

**McLean County Museum of History**  
**Century of Progress Collection**

**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1932-1933
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
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**Brief History**

A Century of Progress International Exposition, also known as The Chicago World's Fair, was a held in the Chicago from 1933 to 1934. Originally intended to commemorate Chicago's past, this Exposition came to symbolize hope for Chicago's and America's future amidst the Great Depression.

**Scope**

The small collection includes guide and souvenir books, maps, handouts, and postcards.

**Box and Folder Inventory**

**Folder 1: Official Book of the Fair, 96 pgs.**

Official Book of the Fair Giving Pre-Exposition Information 1932-1933.

Issued by A Century of Progress, Inc. Administration Bldg.—Burnham Park, Chicago

**Folder 2: Official Guide Book of the Fair, 194 pgs.**

Published by A Century of Progress, Administration Building, Chicago  
(2 copies)

**Folder 3: Official Pictures, unpagged (2 copies)**

Official Pictures of A Century of Progress Exposition  
Photographs by Kaufmann & Fabry Co., official photographers  
1933, The Reuben H. Donnelley Corporation, Chicago

**Folder 4: Chicago's Century of Progress, 32 pgs.**

Rand McNally & Company, Publishers  
1933

**Folder 5: Horticultural Building Souvenir Book, 1934 A Century of Progress, 96 pgs.**

**Folder 6: Maps**

- 6.1 Standard Oil Company (Indiana) Map of A Century of Progress Exposition and Downtown Chicago; Map of Downtown Chicago; Map of Chicago and Environs.
- 6.2 Huls' Pathfinder Guide Map; 252 Buildings and Attractions Labeled and Keyed.
- 6.3 A Century of Progress, International Exposition, May 27-October 31-1933.

**Folder 7: Miscellaneous**

- 7.1 Booklet, *A Century of Progress Exposition*, unpagged.
- 7.2 Invitation to attend Burton-Dixie Corp. and Emmerich Pillows, Inc. exhibit.
- 7.3 The Black Forest Village, The Land of "Once Upon a Time," story by Clara E. Laughlin, booklet, unpagged.
- 7.4 Ice Skating at the Black Forest Village, 1 sheet.
- 7.5 Old Heidelberg Inn, menu.
- 7.6 Old Heidelberg Inn, Eitel Inc., Blatz Beer promotional item.
- 7.7 Happy Hours booklet, Impressions of A Century of Progress World's Fair 1933, Pabst Blue Ribbon promotional item, unpagged (includes envelope).
- 7.8 Pabst Blue Ribbon Casino postcard
- 7.9 Three envelopes, "Chicago Welcomes You 1933," R.W. Sanders, Peoria, to Mrs. William L. Austin, Jr., Long Island, NY, 1933 and 1934 (from the Irene Delroy Collection).
- 7.10 Envelope, "Graf Zeppelin Flight to Century of Progress Exposition," Law office of Clarence Townley to Mrs. C.S. Townley, Bloomington, "Via Graf Zeppelin, Seville, Spain."

- 7.11 Souvenir of the Illinois Central Exhibit, unpaginated booklet.
- 7.12 Brochure, General Motors (fragile—in two pieces).
- 7.13 Brochure, Chevrolet, “Building the 1934 Chevrolet with Body by Fisher at the Fair.”
- 7.14 Ticket, Chicago Surface Lines, Century of Progress.
- 7.15 Adhesive stickers, two sizes.
- 7.16 Souvenir booklet titled *World's Fair, Chicago, 1933*. Color photos of various buildings, unpaginated. With envelope.

**Folder 8: Postcards**