

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Ezra M. Prince Collection**

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## Brief History

Ezra Prince, a prolific local historian, was born in Maine in 1831. He attended Harvard University and moved to Bloomington in 1856 and set up a legal practice. In 1892 with Capt. J.M. Burnham, he founded the McLean County Historical Society and acted as its Secretary until his death. He directed the compilation of the first three volumes of the Transactions of McLean County Historical Society and with Capt. Burnham wrote the McLean County entry for the *Historic Encyclopedia of Illinois* and the *History of McLean Co.* 1908. Prince died in 1908.

## Scope Note

This collection contains correspondence and manuscripts, notes, and clippings. The bulk of the collection starts in 1900 because Mr. Princes' office was destroyed by fire. It is divided into three parts, single letter correspondence arranged chronologically, multi-letter correspondence arranged alphabetically, and manuscripts.

Most of the correspondence deals with his publications. The manuscripts are were prepared for future editions of the *Transactions of the McLean Co. Historical Society*.

## **Box 1: Correspondence, 1900-08,**

### **Folder 1: Prince Undated Correspondence**

- 1.1.1 Flyer on Kansas Historical Society Publications
- 1.1.2 Flyer, Noah Farnham Morrison, Elizabeth, N.J. Book Dealer (2)
- 1.1.3 Wiley, Leroy; on Mexican War and Fourth Ill. Vol. Inf.
- 1.1.4 Ford, W. S. on Wells Colton
- 1.1.5 Darrah, D., on Illinois Free Masons
- 1.1.6 Henderson, Effie; Autobiography of an Attorney
- 1.1.7 Extract on 1854 Springfield Convention
- 1.1.8 Kent, George W., on A. Gridley, the Town of, ICCR Land Sales; Town of Meadows
- 1.1.9 Haney, Wm. M.; concerning Estate of Wm. C. Johnson
- 1.1.10 Augustin, A. M.; Furnishing free tree and such to schools, etc.
- 1.1.11 Publishers Flyer on Bacon and Free Masonry
- 1.1.12 List of Irish in Co. D Eighth Mo. Vols.

### **Folder 2: Miscellaneous**

- 1.2.1 Note to McLean County Bar Association
- 1.2.2 Certificate; Independent Order of the Odd Fellows, September 20, 1904

### **Folder 3: Prince, E.M., Correspondence Pre 1900**

- 1.2.1 Humphrey, N.G., to E.M. Prince, regarding photograph, dated April 7, 1891
- 1.2.1 Stillwell, John W.; Autobiography, Bloomington Attorney, dated May 5, 1891
- 1.2.2 Prince, Robt.; on going to Havana Cuba, to Mrs. E. M. Prince, dated July 28, 1898
- 1.2.3 Latta, M. M. ; bio. Of James Latta, 1820's Methodist Minister, June 13, 1899
- 1.2.4 Latta, C. C.; Bio on James Latta, June 20, 1899, original and typed copy

### **Folder 4: Prince, E.M. Correspondence, 1900**

- 1.4.1 Flagg, Norman G.; June 24, on Madison Co.'s participation in Bloomington convention from a news clipping
- 1.4.2 Carrithers, Etta H.; June 25, Asking Prince to arrange for a retraction on news article.
- 1.4.3 Thomas, J.C.; June 28, List of delegates to Bloomington convention, 1856 from St. Clair and Randolph Counties
- 1.4.4 Price, E. R.; July 8, on vacation in New Hampshire
- 1.4.5 Carter, W.H.; July 17, on U.S. military strength
- 1.4.6 Cheney, George W.; July 29, will try to write History of Cheney's Grove.
- 1.4.7 Bayliss, Alfred; Aug. 2, on school lands sold and unsold
- 1.4.8 Cornish to Mueller, Aug. 15, asking for history of Bloomington.
- 1.4.9 Mueller to Prince, Aug. 26, asking Prince to write history.
- 1.4.10 Durett to Prince; Oct.12, thanking for copy of transactions
- 1.4.11 Merchant, Ira.; Oct 17, on giving Mrs. Merchant credit for helping to establish Soldiers Orphans Home.
- 1.4.12 Shaw, B.F.; Nov. 8, Describing "Know Nothings" in Illinois
- 1.4.13 Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Nov.12, Invitation to Alumni Smoker
- 1.4.14 Martin, George W.; Nov.14, Kansas Hist. Soc. Will return clippings on W.F.M.Army
- 1.4.15 Randall, E.D.; Nov. 17 Sending Ohio State Hist. Soc. Publications

- 1.4.16 Dunlap, Henry W.; Nov.30 Father left Know Nothings for Republican Party, latter strong anti-slavery.
- 1.4.17 Worthington, D.; Dec.3, Social News
- 1.4.18 Wright, E.F.; Dec.14, Asking for history of Lexington area Indians.
- 1.4.19 Green, Gov. T.J., Dec.20, Asking for copies of Lincoln-Douglas Debates and papers read before M.C.H.S.
- 1.4.20 Myers, F.; Dec.27, Describing Indian artifacts found near Lexington

**Folder 5: Prince, E.M., Correspondence, 1901**

- 1.5.1 Thomas and Thomas, Jan.8, concerning will of Wm. C. Johnson
- 1.5.2 McDowell, H. H. ; Feb.4, Gathering Bio of Wm. Foote former Pantagraph Editor.
- 1.5.3 Orsley, Mrs. Clarence, Feb.5; Know-Nothing papers and Lincoln papers lost in fire.
- 1.5.4 Wait, Marie T., Feb.6; New Jersey Hist. Soc. Ran exchange volume for volume; catalogue enclosed.
- 1.5.5 Rhodes, Wm.J., Feb.19; Location and descriptions of mill owned and operated by Ebenezer Rhodes.
- 1.5.6 Schaeffer, J.J., March 18; Not able to attend M.C.H.S. meeting.
- 1.5.7 Barrett, Jay Amos, April 22; 1901 Nebraska St. Hist. Soc. Sending books.
- 1.5.8 Eddy, John W., April 27; transcription of tombstone.
- 1.5.9 Myers, Mrs. Martha B., May 1; on Parsons
- 1.5.10 Gray, R.H., May 23; on Judge Durley
- 1.5.11 Smithsonian Institute, June 5; Indian meaning of Money Creek.
- 1.5.12 Jones, Brummel, July 6; on Judge Durley, enclosure
- 1.5.13 Bishop. W.R., July 16; Recollections of Money Creek, the Mackinaw and Bloomington Militia.
- 1.5.14 Bray, John, July 18; on John Collins estate in Australia.
- 1.5.15 Bailhache, Wm.H., Aug.5; Attended May 1856 Convention; spurned Know-Nothing Party
- 1.5.16 Shiff, H.L., Aug.17; Archeological value of found pot.
- 1.5.17 Brown, John J., Aug.26; on Ezra Jinkins
- 1.5.18 Sowards, W.W., Nov.28; Family of early history of McLean Co. and Lexington area, Chicago in 1840, Lovejoy egged in Bloomington, early Bloomington.
- 1.5.19 Brown, C.C., Dec. 11; concerning Maj. Stuart, attorney.
- 1.5.20 Unsigned letter to E.M. Prince, February 13, 1901

**Folder 6: Prince, E.M., 1902**

- 1.6.1 Winterheld, Rev. Pacific, Jan.13 Mary's school studies in German.
- 1.6.2 Humphreys, Helen, Feb.1; photo of Father
- 1.6.3 Stickler, Wm. , Feb.28; Volume of mail Lexington Post Office.
- 1.6.4 Reeves, Owen T., March 22; on drawing to be made
- 1.6.5 Sen. Cullom, April 28; on Ms. McQuinn pension claim.
- 1.6.6 M-----ll, E., April 30;l B.F. Snow and the "Bloomington Times"
- 1.6.7 Beckwith, H.W., May 29; Lincoln in Danville Never called Abe; Law student under W. H. Lamon.
- 1.6.8 Bond, W.A., July 24; Niece of Wells Colton his wife.
- 1.6.9 Mittan, F.J., Aug.27; Autobiography
- 1.6.10 Crozier, Wm., Oct.9; Request for cannon denied.

- 1.6.11 Cambridge, Mary M., Oct.26; Details on W.F.M. Arney
- 1.6.12 Scrogin, A.J., Oct.30; Autobiography
- 1.6.13 Fesler, Mayo, Nov.17; Asking for information on Knights of the Golden Circle.
- 1.6.14 Winterheld, Rev. Pacific, Nov.24; short sketch of St. Mary's Catholic Church
- 1.6.15 Sapper, C. T. W., Nov.24; Sketch of Evangelical Lutheran Congregation
- 1.6.16 Rothmann, A.A., Dec.11; Sketch of Meyer and Wochner Brewery.
- 1.6.17 Murray, Bronson(?), Dec. 16; Illinois Reminiscence
- 1.6.18 Hastain, Mrs. E.D., Dec.21; Willing to supply information on Judge Durley
- 1.6.19 Prince, E.M./Geo. P. Davis, Nov.22; on date of W. Coltons (Justice of the Peace) admittance to the Ill. Bar.

**Folder 7: Prince, E.M., 1903**

- 1.7.1 Nelson, George M., Sept.30; on joining MCHS
- 1.7.2 Martin, George W., Oct.21; on W.F.M. Arney News clippings
- 1.7.3 Latta, C.C., Oct.24; will gather information on James Latta
- 1.7.4 Irving, J.C., Dec.10; Information on Welcome P. Brown
- 1.7.5 Mahaffey, W.C., Dec.30; Newspapers found in Baptist Church.

**Folder 8: Prince, E.M., 1904**

- 1.8.1 Bushnell, A., Jan.8; Bio's of Mitetus McGrew and Robt. Woodson.
- 1.8.2 Meek, B.D., Feb.13; Early Settlers of Panther Creek.
- 1.8.3 Cromwell, Clark, March 29; Letter and Bio of Dr. Wm. Cromwell.
- 1.8.4 Brown, Geo. P., Aug.22; on "Public School Journal"
- 1.8.5 Rowley, C.S., Sept.26; History of Gridley Newspapers
- 1.8.6 Wright, Mrs. Mattie, Oct.25; History of Lexington Newspapers.
- 1.8.7 Yates, Gov. Richard, Dec. 1; Disposition of Regimental Flags
- 1.8.8 McNiel/Wirtz Correspondence, Dec.10; Death date of Wm. McNiel.
- 1.8.9 Silliman, E.C., Dec.20; G.A.R. and Autobiography
- 1.8.10 Kent, L.B., Dec.28; History of "Banner of Holiness", Newspaper

**Folder 9: Prince, E.M., 1905**

- 1.9.1 Rowell, Milo, Feb.6; has some Service Records and Diary
- 1.9.2 Harrison, Frank, Feb.9; on "Normal High School Current", Newspaper
- 1.9.3 Patrick, Lewis, March 13; Looking for diary kept by Capt. Jos. McClland.
- 1.9.4 Hadley, Hiram E., April 28; (Justice of Washington Supreme Court) Reminiscence of Bloomington
- 1.9.5 Allen, Ford A., April 29; Supplying names for Family History
- 1.9.6 Owen, W.M., May 2; History of LeRoy Newspapers.
- 1.9.7 Nikirk, Mrs. Ida, May 26; Bio Sketch of James Allen, Jr.
- 1.9.8 Laffarraus, Capt. George, May 30; Coat of Arms, 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Infantry.
- 1.9.9 Strong, John, June 8; Description of Newcastle, Illinois.
- 1.9.10 Morgan, Richard Price, June 17; Can't write history of C & A because knows too much.
- 1.9.11 Talbot, Arthur, June 26; Offering Prince document for sale.
- 1.9.12 Kirkpatrick, Wm., July 1; Books Unavailable.
- 1.9.13 Warner, F.A., July 26; Can't comply with request.
- 1.9.14 Wilkin, Jacob W., July 30; on Judge Weldon.

- 1.9.15 Owen, Leslie J., Aug.18; Enclosing piece of wood from Lincoln cabin in New Salem and offering entire cabin to McLean County.
- 1.9.16 Garrison, George P., Oct.6; Concerning Texas Hist. Soc. Quarterly and Land Between the Nueces and Rio Grand.
- 1.9.17 McNulta, R.P., Oct.7; concerning Flag of 1<sup>st</sup> Ill. Cav. And sword from McNulta.
- 1.9.18 Carlock/Rose Correspondence, Dec.7; concerning McLean plaque at court house.
- 1.9.19 Drennan, John J., Dec.18; Asking Prince for recollection of Lincoln vs. ICC RR Case.

**Folder 10: Prince, E.M., 1906**

- 1.10.1 Leaming, Jeremiah, Jan.2; concerning sister's property in 1862.
- 1.10.2 Kraus, T.A., Jan.12; concerning estate of James Mason.
- 1.10.3 Conlee, Isaac, Jan.15; concerning James Mason
- 1.10.4 Adler, Cyrus, May 10; Smithsonian offering exchange of books.
- 1.10.5 Rolfe, C.W., May 11; Highest and lowest points in McLean County.
- 1.10.6 Crews, E.K., July 7; asking for history of Kickapoo stockade.
- 1.10.7 Spear, S.L., Aug.29; sending copies of Blue Book
- 1.10.8 Custer, Milo, Oct.5; Kickapoo in Horton, Kansas.

**Folder 11: Prince, E.M., 1907**

- 1.11.1 West, Bina, May 10; Ladies of the Maccabees in McLean County.
- 1.11.2 Heffernan, J.F., March 13, A.O. Hibernians in McLean County.
- 1.11.3 Davy, W.E., March 19.; Brotherhood of American Yeomen In McLean County.
- 1.11.4 Whitmer, Ira A., March 12; History of Bloomington Canning Co.
- 1.11.5 Robinson, W.E., April 1; Court of Honor Beneficiaries in McLean County;
- 1.11.6 A.O.U.W.; Beneficiaries of A.O.U.W.
- 1.11.7 Prince, E.M., to Owen, Leslie J., April 16; LeRoy in 1907
- 1.11.8 Rexdale, Robt., April 23; The Fraternal Tribunes in McLean County.
- 1.11.9 Owens/McDowell Correspondence, April 24; Public Schools in LeRoy.
- 1.11.10 Wakefield, J.C., April 25; Natural Gas Production in Heyworth 1897-1907
- 1.11.11 Coyle, C.M., April 26; Vicksburg Monument
- 1.11.12 Owen, Leslie, April 26; LeRoy School Info Enclosed
- 1.11.13 Sanders, George, April 27; Charles Stubbles and "Firls of Bloomington"
- 1.11.14 Schmidt/Hawes, C.W., April 29; Modern Woodmen of America in McLean County.
- 1.11.15 Piper, Chas. E., May 6; Royal League in McLean Co.
- 1.11.16 Slay, A.M., May 8; Knights of the Modern Maccabees in McLean County
- 1.11.17 Hill, Elmer P., May 10; Law Book Available.
- 1.11.18 Lady Sharp Hive, May 15; Same in McLean Co.
- 1.11.19 Cook, Mrs. Belle, May 17; on Danvers Public Library.
- 1.11.20 Plumley, W.G., May 18; Heyworth incorporated March 31, 1869.
- 1.11.21 Morrissey, M.M., F.O. Eagles in Bloomington; Brotherhood of R.R. Trainmen in Bloomington.
- 1.11.22 Knights of Father Matthew, June 2; Same in Bloomington.
- 1.11.23 Bower, Emma, June 4; Ladies of the Modern Maccabees in McLean County.
- 1.11.24 Court of Honor; Same in McLean County.
- 1.11.25 Colwell, Daniel, June 19; Knights of Columbus referral
- 1.11.26 McGuffey, M.D., June 22; Morris, Buckner. S. Treason Trial.

- 1.11.27 Nunemaker, F., June 22; North American Union in McLean County.
- 1.11.28 Spaulding, R.E., June 22; Knights of Pythias in McLean County.
- 1.11.29 Brennan, J., June 24; A.O. of Hibernians in McLean County.
- 1.11.30 Dade, M.E., June 28; Royal Neighbors of America in McLean County.
- 1.11.31 Kellogg, W.P., July 4; Asking for Vol. 3 of MCHS.
- 1.11.32 Paisley, J.R., July 16; Mutual Protective League in McLean County.
- 1.11.33 Davis/Flint, Sept.; Wanting to dig Indian Graves.
- 1.11.34 Humphreys, H., Sept.3; Bio Sketch of Howard Humphries.
- 1.11.35 Berry, O.F., Sept.24; on Mordecai Lincoln.
- 1.11.36 Johnston, V.W., Sept.24; on Robt. Barnes.
- 1.11.37 Burke, J.J., Dec.17; Sketch of St. Patricks Parrish
- 1.11.38 Unidentified Listing of Fraternal Ins. Company.

**Folder 12: Prince, E. M., 1908**

- 1.12.1 McLellan, Chas. W., April 14; on Lincoln and going south in 1860.
- 1.12.2 Porter, W.H., April 30; on Old Time Cattle and Hog Raising.
- 1.12.3 Sampson, F.A., Aug.8; Missouri Hist. Soc. Wanting Exchange.
- 1.12.4 Jayne, W.M., Nov.2; on Bakers Regt. – Mexican War

**Folder 13: LeRoy Newspapers**

- 1.13.1 “Early LeRoy Newspapers,” 3 pgs.
- 1.13.2 “LeRoy,” list of newspaper titles, editors, dates, and where printed

**Folder 14: Milo Custer Index**

- 1.14.1 “Letters of E.M. Prince, 1900-1903, etc., (In Three Numbers), No. One,” 1909
- 1.14.2 “Letters of E.M. Prince, 1903-1905, etc., (In Three Numbers), No. Two,” 1909
- 1.14.3 “Letters of E.M. Prince on Subjects Connected with Work of the McLean Co. Hist. Soc., 1904-07, etc. No. 3,” handwritten, fragile.

**Folder 15: Prince, E.M., Lawyers Survey**

- 1.15.1 215 items, Responses from “Circular to be Answered”

## **Box 2: Prince, E.M.; Correspondence**

### **Folder 1: Index**

- 2.1.1 "Prince Index of Alphabetical Folders," no date, unknown author

### **Folder 2: Arnold, W.C.**

- 2.2.1 Aug.31, 1904, History of McLean Newspapers.
- 2.2.2 March 31, 1906, Irish in 117<sup>th</sup> Ill. Inf. Vol.

### **Folder 3: Babcock, R.N.**

- 2.3.1 Feb.3, 1901, Camp Douglas Conspiracy and Bloomington
- 2.3.2 March 3, 1902, Camp Douglas Conspiracy and Bloomington

### **Folder 4: Baker, S.D. and F.W.**

- 2.4.1 Nov.13, 1900; Travel from Ohio to Blooming Grove in 1828.
- 2.4.2 Nov.21, 1900; Travel Account True
- 2.4.3 Dec 23, 1900; Description of Early McLean County Mills
- 2.4.4 Feb.18, 1901; on Picture for Book
- 2.4.5 April 30, 1901; 1828 Trip, Description of Prairie
- 2.4.6 Feb.29, 1902; Accuracy of Drawings of Allen Cabin
- 2.4.7 March 13, 1904; Location of Horse Mill.
- 2.4.8 March 14, 1904; Wages and Prices 1840.
- 2.4.9 April 3, 1904; Land Price
- 2.4.10 Jan.2, 1905; Stocking a Store in 1830's and 40's.
- 2.4.11 Feb.20, 1907; 1828 trip.

### **Folder 5: Bartlett, Truman H.**

- 2.5.1 Aug.14, 1907; Photo Dispute. Discussion of Mr. Lincoln and Mrs. Lincoln.
- 2.5.2 Sept.20, 1907; Photos of Lincoln's Children and Requests for Description of Lincoln.
- 2.5.3 Oct.8, 1907; Lincoln's Life and Character
- 2.5.4 Oct.10, 1907; Class Distinctions and Lincoln.

### **Folder 6: Prince/Bartlett (Electrostatic Copies)**

- 2.6.1 July 29, 1907; description of Lincoln's character
- 2.6.2 Aug.9, 1907; on photos of Lincoln and his character.
- 2.6.3 Aug.18, 1907; Mrs. Lincoln and sculpture.
- 2.6.4 Sept.17, 1907; Lincoln as orator and photos
- 2.6.5 Oct.2, 1907; Lincoln photo and character
- 2.6.6 Dec.27, 1907; Herndon and Lamon books on Lincoln.
- 2.6.7 Jan.2, 1908; Whitney book on Lincoln, a fraud.

### **Folder 7: Berger, Clara**

- 2.7.1 July 20, 1900; sending photo of father (George Schneider)
- 2.7.2 Nov.11, 1900; father asking price of book.
- 2.7.3 Dec.4, 1900; George Schneider called First Anti-Nebraska meeting in Illinois.

**Folder 8: Bloomfield, Ira**

- 2.8.1 Oct.21, 1904; Will Wright History of 26<sup>th</sup> Ill. Inf.
- 2.8.2 Dec.20, 1904; flag at Normal University
- 2.8.3 Oct.13, 1905; Rebel flag at Washington – sword in daughter’s possession.

**Folder 9: Briggs, Thomas B.**

- 2.9.1 Sept.26, 1905; will send papers on Mexican War
- 2.9.2 Jan.8, 1906; asking return of papers
- 2.9.3 Sept.28, 1905; details on Mexican War

**Folder 10: Buck, T.L.**

- 2.10.1 Jan.31, 1901; early LeRoy
- 2.10.2 Jan. 1904; Town of Monroe
- 2.10.3 Jan.31, 1907; LeRoy fair and library

**Folder 11: Coles, J.B.**

- 2.11.1 Feb.18, 1903; letter on sending 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. Muster Rolls
- 2.11.2 Feb.19, 1905; Report Book and Muster Roll sent

**Folder 12: Dent, Thomas**

- 2.12.1 Oct.9, 1905; asking why David Davis was sick during Dec. 1864 term.
- 2.12.2 Dec.26, 1907 Davis was sick because of a carbuncle.

**Folder 13: Depew, James**

- 2.13.1 Oct.20, 1907; Co. “B” Mexican War flag.
- 2.13.2 Oct.26, 1907; more concerning flag.

**Folder 14: Dillman, A.R.**

- 2.14.1 April 17, 1907; sketch of McLean
- 2.14.2 April 20, 1907; McLean and dairies

**Folder 15: Dinsmore, John**

- 2.15.1 March 28, 1906; on Rev. James McGeogh
- 2.15.2 March 30, 1906; on Rev. James McGeogh

**Folder 16: Drust, J.S.**

- 2.16.1 March 10, 1907; “National Union”
- 2.16.2 May 26, 1907; on same

**Folder 17: Duncan, W.L.**

- 2.17.1 Dec.28, 1897; Mexican War, typescript
- 2.17.2 Sept.26, 1905; Co. B, Mexican War
- 2.17.3 Nov.3, 1905; Co. B, Mexican War, *missing*
- 2.17.4 Nov.18, 1905; on his brother
- 2.17.5 Nov.20, 1905; Mexican War with sketch map.
- 2.17.6 Nov.29, 1905; Mexican War

- 2.17.7 Jan.18, 1906; Mexican War
- 2.17.8 Feb.19, 1906; Mexican War
- 2.17.9 July 16, 1906; office list in fire
- 2.17.9 Prince to Duncan, Dec.30, 1905; conversation between Gen. Shields and Major Harris; Mexican War.

**Folder 18: Elliot, E.**

- 2.18.1 Feb.27, 1906; Co. B, Mexican War
- 2.18.2 Feb. 27, 1906; typed copy of **2.18.1**
- 2.18.2 March 12, 1906; same
- 2.18.3 April 9, 1906; Santa Anna's cork leg
- 2.18.4 March 31, 1906; Miller, Dr. John to Elliot on Santa Anna's cork leg; typed
- 2.18.5 April 20, 1906; earthquake in California and pension.

**Folder 19: Ewing, Mrs. Alexander**

- 2.19.1 Oct.12, 1903; on James Walker, Attorney
- 2.19.2 Oct.26, 1903; same

**Folder 20: Fell, V.**

- 2.20.1 Jan.18, 1902; subscription schools
- 2.20.2 Jan.22, 1902; schools in McLean County
- 2.20.3 Feb.14, 1902; schools
- 2.20.4 April 2, 1910 (?) wants return of Jesse Fell letters

**Folder 21: Fitzwilliam, Sarah Raymond**

- 2.21.1 Nov.29, 1900; autobiographical sketch
- 2.21.2 March 5, 1901; sending MS on Bloomington schools
- 2.21.3 Aug.19, 1902; sending bio of Capt. Fitzwilliam.
- 2.21.4 Nov.5, 1902; bio sketch of Martha P. Ward
- 2.21.5 Dec.15, 1902; on Lincoln Rail and Hand Model
- 2.21.6 Conkling/Fitzwilliam March 25; on Mr. Dodge - teacher
- 2.21.7 Aug.12, 1908; on Rev. Samuel F. Smith (Author of America)

**Folder 22: Gibbs, Gertrude**

- 2.22.1 July 16, 1901; enclosing sketch of Elisha Gibbs
- 2.22.2 Sketch of same, LeRoy and incident during Harrison campaign in Mt. Vernon.

**Folder 23: Givens, M.W.**

- 2.23.1 Nov.29, 1905; enclosing news clipping.
- 2.23.2 News clipping Extract of Mexican War Diary
- 2.23.3 Dec.9, 1905; Reminiscence of 4<sup>th</sup> Regt. Ill. Vol., Mexican War

**Folder 24: Hackett, J.P.**

- 2.24.1 July 3, 1907; sketch of Bloomington
- 2.24.2 Knights of Columbus

**Folder 25: Haines, James**

- 2.25.1 April 13,1901; correcting news story
- 2.25.2 Nov.24,1904; early trade in Peking
- 2.25.3 Sept.22,1905; enclosing bio
- 2.25.4 1904 bio Capt. Thos. Briggs

**Folder 26: Harbert, A. N.**

- 2.26.1 Feb.19, 1904; asking for information on Harbert family
- 2.26.2 Feb.22, 1904, has collection of Hist. Iowa Material
- 2.26.3 May 15, 1908; asking for Harbert family info.

**Folder 27: Henderson, T.J.**

- 2.27.1 Nov.19, 1900; Know-Nothing Party in Illinois and thanking for May 26,1856 book
- 2.27.2 Dec.4, 1905; asking for two books
- 2.27.3 2 facsimile letters Lincoln to Henderson

**Folder 28: Hendrix, W.M.**

- 2.28.1 Oct.30, 1897; detailed reminiscence on early settlers, typed copy
- 2.28.2 Nov.28, 1897; detailed reminiscence of early settlers and Indians.

**Folder 29: Hill, Frederick T.**

- 2.29.1 April 27,1905; looking for maps of Eighth Circuit; *missing*
- 2.29.2 May 7,1905; in receipt of maps
- 2.29.3 Oct.18,1905; on maps
- 2.29.4 April 7,1907; on Lincoln vs. ICRR
- 2.29.5 April 11,1907; on Lincoln vs. ICRR
- 2.29.5 Jan.14,1907; on Lincoln-Douglas debates

**Folder 30: Hoblit, James**

- 2.30.1 Jan.15, 1901, bio of Wm. H. Young
- 2.30.2 Sept.27, 1905: no Mexican War information

**Folder 31: Hoover, M.P.**

- 2.31.1 Feb.23, 1900; College Hall, first milkman
- 2.31.2 Dec.26, 1900; Bloomington fire
- 2.31.3 Jan.7, 1901; sending photo; biographical sketch
- 2.31.4 Jan.16, 1901; photo and Prof. Turner
- 2.31.5 April 10, 1901; proofing manuscript
- 2.31.6 April 16, 1901; College Hall and Mr. Kenyon
- 2.31.7 April 24, 1901; First State Teacher (Conv. In Bloomington)
- 2.31.8 May 7, 1901; Bloomington in the 1850's
- 2.31.9 May 20, 1901; old-time Bloomington – 3 pgs MS on Bloomington in the 1850's.
- 2.31.10 July 9, 1901; on Kenyon Diaries and College Hall.
- 2.31.11 July 17, 1901; on Col. Parson's residence

- 2.31.12 Sept.2, 1901; on Kenyon Diaries
- 2.31.13 Sept.26, 1901; on manuscript
- 2.31.14 May 5, 1903; from Mrs. Hill on transactions

**Folder 32: Howey, Laura**

- 2.32.1 March 14, 1901; is state Librarian a political appointment?
- 2.32.2 April 6, 1901; Librarians and politics.

**Folder 33: Hutchin, S.W.**

- 2.33.1 Jan. 20, 1904; on "Illinois Statesman"
- 2.33.2 Jan. 29, 1904; on "Illinois Statesman"
- 2.33.3 Jan. 25, 1908; sending photo and bio sketch of father.

**Folder 34: Keck, Chas.**

- 2.34.1 May 7, 1907; Knights of the Globe and Cosmopolitan Insurance
- 2.34.2 May 18, 1907; Knights of the Globe and Cosmopolitan Insurance, some facts about company

**Folder 35: Laning, C.B.**

- 2.35.1 Jan.,1, 1905; on Major Harris
- 2.35.2 Dec.21, 1905; on Request for info

**Folder 36: Longley, Moses**

- 2.36.1 Jan.26, 1903; Autobiographical sketch
- 2.36.2 Jan.27, 1903; please return letters
- 2.36.3 Feb.3, 1903; Autobiographical sketch

**Folder 37: Marmon, M.A.**

- 2.37.1 Aug.12, 1907; on paper to be read at meeting.
- 2.37.2 Sept.2, 1907; on Grandfather's photo

**Folder 38: McConkey, G.W.**

- 2.38.1 Oct.6, 1905; reminiscence of Mexican War
- 2.38.2 News clipping, reminiscence of Mexican War.
- 2.38.3 Oct.12, 1905; reminiscence of Mexican War.

**Folder 39: Messer, E.C.**

- 2.39.1 May 22, 1906; on finding a student to copy Catlin Paintings.
- 2.39.2 March 30, 1906; life in Bloomington and Catlin Paintings
- 2.39.3 Sept.28, 1906; found copies for painting
- 2.39.4 Oct.3, 1906; Mr. Rathburn note enclosed on quality of copies, Cost \$50.00.
- 2.39.5 Oct.11, 1906; trouble with payment.
- 2.39.6 Messer/Rathburn – Oct.3,1906; on Catlin Copies by F. Harris in possession of MCHS

**Folder 40: Minier, G.W.**

- 2.40.1 April 17, 1901; Grove names of Twin Grove
- 2.40.2 April 18, 1901; asking for return of ?

**Folder 41: Parke, C.R.**

- 2.41.1 June 3, 1904; on personal sketch
- 2.41.2 Feb.17, 1905; on Medical Society
- 2.41.3 Dec.14, 1905; on Ballisters
- 2.41.4 Aug.29, 1906; on Physicians and Surgeons
- 2.41.5 Dec.14, 1906; on Physicians
- 2.41.6 Dec.26, 1906; on Physicians

**Folder 42: Pierson, A V.**

- 2.42.1 March 6, 1901; on Patton House and Mill
- 2.42.2 March 23, 1905; on John Dawson and early settlers
- 2.42.3 Aug.19, 1907; on "Browns Corn Planter"

**Folder 43: Pike, E.M.**

- 2.43.1 July 3, 1902; autobiographical sketch
- 2.43.2 July 3, 1902; sketch sent to Prince for editing.
- 2.43.3 July 28, 1904; sketch of Chenoa Times.

**Folder 44: Price, Franklin**

- 2.44.1 Aug.31, 1900; 57<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Announcement.
- 2.44.2 Aug.31, 1900; verses in Commemoration of Anniversary
- 2.44.3 Nov.2, 1900; Know-Nothings
- 2.44.4 Nov.5, 1900; Know-Nothings
- 2.44.5 Nov.25, 1900; Know-Nothings
- 2.44.6 Jan.3, 1901; sending photo of W. E. Foote
- 2.44.7 Feb.?, 1901; on finances of a City Government Project.
- 2.44.8 Feb.18, 1901; sending article about Prince.
- 2.44.9 Sept.9, 1904; dispute concerning Liquor Ordinance, the Town of McLean, Franklin Park, Bloomington Gas Co. Includes 3 sheets of typed transcriptions, 2018.
- 2.44.10 Dec.19, 1905; Leonard Swett and C. Weed in the Gold Market; original and typescript

**Folder 45: Remsburg, George**

- 2.45.1 7 News clippings on the Kickapoo
- 2.45.2 April 20, 1902; enclosing clippings
- 2.45.3 Feb. 18, 1902; to J.H. Burnham from George Remsburg; thanking him for pamphlet, questions on Kickapoo.
- 2.45.4 Jan. 27, 1902; gathering material on Kickapoo.

**Folder 46: Reeves, Owen**

- 2.46.1 April 22, 1902; Can't do drawings
- 2.46.2 Undated; sending photo

**Folder 47: Robinson, F.**

- 2.47.1 Feb. 13, 1904; extract bio of Thomas McNulta, typed copy.

**Folder 48: Robinson, George**

- 2.48.1 Feb. 13, 1904; bio sketch
- 2.48.2 Feb. 22, 1904; sketch of James Flagg

**Folder 49: Rose, James A.**

- 2.49.1 Oct. 20, 1903; sending "Blue Book"
- 2.49.2 March 3, 1906; sending 14 Vols. Of Illinois Session Laws

**Folder 50: Schneider, George**

- 2.50.1 Jan. 8, 1903; Know-Nothings
- 2.50.2 Jan. 26, 1907; sending Obit of T. A. Hoffman
- 2.50.3 ? 16, 1902; Know Nothing
- 2.50.4 ? 15, 1903; Anti-Nebraska efforts

**Folder 51: Selby, Paul**

- 2.51.1 Feb. 19, 1908; attendance at 1854 convention, inaccuracies on same, resulting in Douglas blunder in debate with Lincoln, in Ottawa, 1858.
- 2.51.2 March 3, 1908; conventions attended.

**Folder 52: Shipley, Wm.**

- 2.52.1 Nov. 1, 1903; offering Copper Spear Head for sale
- 2.52.2 Nov. 16, 1903; more on Spear Head.

**Folder 53: Simpson, L.K.**

- 2.53.1 July 1, 1907; Pythian Sisters in McLean County
- 2.53.2 July 5, 1907, Pythian Sisters in McLean County

**Folder 54: Smith, Giles A.**

- 2.54.1 April 15, 1874; Smith/Thorpe; on financial transfer
- 2.54.2 Jan. 28, 1900; DeLapalud/Prince; sending portrait of G. A. Smith & Flag.
- 2.54.3 Oct. 20, 1906; Knight/Prince; flag not official banner
- 2.54.4 Oct. 30, 1906; DeLapalud/Prince; will copy her father's letters
- 2.54.5 Feb. 7, 1907; Emery/Prince; doesn't remember flag while serving with Smith.

**Folder 55: Smith, Mrs. James**

- 2.55.1 Jan. 11, 1901; Delilah Mullins Evans Son's address.
- 2.55.2 July 9, 1901; D. Mullins Evans death date, info on Biggs family.
- 2.55.3 Dec. 2, 1901; info Evans and Biggs family

**Folder 56: Smith, R. Sidney**

- 2.56.1 Dec. 10, 1900; response to request on drawing
- 2.56.2 Undated letter from R. Sidney Smith to Prince response to request on drawing
- 2.56.3 Two rough sketches of Allin Cabin/Store

**Folder 57: Snyder, J.C.**

- 2.57.1 March 29, 1907; on Supreme Tribe of Ben-Hur in McLean County
- 2.57.2 April 1, 1907; same

**Folder 58: Snyder, J.F.**

- 2.58.1 May 23, 1904; in receipt of article on Early Economics of McLean County.
- 2.58.2 May 26, 1904; importance of economic history
- 2.58.3 March 27, 1906; Indians in Illinois

**Folder 59: Stennett, W.H.**

- 2.59.1 Oct. 18, 1900; asking for copy of Hovey poem.
- 2.59.2 Nov. 23, 1900; looking for Percy Folsom(?)

**Folder 60: Sterling, John A.**

- 2.60.1 Jan.14, 1905; W.C.Ewing and Knights of the Golden Circle.
- 2.60.2 Dec. 26, 1905; ? /Sterling, on records of Mexican War
- 2.60.3 Jan. 2, 1906; on Mexican War reports
- 2.60.4 March 3, 1906; Ravenal/Sterling; on Catlin portraits
- 2.60.5 March 6, 1906; on photographing portraits
- 2.60.6 April 3, 1906; acquiring copy of Indian treaties and Clare Messer.
- 2.60.7 April 12, 1906; sending copy of Indian treaties.
- 2.60.8 April 24,1906; Rizer/Sterling; on U.S. G.S. Monograph #XXXVIII
- 2.60.9 April 26, 1906; price of monograph
- 2.60.10 May 7, 1906; Whitney/Sterling; highest and lowest points in McLean County.
- 2.60.11 May 8, 1906; on treaty book

**Folder 61: Stevens, Frank E.**

- 2.61.1 Dec.20,1901; details on Black Hawk War
- 2.61.2 June 16,1902; Black Hawk War details

**Folder 62: Stevenson, A.E.**

- 2.62.1 March 24, 1898; Spafford/Stevenson; on finding biography of Senator John McLean
- 2.62.2 March 25, 1898; on McLean biography
- 2.62.3 Aug. 22, 1906; on Stevenson portraits

**Folder 63: Swett, Herbert**

- 2.63.1 May 24, 1898; will write L. Swett biography for next transaction.
- 2.63.2 Nov. 6, 1900; biography nearly completed and David Davis.
- 2.63.3 Jan. 5, 1901: biography completed, may publish in pamphlet form.
- 2.63.4 Jan. 15, 1901; sending MS on L. Swett.
- 2.63.5 Dec. 2, 1901; pamphlet published and proof reading.

**Folder 64: Turner, Robt.**

- 2.64.1 Feb. 22, 1905; Tipton/Turner; has photo of Lincoln and sons.
- 2.64.2 Feb. 27, 1905; description of Lincoln photo.

**Folder 65: Van Gundy, Wm.**

- 2.65.1 Jan. 25, 1906; on Jeremiah Greenman
- 2.65.2 March 9, 1906; on John Janes

**Folder 66: West, S.H.**

- 2.66.1 Aug. 1, 1901; on Old Town timber acreage.
- 2.66.2 Dec. 1, 1904; on Capt. John Alsop
- 2.66.3 Nov. 5, 1905; on Kickapoo Stockade.

## **BOX 3 PRINCE, E. M.; MANUSCRIPTS**

### **Folder 1: The American or Know-Nothing Party**

- 3.1.1 17 pgs typed MS, "The American or Know Nothing Party," typed copy covering the Party from National to County level
- 3.1.2 17 pgs typed MS, "The American or Know Nothing Party," with handwritten notes

### **Folder 2: Untitled; (Know Nothing Party)**

- 3.2.1 4 pgs typed MS, untitled; concerns the Know Nothing Party
- 3.2.2 4 pgs MS, untitled, concerns Know Nothing Party

### **Folder 3: A. Lincoln and the Know Nothing Party**

- 3.3.1 8 pgs typed MS, "Abraham Lincoln and the Know Nothing Party," concerns Know Nothing Party history and Lincoln's interaction with the party
- 3.3.2 8 pgs typed MS, "Abraham Lincoln and the Know Nothing Party," with handwritten notations

### **Folder 4: Wm. F. Arney**

- 3.4.1 3 pgs typed MS, "Wm. F. Arney, the Eccentric, A Thoroughbred Genius"
- 3.4.2 7 pgs typed MS, "Wm. F.M. Arney," incomplete
- 3.4.3 Newspaper copy of "Wm. F. Arney the Eccentric," active in Kansas
- 3.4.3 "Wm. F.M. Arney," with handwritten notes

### **Folder 5: Black Hawk War, Kickapoo Treaties**

- 3.4.1 9 pgs handwritten MS, Mrs. Smith's recollections of the Black Hawk War, local history, Indian treaties
- 3.4.2 3 pgs typed MS, Mrs. Smith's recollections of the Black Hawk War, local history, Indian treaties

### **Folder 6: Changes of Business Centers and Methods**

- 3.6.1 8 pgs handwritten MS, "Changes of Business Centers and Methods," early trading in McLean County
- 3.6.2 2 pgs typed MS, "Changes of Business Centers and Methods"

### **Folder 7: Cattle Raising**

- 3.7.1 2 pgs handwritten MS "Cattle Raising"
- 3.7.2 1 pg typed MS "Cattle Raising"

### **Folder 8: Companies Not in Service**

- 3.8.1 5 pgs handwritten MS, "Companies that Did Not Get Into Service"
- 3.8.2 2 pgs typed MS, "Companies that Did Not Get Into Service"

### **Folder 9: Exhaustion of the South**

- 3.9.1 3 pgs handwritten MS, "Exhaustion of South in 1864"
- 3.9.2 2 pgs handwritten MS, "Exhaustion of the South"
- 3.9.3 2 pgs typed MS, "Exhaustion of the South in 1864"

**Folder 10: Filling Calls for Troops**

- 3.10.1 5 pgs handwritten MS, "Filling Calls for Troops in 1861 and 1865"
- 3.10.2 2 pgs typed MS, "Filling Calls for Troops in 1861 and 1865"

**Folder 11: Directions for Funeral**

- 3.11.1 4 pgs handwritten MS "Directions for My Funeral"
- 3.11.2 2 pgs typed MS "Directions for My Funeral"

**Folder 12: John and Jane Hendrix**

- 3.12.1 7 pgs typed MS "John and Jane Hendrix – Prince, June 5, 1906;" contains biographical sketch of early settlers detailing early Methodism and home life.

**Folder 13: Incident of Early Banking**

- 3.13.1 4 pgs handwritten MS, "An Incident in Bloomington Banking," September 4, 1909
- 3.13.2 3 pgs typed MS, "An Incident in Bloomington Banking," transcription by M. Custer February 29, 1916, 2 copies  
Recounting an unexpected redemption of bank notes from A. Gridley's McLean County Bank in the 1850's

**Folder 14: Indians**

- 3.14.1 8 pgs handwritten MS, no title
- 3.14.2 3 pgs typed MS, "Indians"
- 3.14.3 2 pgs handwritten partial MS, no title  
Location of Indian villages according to 1823 survey and local reminiscences.

**Folder 15: Lamon, Ward Hill**

- 3.15.1 5pgs typed MS, "Ward Hill Lamon,(Remarks on Lamon's Book on Lincoln)"  
Reminiscence of Lamon in McLean County, his relationship with Lincoln, review of Lamon's "Life of Lincoln"

**Folder 16: Latta, James**

- 3.16.1 6 pgs handwritten MS "James Latta,"
- 3.16.2 3 pgs typed MS "James Latta"
- 3.16.3 3 handwritten notes James Latta  
Early settler and Methodist Organizer

**Folder 17: Day with Abraham Lincoln**

- 3.17.1 10 pgs photocopy MS "A Day with Abraham Lincoln"
- 3.17.2 10 pgs typed MS "A Day with Abraham Lincoln"
- 3.17.3 20 pgs handwritten MS "A Day with Abraham Lincoln"
- 3.17.4 20 pgs photocopy of handwritten MS "A Day with Abraham Lincoln"  
Lincoln's ability to move with the political currents

**Folder 18: Circuit Court McLean Co.**

- 3.18.1 2pgs typed MS, "Circuit Court of McLean County, Illinois"
- 3.18.2 2 pgs photocopy of typed MS, "Circuit Court of McLean County, Illinois"

**Folder 19: Mexican War Notes**

- 3.19.1 15 pgs handwritten MS (*first 2 pgs. missing*) annotated by Wm. Duncan
- 3.19.2 pgs 22-26 of manuscript  
Both dealing with the 4<sup>th</sup> Regt. Ill. Vol. Infantry

**Folder 20: Early Mills**

- 3.20.1 15 pgs typed MS, "The Early Mills of McLean County;" description on variety and location of mills

**Folder 21: Old Mills**

- 3.21.1 7 pgs handwritten MS, "The Old Mills of McLean County"

**Folder 22: Mahan vs. Schroeder**

- 3.22.1 12 pgs handwritten MS, "Mahan vs. Schroeder, Argument by E.M. Prince" 1907

**Folder 23: Newspapers of McLean Co.**

- 3.23.1 13 pgs typed MS, "Newspapers of McLean County," 1908  
list and history to 1908, notes by Milo Custer

**Folder 24: Panic of 1837**

- 3.24.1 3 pgs handwritten MS, "The Panic of 1837" *very fragile*
- 3.24.2 1 pg typed MS, "The Panic of 1837" copied from the original by the McLean County Historical Society Archives

**Folder 25: Hon. Job Prince**

- 3.25.1 4 pgs typed MS, "Hon. Job Prince, Turner Maine" by his son Ezra M. Prince; contains handwritten notes; biography of Father, in Turner, Maine (1795 - ?)

**Folder 26: Schneider, George**

- 3.26.1 2 pgs typed MS, "George Schneider; A Survivor of the Republican Convention of 1856"
- 3.26.2 6 pgs handwritten MS, no title  
Bio of editor of "Staats Zeitung," delegate at May 1856, Illinois Republican Convention, German diplomat for Lincoln

**Folder 27: History, 2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Cavalry**

- 3.27.1 10 pgs typed MS, "History of Second Cavalry," Civil War Unit

**Folder 28: Supplying an Army**

- 3.28.1 4 pgs typed MS, "Supplying an Army"
- 3.28.2 8 pgs handwritten MS, "Supplying an Army"

**Folder 29: Temperance**

- 3.29.1 5 pgs handwritten MS, notes on temperance movement in Bloomington 1850s

**Folder 30: Thanksgiving**

- 3.30.1 2 pgs handwritten MS, "Thanksgiving in McLean County One Hundred Years Ago"
- 3.30.2 1 pg typed copy of MS, "Thanksgiving in McLean County One Hundred Years Ago"

**Folder 31: Unitarian Church of Bloomington**

- 3.31.1 16 pgs typed MS, "The Unitarian Church of Bloomington, Illinois, An Historical Sketch," history of church and reminiscences on Lincoln , Ames, and Coddington.

**Folder 32: McLean Co. Jails**

- 3.32.1 "Evolution of The Jails of McLean County Illinois," by Ezra M. Prince, 1899; 12 pgs

**Folder 33: Scrapbook**

- 3.33.1 Scrap book of News clippings on 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Bloomington; newspaper articles pasted in book *Scenes in the Life of Jesus*

**Folder 34: Obituary/News Clippings**

- 3.34.1 "Funeral of E.M. Prince," *Pantagraph*, p. 7, c. 2
- 3.34.2 "Ezra M. Prince Called by Death," *Pantagraph*, p. 8, c. 5-7
- 3.34.3 "E.M. Price Comes Out for Little Mac," *Pantagraph*, October, 19, 1864, p. 4, c. 3

**Folder 35: John Stubblefield Reminiscences**

- 3.35.1 4 pgs handwritten MS, "Reminiscences (sic) of John Stubblefield," circa 1908
- 3.35.1 4 pgs typed copy of MS, "Reminiscences (sic) of John Stubblefield"

**Loose Items**

Transactions of the McLean Co. Historical Society, Vol III, Convention of May 29, 1856; annotated, with clippings, extract from old letter on Peoria and Pekin Markets, 184 pgs