

McLean County Museum of History

William P. LaBounty Collection

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Collection Information

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| VOLUME OF COLLECTION: | 1 Box |
| COLLECTION DATES: | 1930 - 2019 |
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Brief History

William P. LaBounty was born September 1, 1930, educated in Bloomington schools, and IWU, enlisted in the Air Force in 1953 spending much of his time in Japan. Bill married Loretta LaCost July 5, 1953. They have one son and one daughter. .Bill worked in the family business – Stappenbeck Bookbindery - participating in all aspects. In 1970 he moved on to ISU in the Printing Services, and took over as director in 1971. He completed a Masters Degree in 1974. Bill continued as Director of Printing at ISU until retiring in September of 1993.

In retirement Bill has done paraprofessional work for the McLean County Genealogical Society as well as the McLean County Museum of History. He was also active the Olde Towne neighborhood in which they lived. At the Museum Bill headed a project to compile portions of area map books from 1856, 1866, 1874, 1895 and 1914. He has worked on Civil War history and on books indexing cemeteries among other projects. His genealogical work as well as printing and publishing experience made Bill a valuable asset to the *The Civil War Diaries of James William Jessee* book project

Scope

This collection includes: Newspaper clippings, *Pantagraph*, unless noted, Oral History, Major Robert Whaley's Crew 1953-1955, Air Force Memorabilia, Olde Towne Neighborhood, and Genealogical Research and Correspondence for *The Civil War Diaries of James William Jessee*.

Box and Folder Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1: Newspaper clippings, *Pantagraph*, unless noted, Photographs,

- 1.1.1 "Machine menagerie fills print plant," w/photos, *Vidette*, December 12, 1975
- 1.1.2 "LaBounty to retire after 23 years," w/photo, *Vidette*, September 21, 1993.
- 1.1.3 "History buff toils to discover who tilled soil way back in 1866," w/photo, November 13, 1994.
- 1.1.4 "County immigrant records codified," w/photo, February 21, 1996, plus glossy 8x10 photograph.
- 1.1.5 "Descendent preserves Civil War veteran's place in history," w/photo February 7, 1997.
- 1.1.6 "Munson will speak Nov.17," Don Munson along with Bill LaBounty created *It Is Begun*, October 23, 2001.
- 1.1.7 "Our Civil War," *Focus section*, w/photo, October 21, 2001, plus 8x5 and 8x11½ photographs.
- 1.1.8 "LaBounty wins state volunteer honor," December 14, 2002.
- 1.1.9 Handwritten note from Flora enclosing copy of above *Pantagraph* notice.
- 1.1.10 "Take it from the Name droppers," *Focus section*, w/photos, February 17, 2002.
- 1.1.11 "Illinois Association of Museums Names Bill LaBounty Volunteer of the Year," w/photo, 2002.
- 1.1.12 "Lineal Pursuit," *Focus section*, w/photos, April 4, 2004.
- 1.1.13 "Art of the Atlas," *Life section*, w/photo, December 29, 2006, (separate copy of photo).

- 1.1.14 "New book restores 19th century atlases," w/photo, no date.
- 1.1.15 "Museum opens Kickapoo exhibit," w/photo, August 17, 2008.
- 1.1.16 Two color photos – Bill LaBounty and Don Munson perusing bound volume of *Weekly Pantagraph*, no date.
- 1.1.17 Manilla envelope w/negatives, six 3"x 5" McLean County map photos in small white envelope, four 8"x 10" map photos, two 8"x 10" map photos w/LaBounty and Michelle McNabb McLean County Historical Society library director.

Folder 2: Oral History

- 1.2.1 Transfer of ownership from William P. LaBounty to McLean County Museum of History, any audio recordings, transcripts resulting from oral history interview signed 7/09/2013, 2 copies.
- 1.2.2 LaBounty Interview – U. S. Air Force Career, brief summary, July 13, 2013, 1 page
- 1.2.3 Oral History Interview, birth through military service, July 3, 2013, 24 pages.
- 1.2.4 Oral History Interview follow-up, includes Air Force experience, marriage, and life in Japan, October 23, 2013, 16 pages.

Folder 3: Major Robert Whaley's Crew 1953 - 1955

- 1.3.1 "Life and Times of Major Robert Whaley's Crew," cover sheet for collection of pictures w/ID, comments, includes social events as well as 1954 encounter w/Russian MIG, 11-12 pages devoted to biographies and up-dates on crew members in later years, total 98 pages.

Folder 4: Air Force Memorabilia

- 1.4.1 USAF JET NAVIGATION CHART – Okinawa, Japan, Korea fold out map.
- 1.4.2 "William J. 'Bill' Welch," obit, November 6, 2003.
- 1.4.3 Five b/w airplane photos, one w/Edward Hirsch, 1956-57.
- 1.4.4 Headquarters, Special Orders, Restricted, 3510th Flying Training, Randolph Field, TX. 2 pages, November 27, 1953, Hdqtr 35th 1 page, November 22, 1954.
- 1.4.5 Headquarters, Special Orders, 98th Bombardment WING (FEAF) San Francisco, CA. February 13, 1954, 4 pages.
- 1.4.6 Copies of four various formal 8"x10" b/w photos of Whaley crew.

Folder 5: Olde Towne Neighborhood

- 1.5.1 Copies of 1868 - 1873 "Plats of Towns and Additions" showing near Westside subdivisions including Howard Street, Mason Street that intersect w/Front and Washington Streets, 3 items
- 1.5.2 "Homeowners in Olde Towne," list of owners' names, addresses and property ID#, 9 pages, no date.
- 1.5.3 Map showing relationship of low/moderate and slum & blight areas in Bloomington, October, 1993.
- 1.5.4 "A Westside Story," copy of WJBC Radio Forum, delivered by Kim Pereira on May 6, 1997, 2 pages.
- 1.5.5 "OTNA Meeting, May 15, 1997," minute notes w/attendance, guest speaker, upcoming events, 1 page/both sides.
- 1.5.6 "Olde Towne Neighborhood," attendance meetings July 8, & 11, 2000.

- 1.5.7 "Olde Towne Neighborhood Meeting," attendance at Salvation Army, March 15, and April 19, 2001. 2 items.
- 1.5.8 "Olde Towne Neighborhood Meeting," attendance at Salvation Army, w/Neighborhood Watch Program, April 18, 2002.
- 1.5.9 "City of Bloomington Ward Map," May 1, 2001 and July 23, 2002
- 1.5.10 Email copy to Bill LaBounty from T. Sanders, City of Bloomington, regarding Citizen Patrols. February 19, 2003, 1 page.
- 1.5.11 Copy of 9 OTNA signatures, September 18, 2003.
- 1.5.12 Samples of vests and t-shirts for NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – CITIZEN PATROL, 3 pages, March 24, 2003.
- 1.5.13 Email copy to Bill LaBounty from Shawn Albert regarding "Possible illegal operations at 704 W. Monroe," and other issues, July 26, 2005, 1 page.
- 1.5.14 Olde Towne Neighborhood Association form to make improvement/concerns known.
- 1.5.15 Undated typed list of OTNA names and addresses.

Folder 6: Genealogical Research and Correspondence for *The Civil War Diaries of James William Jessee*

- 1.6.1 Relatives of James Wilson Jessee," One page list starting 1838 – 1841
"Family of James Wilson & Maria Caroline Standiford Jessee," 1 page
- 1.6.2 Letter to Mrs. Veselock from Alan D. Selig (2 copies), w/copy of diary pages, March 31, 1995, 9 pages
- 1.6.3 To Mrs. Veselock, from Alan D. Selig, handwritten, regarding index of names, April 28, 1995, 1 page.
- 1.6.4 To William LaBounty from Alan D. Selig regarding publishing permission from U/Kansas, June 9, 1995, 1 page.
- 1.6.5 Letters to LaBounty, August 22, 1995, and to Selig, August 28, 1995, regarding disk copies requests, 2 pages.
- 1.6.7 Letter to U/Kansas, Spencer Library, from LaBounty regarding permission to publish Jessee diaries, August 30, 1995, 1 page.
- 1.6.8 Letter to Alan Selig from LaBounty regarding first draft, other items relating to book, November 9, 1995, 1 page.
- 1.6.9 Letter to Selig from LaBounty seeking names of original donor to U/Kansas, June 1, 1996, 1 page, w/list of names. Also attached - letter to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seetin regarding permission to publish diaries, June 1, 1996.
- 1.6.10 Letter to LaBounty from Selig regarding photos and proofs, August 10, 1996, 1 page.
- 1.6.11 Letter to Selig from LaBounty regarding enclosed items for book, February 27, 1997, 1 page.
- 1.6.12 Letter to Bill from Alan regarding check deposit, March 24, 1997, 1 page.
- 1.6.13 Letter to Alan from LaBounty regarding book is at printer and related matters, April 3, 1997, 1 page.
- 1.6.14 Letter to Betty (?) from LaBounty regarding up to date news on book, April 3, 1997, 1 page.
- 1.6.15 Letter to William P. LaBounty from Dr. F. Paul Schilling regarding *Civil War Diaries of James W. Jessee 1861-1865*, July 14, 1997, 2 pages.
- 1.6.16 Letter to Dr. F. Paul Schilling from W. LaBounty response to above, October 6, 1997, 1 page.

- 1.6.17 Letter to William P. LaBounty from Dr. F. Paul Schilling corrected dates, and 2 Schilling Family Group Reports (pages 1 – 4, 2 copies), 2nd Family Group Report (6 pages), October 20, 1997.
- 1.6.18 To William LaBounty from Betty L. Seetun, envelope, note regarding enclosed photos (b/w 2 copies, 3 1/2" x 4 1/2" and 5"x7") of James Jessee and family, color 3 1/2"x4 1/2" unknown.