

McLean County Museum of History

**Pantagraph Printing and Stationary Co. Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1894-2021
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

## Brief History

The Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company originated as the printing department of the *Daily Pantagraph*, which was founded in 1846. Some years later, the publisher decided, due to low coffers, that either the newspaper or the job shop was a losing enterprise. Accordingly, the printing department was sold to a few of the *Pantagraph* employees and some outside investors, and it was incorporated as The Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company in 1889. It continued to operate in the same building as the newspaper until 1903, when the building at the corner of Madison and Jefferson streets was built.

In the early 1880's, Alonzo Dolan arrived in Bloomington from Maine and began working in the composing room for Pantagraph Printing. He was raised to foreman, then acquired part ownership. In the following years, his sons Ned and Fred joined him in the business, and eventually their sons joined. Thus, Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company was a family-owned business, serving the printing needs of the Bloomington-Normal community's businesses, schools, and organizations.

## Scope

This collection includes some articles relating to the history of Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Co. and blank forms printed for various city departments.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: History

- 1.1 Letterhead for Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co.
- 1.2 "The P P & S Story: (1846-present)," by Pasquale DeRosa, photocopy and typescript.
- 1.3 "The Job Printing End of It and How It Became the Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Company," *Bloomington Daily Pantagraph*, August 22, 1894, 7pp, photocopy,
- 1.4 "Printing and Stationery Company I New Building," *Pantagraph*, April 23, 1904, typescript, 3pp.
- 1.5 Ad for Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Co., *Pantagraph*, undated, scan.
- 1.6 Ad for Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Co., from Bloomington and Normal City Directory, undated, scan.
- 1.7 Handwritten notes regarding Pantagraph Printing & stationery Co. affairs, 5pp.
- 1.8 Remembrance card for Frederick A. Dolan II (1924-2009).

### Folder 2: Publications

- 2.1 *The Pantagrapher*, September 1939.
- 2.2 *The Pantagrapher*, April 1940. Articles include "Faith," "Earning a Million Dollars," "A Tribute to the Oldest Employee" about Alonzo Dolan, original and photocopy.
- 2.3 "A Tribute to the Oldest Employee," typescript, 2pp.
- 2.4 Price List of Blank Books, reference booklet, 32pp, undated.

**Folder 3: Blank Property Forms**

- 3.1 McLean County Real Estate Sales Record, index card.
- 3.2 Lease.
- 3.3 Certificate of Status of Exempt Property.
- 3.4 Claim for Standard Deduction.
- 3.5 1971 List of Taxable Personal Property in Township\_\_\_\_, ledger sheet.
- 3.6 List of Taxable Personal Property in the Town of \_\_\_\_, ledger sheet.

**Folder 4: Blank Election Forms**

- 4.1 Application for Change of Address.
- 4.2 Addressed envelope to Paul D. Morris, County Clerk.
- 4.3 Affidavit for Voting by Virtue of Possession of Certificate of Registration.
- 4.4 Affidavit of Voter Whose Name is on Printed List but Whose Card is not in Precinct Binder.
- 4.5 Absent Voter's Ballot, Incapacitated Absent Voter's Ballot, official Election Armed Forces Ballot--via Air Mail, price list.
- 4.6 Official Ballot--via Air Mail: envelope, affidavit, instructions, Affidavit and application for ballot by member of military or naval service of the U.S. (2).
- 4.7 Two Envelopes addressed to Judges of Election containing instructions, affidavit of attending physician, affidavit and application for ballot by physically incapacitated elector, incapacitated voter's ballot envelope, envelope addressed to Clerk, envelope for incapacitated voter's ballot.

**Folder 5: Miscellaneous**

- 5.1 Assessor's Record of Dog Licenses, booklet.
- 5.2 Form, Clerk of Circuit Court, etc. to certify attached is true copy.
- 5.3 Blank ledger sheets.
- 5.4 Blank envelope for traffic or Quasi Criminal Division cases.
- 5.5 Blank ledger sheet for Appropriation Record.
- 5.6 Two photos of tour of Pantagraph Printing and Stationery, with explanatory note that the attached State Farm disclosure form was found under a printing press on January 11, 2021.

**Loose**

Cardstock Folder of Election Forms printed by the Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co. for use by County election officials.