

McLean County Museum of History

Mark Dunn Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	Research dating mostly to 2000s; newspaper articles, 1880s-1890s
RESTRICTIONS:	None
PROVENANCE:	None
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the McLean County Museum of History
ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Eleven titles in Museum Library Stacks authored or edited by Mark Dunn. See list in Folder 1.

Brief History

Mark Dunn was born December 14, 1945, as the third of the four children of Richard and Julienne Biasi Dunn. His parents were both 1940 converts to Catholicism and became leaders in Peoria Diocese Councils of Catholic Men and Women. When Mark was born, his father was on an island in the Pacific where the United States Army had been preparing for the invasion of Japan. His father became a prominent lawyer and commander of the Illinois National Guard and the First Chairman of the Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board. Mark's mother served as a Regent of the Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter of the D.A.R and her father was a prominent druggist in Bloomington, Towanda, Pontiac and Streator, Illinois, and was instrumental in breaking Bloomington County Club's anti-Semitic practices.

From June 1952 until August 1953, during the Korean War, Mark's family lived in the states of California and Washington. At this time, his father served as commander of the 144th Anti-Aircraft Battalion of the 44th Division of the Illinois National Guard. Except during that period, Mark grew up in Bloomington-Normal, and attended Holy Trinity grade and high schools. Between September 1963 and June 1967, he was a student at the University of Notre Dame with a Major in History and earned a JD from Notre Dame's law school in 1972. Mark married Martha Kirkpatrick Hoopes on August 13, 1966. They had eight children and have twenty-two grandchildren. Martha had been valedictorian of the 1962 class at Normal Community High School and was a graduate of the University of Florida in three and a half years. They had met on an Illinois State University-sponsored tour of Europe. Her father was also a well-known Bloomington lawyer. She taught at Bloomington High School, in South Bend, Indiana, and at Central Catholic High School.

After serving as a lieutenant in the United States Army Artillery, including a term in Vietnam, and obtaining his degree from the Notre Dame Law School, Mark served as a law clerk for the Hon. Roger Kiley on the United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Judicial Circuit, and in 1979 became a partner in the Chicago law firm of Pope, Ballard, Shepard & Fowle Ltd. He then returned to Bloomington to practice with other members of the Dunn Law Firm.

Mark has a long-standing interest in history and is a former member of the board of the McLean County Museum of History. He has published four books: *Chicago Politics—1884*; *Chicago's Greatest Sportsman, Charles E. "Parson" Davies*; *"The only thing I can do is to fight;"* and *Mallinckrodt in the Park*. He has also written family histories of the Dunn, Hoopes, White, and Kirkpatrick families. Other works include: *A Brief History of the Dunn Law Firm 1915 – 2006*; *The Civil War Letters of Carey Campbell Wright of Tazwell & McLean County Illinois*; *Irish-American Organizations in Bloomington in the 1880s*; and many others. He has also prepared family-trees for nearly 100 families.

Scope

The collection includes research manuscripts, genealogical research, newspaper articles, and correspondence.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: General Information

- 1.1 Email, Mark Dunn to Museum Librarian Bill Kemp and ISU intern Estefani Lopez, including requested autobiographical sketch, February 8, 2023.
- 1.2 List of eleven titles in Museum Library stacks authored or edited by Mark Dunn, 2 pp.

Folder 2: Father William Netstraeter

- 2.1 "Father William Netstraeter," monograph by Mark Dunn, 2012, 25pp.
- 2.2 Email, Mark Dunn to Bill Kemp, providing details on Father William Netstraeter, 1 March 2012.
- 2.3 Email, Mark Dunn to Bill Kemp, providing additional details on Father William Netstraeter, 1 March 2012.

Folder 3: William J. Rodenhauser

- 3.1 "William J. Rodenhauser [February 22, 1842 – August 29, 1919]," by Mark Dunn, no date, 36 pp.

Folder 4: Patsey Devine Affair

- 4.1 "The Pasty Devine Affair," by Mark Dunn, no date, 27 pp.
- 4.2 Typed notes on Devine Affair, 4 pp.
- 4.3 Jury Instructions, December 1880, People vs. Devine, 8 pp.
- 4.4 Summary of Testimony, 6 pp.

Folder 5: Fifer Chronology

- 5.1 "Fifer Chronology" (Joseph W. Fifer), August 14, 1879 – October 15, 1892. 36 pp.

Folder 6: Paddy Ryan Affair

- 6.1 "Richard T. Dunn 1862-1948, One Chapter, 'The Paddy Ryan Affair,'" by Mark Dunn, undated, 82 pp.

Folder 7: Paddy Ryan Research

- 7.1 "City Items" *Chicago Tribune*, October 19, 1885 (includes post-it note from Mark Dunn to Museum Librarian Bill Kemp.)
- 7.2 News item, *Daily Inter Ocean*, January 19, 1887.
- 7.3 News item, *Daily Inter Ocean*, January 21, 1892.
- 7.4 "Alleged Diamond Thief Locked Up," *Daily Inter Ocean*, May 1, 1895.
- 7.5 "O'Malley Is to Be Indicted Again," *Chicago Tribune*, August 21, 1895.
- 7.6 "George Fetner Is Dead," *Daily Inter Ocean*, January 14, 1896.
- 7.7 "Does Not Own the Property, Men Who Bailed Featherstone Charged with Contempt," *Daily Inter Ocean*, December 19, 1896. 1p.
- 7.8 "Late Locals," *Daily Inter Ocean*, April 23, 1888.
- 7.9 "Fun with the Gamblers," *Daily Herald*, December 25, 1890.
- 7.10 "Senator O'Malley Shoots Freely," *Chicago Tribune*, November 8, 1894.
- 7.11 News item, *Chicago Tribune*, November 18, 1894.

- 7.12 "Shepard Makes a Statement," *Chicago Tribune*, November 21, 1894.
- 7.13 "Fall of Two Stars, Police Sergeant and a Patrol Man in Deep Disgrace," *Chicago Tribune*, May 25, 1895.
- 7.14 "Save Some of Their Valuables, Silver Delegates Say Robbers Did Not Get All of Their Personal Effects," *Chicago Tribune*, June 7, 1893.
- 7.15 "Will He Be Tried, John F. O'Malley still Under indictment for Assault," *Daily Inter Ocean*, April 17, 1895.
- 7.16 "Only Played a Game of Hearts, Postmaster Carr Explains Matters to His Superiors," *Daily Inter Ocean*, June 25, 1895.
- 7.17 "Burglars on a Forage, They Rob Two Houses and Shoot a Dog That Guarded Another," *Daily Inter Ocean*, July 1, 1895.
- 7.18 "The Multitudinous O'Malley's," *Chicago Tribune*, May 13, 1896.
- 7.19 "Will Not Get Birch, Philadelphia Detective Coming to Claim the Chicago Crook," *Daily Inter Ocean*, November 14, 1896.
- 7.20 Email, Mark Dunn to Bill Kemp, with four newspaper clippings on Joseph Dalton, January 3, 2012

Folder 8: Boxing Research

- 8.1 Abe Williams, Bloomington, boxing record, 1884 to 1893, 4pp
- 8.2 Richard T. Dunn boxing record, 1884 to 1890, 2pp.
- 8.3 Arthur Majesty boxing record, 1885 to 1891, 4pp.
- 8.4 Patsy Cardiff boxing record, Peoria, 1881 to 1907, 7pp.
- 8.5 Parson Davis chronology, various sources, 1884-1885, 4 pp.; and 1892, 4 pp.

Folder 9: Billy Myer, "Streator Cyclone"

- 9.1 "Billy Myer, the 'Streator Cyclone,'" by Mark Dunn, undated, 14 pp.
- 9.2 "Billy Myer, 'The Streator Cyclone,'" by Mark Dunn, "Wail! The CyberBoxing Journal," September 2000, 11 pp.
- 9.3 "William 'Billy' Myer ..." boxing career and chronology, 1883-1893, 36 pp.
- 9.4 Email, Mark Dunn to Bill Kemp, information on Billy Myer, 14 November 2020.

Folder 10: Green Wave

- 10.1 "A Green Wave on the Central Illinois Prairie," by Mark T. Dunn, draft, January 1, 2010, 26 pp.
- 10.2 "Part of 1870 Census of Bloomington ... relating to Foundry Workers, Moulders and Boiler Makers ..." 17 pp.
- 10.3 Card, Kathleen McCormick to Greg Koos, July 2002, with four scanned / photocopied photos of Clancy family members.

Folder 11: Condon Genealogies

- 11.1 "Descendants of John Condon," 25 pp.
- 11.2 "The Ancestors of Joan Marie Condon December 28, 1923 – June 6, 2004," 12 pp.

Folder 12: Asbestos Tragedy

- 12.1 "The Asbestos Tragedy in Mclean County," by Mark Dunn, no date, 24 pp.

- 12.2 Sixteen photocopied photographs, first one stamped “Plaintiff Exhibit 170 F,” showing manufacturing process of Unibestos.
- 12.3 Five photocopied photographs, stamped “Plaintiff’s Exhibit” 171-174 and 179, *Pantagraph* photographs showing UNARCO’s manufacturing process at its Bloomington plant.