

McLean County Museum of History

Dance Card Collection

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Collection Information

Volume of Collection:	One Box.
Collection Dates:	Date range: 1896-1953
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Location:	Archives

Historical Sketch

Dance cards usually listed the specific dances to be performed and provided lines for ladies to fill in the names of their dance partners. In many instances dance cards and programs were designed as souvenirs of the evening.

Scope and Content Notes

The collection includes dance cards from balls and dances sponsored by unions, colleges, fraternal, and other local organizations.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Chicago & Alton Railroad

- 1.1. Chicago & Alton Library Association Orchestra, February 4, 1902
- 1.2. C. & A. Athletes, Balle's Orchestra, March 14, 1905 (2 copies)
- 1.3. "Looks Like A Winner, Great Attraction Arranged for the First Assembly of the C. & A. Orchestra", undated newspaper article

Folder 2: Fraternal Organizations

- 2.1 Ladies' Auxiliary of the Bloomington Turner Society Leap Year Ball, April 20, '96
- 2.2 Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Fifteenth Anniversary, Bloomington Lodge No. 400, January 2, 1903
- 2.3 Knights of Columbus Sixth Annual Ball and Cotillion, April 1, 1907
- 2.4 Fraternal Tribunes, October 23, 1908
- 2.5 Bloomington Shrine Club, undated

Folder 3: High Schools

- 3.1 Saybrook-Arrowsmith High School Junior-Senior Reception, May 1, 1953

Folder 4: Illinois State University

- 4.1 W. L. Formal, May 18, 1935
- 4.2 Women's League Dance, November 23, 1935
- 4.3 Women's League Formal, May 16, 1936
- 4.4 Junior-Senior Prom, June 9, 1936
- 4.5 Women's League Spring Formal, May 15, 1937
- 4.6 The Sophomore Class of 1939 Cotillion, April 10th (no year)

4.7 Art Club Costume Ball, March 16th (no year)

Folder 5: Other Colleges and Universities

- 5.1 Phi Delta Phi Informal Dance, January 13, 1913
- 5.2 The University of Illinois Spring Formal, April 20, 1928

Folder 6: Unions

- 6.1 Local Union No. 99 Third Annual Ball, New Year's Eve, 1902
- 6.2 Bricklayers' International Union No. 19 Grand Ball, January 15, 1902
- 6.3 P. H. Morrissey Lodge No. 62 Third Annual Ball, December 17, 1902
- 6.4 Division 87 of O. R. C. May Party and Ball, May 26, 1903
- 6.5 Iron Molders' Union No. 157 Dance, February 12, 1907
- 6.6 P. H. Morrissey Lodge No. 62 Grand Ball, May 5, 1908
- 6.7 Evergreen City Lodge No. 342, International Association Machinists Fifth Annual Ball, February 17, 1908
- 6.8 Bloomington Lodge No. 342 of I. A. of M. Seventh Annual Ball, January 19, 1910

Folder 7: Miscellaneous

- 7.1 Minier Opera House Informal Balle Orchestra, January 14, 1911
- 7.2 Danvers Town Hall, April 30, 1914
- 7.3 The Fellowship Club, June 1, 1916.
- 7.4 May Dancing Party, June 13, 1918.
- 7.5 Programme (no organization), Cooper Parlors, December 28, 1907
- 7.6 Military cover (no organization or date)
- 7.7 Order of Dances (no organization or date)