

McLean County Museum of History

Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Illinois Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1932-1963
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Brief History

In February 1903, seventeen farmers' cooperative grain elevator companies met to form the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Illinois for their mutual protection and advancement. This action followed difficulties (including boycotting) experienced by the farmer-owned cooperatives versus independent and line-house companies in getting their grain to market. The already existing Illinois Grain Dealers Association was promoting its members welfare in conflict with those of the Farmers' Grain Dealers Association.

The organization continued to serve the ever-changing needs of its members, including lobbying the legislature, working with government programs, dealing with railroads, issuing fidelity bonds etc.

When the group hired its first full time secretary in May 1913, it chose centrally located Bloomington as its headquarters.

In 1971, the Bloomington-based group merged into a Springfield organization called the Illinois Grain and Feed Association (a successor to the Illinois Grain Dealers Association) which continues in operation to this day.

Scope

The collection includes annual directories of members and miscellaneous publications.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Publications

- 1.1 *The Illinois Co-Operator*, newsletter, 21 Dec 1932. Vol. 10, No. 3. 4 pp.
- 1.2 "Grain Title" by Lawrence Farlow, published by Farmers Grain Dealers Assn of Illinois, undated. 6 pp.
- 1.3 Newsletter, 7 Jun 1963.
- 1.4 "Code of Fair Competition from the Country Grain Elevator Industry of the United States," from US Dept. of Agriculture effective 21 May 1934. 17pp.
- 1.5 "Grain Production and Its Relation to Prosperity," by Homer B. Grommon, of Farmers National Grain Dealer Assn, undated but 1934 or later.

Loose Annual Directories of members

Nine directories:

1939
1940
1941
1943
1945
1948
1949
1950
1951