

McLean County Museum of History

W.B. Carlock Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
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Brief History

William B. Carlock was a prominent Bloomington attorney, member of the Free Masons and member of the McLean County Historical Society. He was born on March 15, 1842 in White Oak Grove, Woodford County. His father was Abraham W. Carlock of Virginia and mother was Mary Goodpasture Carlock, originally of Tennessee.

At the age of 23 he left home and attended Lombard University, at Galesburg, Illinois where he graduated with honors in 1867. He then entered law school at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and graduated in 1869. After law school he came to Bloomington and worked in the office of Williams and Burr. He was admitted to the bar in December 1869 and opened a law office soon after. He also held a patent on a wire device that improved the acoustics of public halls.

He married Miss Missouri McCart, daughter of Robert McCart Sr, on October 6, 1870. They had two sons, Leslie B. and William C. and one daughter, Madeline Linton.

W.B. Carlock was a fluent speaker of German and the only German speaking attorney in Bloomington at that time. Many of his cases involved the representation of members of Bloomington's German population.

As an historian, Mr. Carlock wrote many biographical sketches of prominent McLean county citizens and pioneers. Many of which are found in this collection

Scope

The collection contains biographical and historical sketches written by W.B. Carlock. In addition, it contains a personal scrapbook with newspaper clippings related to court cases, notable citizens and events related to the Freemasons.

Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Biographical

- 1.1 Photocopy of "William B. Carlock, 86, Pioneer, Is Dead" obituary, *Daily Pantagraph*, 6 Mar 1928.
- 1.2 Photocopy of "Tribute to Mr. Carlock," *Sunday Pantagraph*, 28 Apr 1928.
- 1.3 Photocopy of "Many Friends Call and Congratulate W.B. Carlock on His Seventy Fifth Anniversary" *Pantagraph*, March 16, 1917.

Folder 2: Biographical Sketch of George Perrin Davis

- 2.1 "To the Members of the McLean County Historical Society: - In Memoriam. George Perrin Davis." typescript by W.B. Carlock, 3 pp. annotated.

Folder 3: W.B. Carlock Second Paper on Early Pioneers Buried in City Cemetery

- 3.1 "Early Pioneers, Including Soldiers of the War of 1812, who are buried in the City Cemetery of Bloomington, Illinois" typescript by W.B. Carlock, 1 Dec 1917, 21 pp. annotated.

Folder 4: Biographical Sketch of Robert Andrew Miller

- 4.1 "Biographical Sketch of Robert Andrew Miller, Late of Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois." typescript by W.B. Carlock, 5 pp.

Folder 5: Biographical Sketches of Franklin K. Phoenix, Martha J. Horr, Dr. Lee Smith, Edward Stubblefield

- 5.1 "Historical Sketches of Franklin K. Phoenix, Martha J. Horr, Dr. Lee Smith, and Edward Stubblefield" typescript by W.B. Carlock, Dec 1911, 4 pp.

Folder 6: Isaac Funk History and Memories

- 6.1 "Biographical Sketch and Resolutions on Death of Isaac Funk" typescript by W.B. Carlock, 3pp.

Folder 7: Biographical Sketch of Henry B. McCormick

- 7.1 "In Memoriam for Prof. Henry Mc. Cormick." typescript by W.B. Carlock, 3 pp. annotated.

Folder 8: Pioneers Buried in Evergreen Cemetery

- 8.1 "Short Historical Sketches of the Pioneers Buried in the Evergreen Cemetery of this City, of Bloomington Cemetery Association" typescript by W.B. Carlock, 6 Sept 1919, 21 pp. annotated.
- 8.2 "Early Pioneers, Including Soldiers of the War of 1812, Who Are Buried In The City Cemetery of Bloomington and, with Few Exceptions, Have as Yet Received No Historical Mention" typescript by W.B. Carlock, 13 pp. annotated indicating Paper No. 1.

Folder 9: Scientific Discovery in Utah

- 9.1 "Scientific Discovery in Utah" typescript by W.B. Carlock describing the discovery of a sauropod fossil near Jensen, Utah. 26 Jul 1910, 3 pp.

Folder 10: Shabbona

- 10.1 "Shabbona" typescript by W.B. Carlock, 5 Mar 1921, 8 pp. (2 copies).

Folder 11: Twenty Years of History Gathering

- 11.1 "Twenty Years of History Gathering" typescript by W.B. Carlock, 11 pp.

Folder 12: Remarks on Judge Sample

- 12.1 Memorandum from W.B. Carlock to the Illinois Bar Association concerning remarks on the life of Judge Sample, who had recently passed away, 6 pp.
- 12.2 Typed copy of memorandum from W.B. Carlock to the Illinois Bar Association concerning remarks on the life of Judge Sample, who had recently passed away, 2 pp.

Folder 13: Remarks on H.G. Reeves

- 13.1 Memorandum from W.B. Carlock with remarks on the death of H.G. Reeves, who had recently passed away, 4 pp.
- 13.2 Typed copy of memorandum from W.B. Carlock with remarks on the death of H.G. Reeves, who had recently passed away, 2 pp.

Folder 14: Early History of McLean County

- 14.1 Memorandum titled "Early History of McLean County" from W.B. Carlock to members of the Historical Society, 10 June 1915, 6 pp.

Folder 15: Debate Affidavits

- 15.1 Letter from W.B. Carlock stating that the Historical Society finds no evidence of a debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas occurring in Bloomington or surrounding area except for a speech by Douglas in 1856. 25 Mar 1921, 1 pp.
- 15.2 Sworn affidavit of W. W. Workman stating that neither Lincoln nor Douglas ever spoke at Dimmit's Grove or Evan's Grove. 28 Mar 1921. 2 pp.
- 15.3 Sworn affidavit of Lucretia Clarkson Faulk stating that Stephen Douglas made a speech on September 16, 1856 in the Hinshaw Grove addition of Blooming. 25 Mar 1921. 1 pp.
- 15.4 Sworn affidavit of James M. Fordice stating that Stephen Douglas made a speech on September 16, 1856 in Hinshaw Grove but neither Lincoln nor Douglas ever spoke at Dimmit's Grove or Evan's Grove. 28 Mar 1921. 1 pp.
- 15.5 Sworn affidavit of W.B. Carlock stating he was present at a political debate between Lyman Trumbull and Judge James Allin. 28 Mar 1921. 1 pp.
- 15.6 Sworn affidavit of W.B. Carlock stating that the previous affidavits were reviewed and ascertained as correct. 28 Mar 1921. 1 pp.

Folder 16: Biography of A.W. Carlock

- 16.1 "Biographical Sketch of Abraham W. Carlock" typescript by W.B. Carlock. Annotated. 8 pp.

Folder 17: Govenors of Illinois

- 17.1 "The Commendable Characteristics of the Early Governors of Illinois" typescript by W.B. Carlock. 5 Jun 1915 Annotated. 13 pp.

Folder 18: In Memoriam of J.H. Burnham

- 18.1 "In Memoriam: Captain J.H. Burnham" typescript by W.B. Carlock. 2 Jun 1917. Annotated. 5 pp.

Folder 19: Robert McCart

20.1 "Robert McCart Sr. Life Sketch of One of Bloomington's Most Noted and Respected Citizens" typescript by W.B. Carlock. Annotated. 5 pp.

Folder 20: Memorial to Hon. A Sample

21.1 "Tribute to Hon. A. Sample" manuscript by W.B. Carlock. 4 pp.

21.2 "Tribute to Hon. A. Sample" typescript by W.B. Carlock. 2 pp.

Folder 21: The Tale of an Indian

22.1 "The Tale of an Indian" typescript by W.B. Carlock. 1 Mar 1913. 6 pp.

Folder 22: Memorial of John F. Myers

23.1 "Memorial John F. Myers" typescript by W.B. Carlock. Annotated. 4 pp.

Folder 23: Rev. E.J. Thomas

24.1 "Biographical Sketch of Rev. E.J. Thomas of Atlanta, Illinois" typescript by W.B. Carlock. Annotated. 2 pp.

Folder 24: Comments on the Bounty Law of 1850

25.2 "Comments on the Bounty Law of 1850" typescript by W.B. Carlock. Annotated. 7 pp.

Folder 25: Memorial of Hon. James S. Neville

26.1 "Address at Memorial of Hon. James S. Neville" manuscript by W.B. Carlock. 5 Sept 1906. 10 pp.

26.2 "Address at Memorial of Hon. James S. Neville" typescript by W.B. Carlock. 20 Sept 1906. 3 pp.

Folder 26: Memorial Resolutions

27.1 "T.B. Packard" typescript by W.B. Carlock. June 1911. 2 pp.

27.2 "Capt. William Van Gundy" typescript by W.B. Carlock. June 1911.

27.3 "John MC. Connell" typescript by W.B. Carlock. June 1911.

27.4 "Mrs. Martha MC. Connell" typescript by W.B. Carlock. June 1911.

27.5 "Col. John Reed" typescript by W.B. Carlock. June 1911.

27.6 "W.O. Davis" typescript by W.B. Carlock. June 1911. 2 pp.

27.7 "Prof. R.O. Graham" typescript by W.B. Carlock. June 1911.

Folder 27: Memorial for Rev. T.T. Holton

28.1 Memorandum from W.B. Carlock to the Members of the McLean County Historical Society regarding the death of Rev. T.T. Holton. 3 pp.

Folder 28: Capt. J.H. Rowell

29.1 "Address on Death of Capt. J.H. Rowell" typescript by W.B. Carlock. 24 May 1908. 6pp.

Folder 29: Federal Land Patent

30.1 Federal Land Patent, No. 438, issued to Abraham Carlock for Cash Sale of Federal Land in McLean and Woodford County. Issued 10 Oct 1833.

Folder 30: Prairie Breaking

31.1 Mimeograph of "W. B. Carlock Tells of Early Times in Bloomington Vicinity" originally appearing in *Sunday Bulletin*, 22 Aug 1926.

31.2 Photocopy of "Prairie Breaking" *Sunday Mailers*, September 1847.

Scrapbook: W.B Carlock Scrap Book No. 1

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