

McLean County Museum of History

McLean County Telephone Co. Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1899-1917
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
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Brief History

The McLean County Telephone Co. was organized in spring 1898 with F.Y. Hamilton as its manager. The company held its first annual shareholders meeting October 21, 1898, by which time it had 46 stations reaching 100 towns. The company first appears in the Bloomington city directory in 1899 with offices in the Griesheim Building, and their office is last listed in Bloomington in 1907.

The Kinloch-Bloomington Telephone Co. purchased McLean County Telephone Co.'s toll lines in about 1910.

Scope

This collection includes two bound ledgers of phone calls made through the Bohrer Station. In addition, the collection has a share certificate and a contract for a phone booth in a general merchandise store of the Cox Bros. of Hudson.

Inventory

Folder 1: General

- 1.1 Letter from Illinois Telephone Company in Bloomington donating agent's contract and stock certificate from Cox Bros., 8 September 1952.
- 1.2 Stock certificate to Cox Bros. for one share of \$100, 15 January 1898.
- 1.3 Agent's Contract with Cox Bros. (general merchandise store) of Hudson for a telephone booth, 15 January 1898.

Loose Ledger Books

These two bound ledger books list phone calls made through the Bohrer Station. Each entry lists date, party and station calling, party and stations called, amount to be collected by the telephone offices, and payment remarks.

1. Feb 23, 1899-Aug 18, 1903
2. Aug 1903-May 1, 1917. Within this ledger are materials labeled books 2 and 3 covering the period identified above.