

McLean County Museum of History

Joseph G. Vogel Baseball Scrapbook Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1939 - 1956
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
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Brief History

In many ways, the 1930s, 1940s, and into the 1950s represented the golden age of local baseball in Bloomington-Normal and the surrounding area. This collection was compiled by one of McLean County's star players of that period, Joseph Vogel.

Joe Vogel was born November 29, 1907, in Benson. He married Ruby Aspel on August 15, 1933, in Downs, and they went on to have three sons and four daughters. Joe retired from General Electric. He was a member of Holy Trinity Church, the Bloomington Bass Club, and the Bloomington Moose Lodge. He was involved with baseball for 32 years and also coached Little League baseball in Heyworth. He died March 13, 1980.

Scope

This collection includes Joseph Vogel's obit, McLean County Museum of History gift agreement with his son Dennis, and miscellaneous newspaper articles. There are three scrapbooks: Red Scrapbook – newspaper clippings; Gray Scrapbook – Municipal and Corn Belt Leagues; and Lesson Plan Book – Tri-County League.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Newspaper Clippings, Obit, Gift Agreement, Miscellaneous

- 1.1 "Lincoln Boy's Rise Real Lesson in Hustle," by Fred Young, w/photo, *Pantagraph*, no date:
- 1.2 "Wood Cutting Job Keeps Al Sherer Busy," by Fred Young, w/photo, *Pantagraph*, no date.
- 1.3 "Municipal Baseball League Complimentary Pass," 1947, Joe Vogel
- 1.4 "From Pages Past," *Pantagraph*, August 22, 1950, 1957 (no date), December 15, 1958, 1960 (2 copies, no date)
- 1.5 Postcard to Joe Vogel from Lefty Binger (?), Dec. 28, 1947'
- 1.6 "Baseball League had its share of funny moments," by Jim Barnhart, *Pantagraph*, June 21, 2005.
- 1.7 "Joseph G. Vogel," obit, *Pantagraph*, March 14, 1980
- 1.8 To Mr. Vogel from Pete and Helen Hettinger one-half page note regarding enclosed photos, September 15, 2008
- 1.9 McLean County Historical Society Gift Agreement for baseball scrapbooks and memorabilia from Dennis Vogel as donor for family of Joe Vogel, 12-15-2018.

Scrapbook 1 (Red Scrapbook) Newspaper clippings *Pantagraph*, unless noted

Newspaper clippings from 1943 through 1954 include games as well as banquets to honor players. There are 30 pages of baseball articles, many w/ photos but w/out dates: Joe Vogel played for the Moose in the Municipal League, as well as other teams. Other Muny

League team articles include mentions of Oil-O-Matic, Goodrich, Legion, Industrial Casualty, Normal Merchants, State Farm, Eades, and Andees, Also there are articles on the Cornbelt League which includes the surrounding towns/villages of Heyworth, Arrowsith, Towanda, LeRoy, Bellflower, Cooksville, Anchor, Ellsworth, Downs, Saybrook, and Farmer City.

Scrapbook 2 (Gray Scrapbook) Municipal League and Corn Belt League, Newspaper clippings *Pantagraph*, unless noted

Newspaper clippings from 1949 to 1956, Corn Belt and Municipal League games, many newspaper clippings w/player photos but no dates. There are also articles on administrative events and individual players.

Scrapbook 3 Lesson Planning Book, Tri County League

Newspaper clippings, 1939 to early 1950s, both games and articles. The Tri County League consisted of the following communities: Heyworth, Benson, Secor, Danvers, Hudson, Downs, Cooksville, and Wapella.