

McLean County Museum of History

Grain Elevators Collection

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Collection Information

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NOTES:	See also: Clarence Willke (Anchor Grain & Coal); Fred S. Brown Collection (Yuton Grain Co.) & others

History

Grain Storage Facilities play an important role in the process of agricultural production in McLean County. The earliest record contained in this collection relates to E.H. Rood's Elevator in Bloomington in 1881. Many such facilities within McLean County were developed through the utilization of statutory provisions allowing for the co-operative incorporation for development, ownership and operation. Co-operative facilities in these records include the Barnes Elevator, the Carlock Farmer's Elevator, the Danvers Farmer's Elevator, The Farmers Co-operative Grain Company of Shirley and the Stanford Grain Company. The collection also includes information on other privately owned grain storage companies including the Jones Elevator in Holder, IL and reports relating to the infamous Claudon Grain & Coal Co. of Gridley.

Scope Note

This collection contains newspaper articles, incorporation documents, materials produced by companies including advertising, brochures, annual reports, company correspondence.

Folder 1: General and Miscellaneous

General:

- 1.1 “Man-made giants, grain elevators towered over Midwest Prairie,” *Pantagraph*, 11 Oct 2009.

Miscellaneous:

- 1.2 E.H. Rood’s Elevator-Bloomington” *Industries of Bloomington*, 1881, pp. 42-43.
- 1.2 Correspondence Chas E. Cox proprietor, Hudson Elevator as Hudson Township School Treasurer to Josiah Biggs, Money Creek Township School Treasurer, 4 Apr 1888.
- 1.3 “Heyworth’s New Elevator,” *Daily Leader* 16 Aug 1897.
- 1.4 “Ballinger & M’Allister, Designers & Builders advertisement, *Pantagraph* 29 Jun 1918 (original).
- 1.5 “Grain Elevator Splits Open ...in Glenavon formally Delana *Pantagraph* 9 Oct 1926.
- 1.5 “Concrete Structure was built in 1920 (Cooksville)”, *Pantagraph* 11 Jun 1928
- 1.6 “Silver Anniversary at Danvers, Elevator Group Plans Banquet” *Pantagraph*, 9 Feb 1929.
- 1.8 “Elevator Enlarged” captioned photograph about “Stanford Farmers Elevator,” *Pantagraph*, 1 Aug 1958.
- 1.9 “J.H. Hawes Grain Elevator Museum” Atlanta, IL brochure, 2009.
- 1.11 “J.H. Hawes Grain Elevator Museum” Atlanta, IL brochure, 2022.
- 1.12 “The Tall One, A new Continuous Flow Crop Dryer”, advertisement flyer Meyer Morton Co., Morton, IL, undated, 2pp.

Folder 2: Barnes Grain Company

- 2.1 Subscription for Stock in Proposed Farmer’s Co-Op Elevator-Barnes Grain Company (original) undated.
- 2.2 Receipt to John Schlosser from Barnes Grain Company 20 Aug 1919.
- 2.3 Barnes Grain Company Certificate of Incorporation, attached By-laws and filing with the McLean County Recorder, 11 June 1919 (original).
- 2.4 Barnes Grain Company By-Laws, Jun 1978, 8pp.
- 2.5 Quit Claim Deed, from Marian Greer of Bloomington to Barnes Grain Co. for land along Illinois Central Gulf Railroad, Towanda Township, 19 Aug 1981.

Folder 3: Carlock Farmer’s Elevator

- 3.1 By-Laws of the Carlock Farmers Elevator Company (draft). 9pp.
- 3.2 Amendment to Bylaws of Carlock Farmers Elevator Company, undated, 8pp.
- 3.3 Declaration of Reorganization of Carlock Farmers Elevator Company, 11 May

- 1965, 3pp.
- 3.4 Resolution Amending By-Laws of Carlock Farmers Cooperative Elevator, undated, 8pp. (original).
- 3.5 Certificate of Articles of Incorporation- Carlock Farmers Elevator Company 1 Mar 1965, 27pp.
- 3.6 “Carlock’s Historic Concrete Corn Crib” *Normalite*, 14 Oct 2021.

Folder 4: Jones Grain Elevator – Holder, IL

- 4.1 “Jones Grain Elevator – Holder, IL” *Regional History Fair Entry*, Grant Jones, Spring 2001, 37pp.

Folder 5: Ballard Elevator

- 5.1 “Ballard Elevator is History” *Route 66 Assn of Illinois News* Spring 2006, 3pp.
- 5.2 “History of the Ballard Elevator” *Route 66 Assn of Illinois News* Winter 2001, 3pp.
- 5.3 “Grain elevator was town’s Last standing reminder” *Pantagraph*, 21 Jan 2006.

Folder 6: Stanford Grain Company

- 6.1 75th Anniversary- History of Stanford Grain Company, 5pp.
- 6.2 Constitution and By-Laws – Stanford Grain Company (original) 2 copies.
- 6.3 Correspondence -Joseph Kapraun to Greg Koos, Annual Statement Stanford Grain Company (original), 1993 3pp.
- 6.4 “Farmers Apply Humor to Harvest Wounds” *Pantagraph*, 7 Nov 1972.
- 6.5 “Co-Op Finance Demonstrated by Stanford...” *Pantagraph*, 23 Mar 1941.

Folder 7: Claudon Grain & Coal Co.

- 7.1 “Gridley Farmers Are Fleeced”, *Peoria Evening Star*, 4 May 1926 Partial Clippings, 4pp.(original).
- 7.2 “Claudons in Serious Trouble”, *Pantagraph*, 7 May 1926, 2pp. (original).
- 7.3 Check from Claudon Grain & Coal Co. to Geo. Freed, April 3, 1926 (original).