

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Early Social Services Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

## Brief History

Social services in Bloomington Normal were administered by volunteers, mostly women, who organized the earliest social services: Bloomington Benevolent Society and the Bureau of Associated Charities both instituted around the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. These later became the Bureau of Social Services and then Family Service of McLean County.

## Scope

This collection spans 1900 to 1968 and contains records from Bloomington Benevolent Society, the Bureau of Associated Charities, Bureau of Social Services and Family Service of McLean County.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### Box 1

#### Ledgers:

Minutes of Friendly Visitors, 2 Oct 1907 – 2 May 1910, Brown cloth bound, 7.75” x 9.75”

Minutes of Board of Directors of Associated Charities, 2 Apr 1902 – 12 Apr 1923, Brown leather binding, 8.5” x 13”

Minutes of Board of directors of Association of Social Services, 12 May 1923 – 22 May 1934, Red leather binding, 8.5” x 14”

Minutes of Board of directors of Association of Social Services, 10 Jul 1934 – 20 Sep 1949, Red leather binding, 9” x 14”

Minutes of Board of directors of Association of Social Services, 18 Oct 1949 – 15 Dec 1959, Grey cloth bound, 8” x 12”

### Box 2

#### Folder 1: General

- 2.1.1 History of social services by Jacob Hasbrouck, 12 pp., pages missing.
- 2.1.2 “Properly organized,” *Daily Ledger*, Jan 1886.
- 2.1.3 “Bloomington’s many poor,” *Pantagraph*, 14 Dec 1893.
- 2.1.4 “The volunteer visitor,” *Pantagraph*, 14 Apr 1908.
- 2.1.5 “Friendly visitors assigned,” *Pantagraph*, 8 Oct 1908.
- 2.1.6 List of social service organizations from 1886 to 1893.
- 2.1.7 Program, “H.M.S. Pinafore,” Feb 1907

#### Folder 2: Legal Documents

- 2.2.1 John Feucht, Petition for probate of will, 25 Dec 1918.
- 2.2.2 Jennie S. Packard, Petition for probate of will, 11 Apr 1922.

- 2.2.3 Julia G. Scott, Petition for probate of will, 29 Apr 1923.
- 2.2.4 Lyman Graham, Petition for probate of will, 17 Dec 1923.
- 2.2.5 Estate tax forms in Estate of Lyman Graham, 1924.
- 2.2.6 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of Bloomington Bureau of Social Service, 1928 – 1929.
- 2.2.7 Letter from Wayne D. Townley to Bureau of Social Services regarding fee in Hanna will dispute, 24 Sep 1934.
- 2.2.8 Trustee's report in Estate of George S. Hanna, Apr 1937.
- 2.2.9 Letter to Bureau of Social Services from Peoples Bank, re estate of George S. Hanna, 22 Apr 1937
- 2.2.10 Letter to Roy A. Ramseyer from Everett Oglevee regarding real estate in George S. Hanna Estate to be transferred to Estate of Lincoln H. Weldon, 8 May 1937.
- 2.2.11 Letter to Bureau of Social Services from Harry E. Riddle re George S. Hanna Estate, 21 Apr 1938.
- 2.2.12 Pleading, Brief regarding attorney fees, George S. Hanna Estate, not dated.
- 2.2.13 Corporation Certificate, Family Service of McLean County, 6 June 1968.

**Folder 3: Miscellaneous bank and insurance receipts.**

**Folder 4: Secretary's Ledger, Bureau of Associated Charities, 1900 - 1902**

**Folder 5: Ledger, Bloomington Benevolent Society, 1900 – 1906.**