones of local historical sites and presumed events. 2 copies each signed by artist. *Oversized in flat Special Box 1.*

Folder 1989

- 1.1989.1 Untitled, Bob Knapp’s Brandtville Restaurant and Catering Service (Bloomington), small monthly easel desk calendar
- 1.1989.2 “Where We Live: Homes of Members and Friends of the Unitarian Church of Bloomington,” monthly. Features drawings by Suan Guess-Hanson of local homes.
- 1.1989.3 S & S Liquors; “We Cater – Pay Less – Shop S & S” 703 N. Clinton – Bloomington, Ill. Phone 828-9125

Folder 1991

- 1.1991.A.1 Untitled, Jacobs Insurance Agency, Inc.; small monthly easel.
- 1.1991 A.2 Livingston & McLean Counties Union News
Serving the working people of Central Illinois
100 years of struggle January 1991
- Sp1.1991.B.1** Bloomington/Normal “The Pride of Illinois” Aerial view of downtown Bloomington looking east

Folder 1992

- 1.1992.1 “Earning Our Pay,” Livingston & McLean Counties Building Trades Council plus Bloomington & Normal Trades & Labor Assembly, monthly. Features photos of members and listing national historical labor events.
- 1.1992.2 “Bloomington Normal Black History Project 1992 Calendar,” Bloomington-Normal Black History and Culture Consortium, monthly. Features local black history photos and drawings.
- 1.1992.3 Untitled, IAA Trust Company, monthly. Features photos of barns.

Folders 1993

- 1.1993 A.1 Untitled, First Federal Savings of Bloomington, small monthly desktop easel style, with photos of US sites.
- 1.1993 B.2 “Learning & earning’93,” Bloomington & Normal Trades & Labor Assembly plus Livingston & McLean Counties Building Trades Council.

Features photos of members at work.

1.1993 B.3 Bloomington-Normal Black History Project 1993 Calendar, Bloomington–Normal Black History and Culture Consortium, monthly. Features historic photos of local blacks.

1.1993 B.4 Automotive Classics – Bloomington Auto Body Features photos of Classic Cars each month

Folders 1994

1.1994.2 “Earning our way ’94,” Bloomington & Normal Trades & Labor Assembly plus Livingston & McLean Counties Building Trades Council, monthly. Features photos of members at work.

1.1994.3 “Friends of the Constitution Trail of Bloomington-Normal,” Friends of the Constitution Trail, monthly. Features drawings of trail sites by Suan Guess-Hanson.

1.1994.4 “The 1994 Bloomington-Normal Black History Project Calendar,” Bloomington–Normal Black History Consortium, monthly. Features historic photos of local blacks and related ephemera.

Folder 1995

1.1995.1 “The 1995 Bloomington-Normal Black History Project Calendar,” Bloomington–Normal Black History Consortium, monthly. Features historic photos of local blacks and related ephemera.

Folder 1996

1.1996.1 “Historic Bloomington Central Business District 1996 Calendar,” published by Wollrab Brothers Properties, monthly. Features Adrienne Eaton’s photos of older buildings of Bloomington CBD and lists their architects.

1.1996.2 “people, places, names & faces,” Bloomington–Normal Black History and Project, monthly. Features historic photos of local blacks.

1.1996.3 “The Friends of the Constitution Trail,” Friends of the Constitution Trail, monthly. Features photos of trail scenes by Lori Ann Cook.

1.1996.4 “1996 – Earning Our Way,” Bloomington & Normal Trades & Labor Assembly plus Livingston & McLean Counties Building Trades Council, monthly. Features photos of members at work.

- 1.1996.5 "Season's Greetings" Dixie Truckers Home (Features only one photo of the Café, Restaurant, Station)

Folder 1997

- 1.1997.1 "Year of the Child," Bloomington–Normal Black History Project, monthly. Features historic photos of local black children.
- 1.1997.2 "On the Job – 1997," Bloomington & Normal Trades & Labor Assembly plus Livingston & McLean Counties Building Trades Council, monthly. Features photos of members at work.

Folder 1998

- 1.1998.1 "Union Skill 1998," Bloomington & Normal Trades & Labor Assembly plus Livingston & McLean Counties Building & Construction Trades Council, monthly. Features photos of members at work.

Folder 2000

- 1.2000.1 "Faces of the Kickapoo Nation," Grand Village of the Kickapoo Park Foundation (LeRoy, IL), monthly. Features historic photos and info.
- 1.2000.2 "Into Our Future 2000," Bloomington & Normal Trades & Labor Assembly plus Livingston & McLean Counties Building & Construction Trades Council, monthly. Features historic photos of workers.
- 1.2000.3 "2000 Children's Art Calendar," from the Children of The Baby Fold. Features drawings from children.
- 1.2000.4 "Serenity Scenes Photography by Ruth Cobb" One sheet.

Folder 2001

- 1.2001.1 "Faces of the Nations," Grand Village of the Kickapoo Park Foundation (LeRoy, IL), monthly. Features photos of tribal elders and dancers who have attended local pow wows in the past plus buffalo herd.
- 1.2001.2 "2001 Children's Art Calendar" from the Children of The Baby Fold Normal, Illinois. Features color pictures drawn by children of the Baby Fold
- 1.2001.3 "Serenity Scenes Photography by Ruth Cobb Copyright 2000" One sheet.

Folder 2002

- 1.2002.1 "Places of the Nation," Grand Village of the Kickapoo Park Foundation (LeRoy, IL), monthly. Features historic maps plus photos of Kickapoo

people and related artifacts.

1.2002.2 "Corn–On-The-Curb," Uniquely Bloomington plus Sesqui! Bloomington, Illinois, monthly. Features photos of the various six-foot-tall artist-decorated "ears" of corn from the 2001 public art project in Bloomington.

1.2002.3 "Serenity Scenes Photography by Ruth Cobb Copyright 2001" One sheet.

Folders 2003

1.2003 A.1 "Remembering Bloomington's Chicago & Alton Shops," Great Prairie Union News, monthly. Features historic photos of workers of the C&A Shops.

1.2003 A.2 "Illinois -- Seasons of Light," monthly. Features photos of natural scenes by local (Heyworth) art photographer Robert Shaw. Photos are from the book of the same name.

1.2003 A.3 "America -- Visions of Nature," monthly. Features photos of natural scenes by local (Heyworth) art photographer Robert Shaw and by Jason Lindsey.

1.2003 A.4 "Serenity Scenes Photography by Ruth Cobb Copyright 2002" One sheet.

Sp1.2003 B.4 Untitled, Ming's Wok (Normal, IL), bimonthly. Features photos of Chinese cities and a menu of the Ming's Wok restaurant. *Scroll in flat Special Box 1.*

Folder 2004

1.2004.1 "Remembering Bloomington's Chicago & Alton Shops," Grand Prairie Union News, monthly. Features historic photos of workers of the C&A Shops.

1.2004.2 "Serenity Scenes Photography & Text by Ruth Cobb" One sheet.

1.2004.3 "Pride of McLean County " 2004 Barn Calendar (Barns of McLean Co.)

Folders 2005

1.2005 A.1 "2005 Community Calendar." The Pantagraph and Prudential Snyder/Armstrong Realty, monthly. Features photos of local people of all ages.

1.2005 A.2 "The 1930s: a decade of challenge & hope." Grand Prairie Union News,

monthly. Features historic photos of the period.

1.2005 A.3 “Serenity Scenes Photography & Text by Ruth Cobb” One sheet.

Sp1.2005 B.3 “Illinois – Seasons of Light,” Emmett-Scharf Electric Co., monthly. Features photos of natural scenes by local (Heyworth) art photographer Robert Shaw.

Folder 2006

1.2006.1 “Knot Ropes” 2006 Desktop Calendar by Elizabeth Stein (in plastic box)

1.2006.2 “Serenity Scenes Photography & Text by Ruth Cobb” One sheet.

Folders 2007

1.2007 A.1 “Hudson History 2007,” Hudson Public Library and Hudson History Club, monthly. Features historic photos and info on Hudson area.

1.2007 A.2 “Serenity Scenes Photography & Text by Ruth Cobb” One sheet.

Sp1.2007 B.2 “Illinois – Seasons of Light,” Emmett-Scharf Electric Co., monthly. Features photos of natural scenes in Central Illinois by local (Heyworth) art photographer Robert Shaw.

Folder 2008

1.2008.1 “2008 Calendar,” Illinois State University, monthly. Features photos of the Illinois State University campus.

1.2008.2 “Serenity Scenes,” Ruth Cobb, annual. Features photos and commentary by Bloomingtonian Ruth Cobb. 2 copies.

1.2008.3 “Grand Prairie Union News,” Grand Prairie Union News, monthly. Features historic photos of workers.

Folder 2009

1.2009.1 “Illinois – Seasons of Light Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial,” monthly. Features photos of natural scenes in Central Illinois similar to what Lincoln may have seen. By local (Heyworth) art photographer Robert Shaw.

1.2009.2 “Serenity Scenes Photography & Text by Ruth Cobb” One sheet.

1.2009.3 “Labor is the superior of capital...” Lincoln on Labor Grand Prairie Union News January 2009

Folder 2010

- 1.2010.1 "Illinois State University, Illinois' first public university," Campus pictures.
- 1.2010.2 "Serenity Scenes Photography & Text by Ruth Cobb" One sheet.
- 1.2010.3 "Illinois State Capitol – 2010 Architectural Calendar"
- 1.2010 30 years of the Union News 1980-2010

Folder 2011

- 1.2011.1 El Parton Autentica Comida Mexicana
- 1.2011.2 "Earning our pay the union way 2011" Grand Prairie Union News, Vol: 31, No: 9, January 2011.

Folder 2012

- 1.2012.1 "America's Natural heritage 2012" Photography by Robert Shaw.
- 1.2012.2 "2012 Illinois Seasons of Light" Photography by Robert Shaw.
- 1.2012.3 "Serenity Scenes" Photography & Text by Ruth Cobb.

Folder 2013

- 1.2013.1 "McLean County Calendar 2013" Calvert & Metzler Memorial Homes.
- 1.2013.2 "Central Illinois 2013 Calendar" Produced by the Pantagraph.
- 1.2013.3 "Serenity Scenes Photography & Text by Ruth Cobb" One sheet.

Folder 2014

- 1.2014.1 "2014 HSCI Pet Calendar"
- 1.2014.2 "Serenity Scenes" Photography & Text by Ruth Cobb.
- 1.2014.3 Central Illinois 2014 Calendar produced by The Pantagraph
- 1.2014.4 Founders' Grove Neighborhood Association 2014 Calendar
- 1.2014.5 Lexington's Antique Buildings –Lexington Genealogical and Historical

Society 2014 Limited Edition

Folder 2015

- 1.2015.1 Central Illinois 2015 Calendar
- 1.2015.2 McLean County Calendar 2015 “Calvert & Metzler Memorial Homes”
- 1.2015.3 2015 Catholic Art Calendar “my father’s love”

Folder 2016

- 1.2016.1 “McLean County Calendar 2016” Calvert & Metzler Memorial Homes.
 - 1.2016.2 “2016 Calendar” Humane Society of Central Illinois
 - 1.2016.3 “Serenity Scenes” Photography & Text by Ruth Cobb.
 - 1.2017.4 Antique Tractors –McLean County Farm Bureau
- Sp1.2016.4 B.2**“Illinois Farm Bureau 15 Month Centennial Celebration Calendar – Sponsored by the IAA Credit Union” 100 Illinois Farm Bureau 2015-2016

Folder 2017

- 1.2017.1 “Serenity Scenes” Photography & Text by Ruth Cobb

Folder 2018

- 1.2018.1 Human Society of Central Illinois
- 1.2018.2 100 Years of Service 1918-2018 –Randolph Cooperative Grain Co.
- 1.2018.3 “Serenity Scenes” Photography & Text by Ruth Cobb.
- 1.2018.4 McLean County Barns 2018

Sp1.2018.4 B.5 B104 2018 Bloomington,-Normal

Sp1.2018.5 B.6 2018 Illinois Seasons of Light –Photograph by Robert Shaw
DJR Tax Service...Bloomington, IL 61701