

McLean County Museum of History

World's Columbian Exposition Collection

Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1893
RESTRICTIONS:	
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Brief History

The World's Columbian Exposition was a world's fair held in Chicago in 1893 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the New World in 1492. The fairgrounds were open to the public from May 1 to Oct 30, 1893. An estimated 27 million people visited the fair, with over 700,000 on Chicago Day alone.

Scope

This small collection contains admission tickets, souvenir images and photos and other paper souvenir items.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Exposition Book

Lithograph images of fair buildings, etc.

Folder 2: Portfolio of Views

Issued by Department of Photography, official photographers C.D. Arnold and H.D. Higinbotham, 1893. Published by C.B. Woodward Company of St. Louis.

Folder 3: Tickets

17 tickets. Includes 4 for Chicago day and 2 for Manhattan day.

Folder 4: Miscellaneous

- 4.1 Souvenir coaster / blotter, Goodyear Welt & Turned Shoes (2 items)
- 4.2 Advertising / postcard, Jordan Martin & Chicago, addressed to Funk's Grove Tile & Brick, McLean, IL
- 4.3 Set of images, fold-out.
- 4.4 Small red book of images, fold-out views (in poor condition, one or more pieces missing)

Folder 5: Photo Booklet

Published photo booklet missing covers, etc. Over 150 photos.

Folder 6: Cards

Twenty-three cards with drawings of various buildings.

Folder 7: Hutton Letter and Napkins

- 7.1 Letter postmarked "World's Fair" Chicago, Oct 12, 1893.
From M.B. to L. L. (Lee) Hutton of Bellflower describes visiting U.S. National Museum Building and wearying of seeing so many "pretty sites."
- 7.2 Paper table napkin from the Exposition with images printed in blue, red and purple.
- 7.3 Souvenir paper tea napkin, from Ceylon Main Court advertising Pure Ceylon Tea.