

McLean County Museum of History

YWCA Collection

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Brief History

The YWCA organization was founded in England in 1855, but women were active in the organization in McLean County as early as 1889, when the Second Annual National Convention of the YWCA was held in Bloomington, Illinois. The Bloomington YWCA did not have a building until 1922, when a campaign successfully raised the money to build on East Street. The next YWCA home was built after a 1974 campaign to build on land donated by the G. Earl Hartenbower Land Trust.

Scope

The collection includes the materials from the earliest days of the YWCA in Bloomington, Illinois in 1889, including programs of benefit theatrical performances, swim performances and recognition banquets in 2016. Many pamphlets of services offered by the YWCA are also present.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Publications and pamphlets

- 1.1 Pamphlet, "The YWCA is a Movement which strives to Meet Every Need of Every Woman," 1946.
- 1.2 Flyer and registration information, Girls Reserve Camp Lake Bloomington, 1930
- 1.3 Flyer, "You are a Member," 1950
- 1.4 Agenda, Inter Racial Justice Committee, January 19, 1972.
- 1.5 "Our Voice," McLean County YWCA newsletter, Fall, 2008.
- 1.6 "Y: It matters: YWCA of McLean County Turns 100," *Pantagraph*, September 22, 2008.
- 1.7 Pamphlet, "Smart Sprouts," 2015
- 1.8 Flyer, "Take Back the Night," April 28, 2015.
- 1.9 Flyer, "Walk a Mile in her Shoes," April 18, 2015.
- 1.10 Flyer, "Dash against Discrimination," June 26, 2016.
- 1.11 "YWCA is on a Mission," *Pastelle*, July 2016.
- 1.12 Flyer, "24 Hour Rape Crisis Hotline," 2018

Folder 2: Programs

- 2.1 2nd National Convention of the Young Women's Christian Association, April 11- 14, 1889, one original and two photocopies.
- 2.2 "Princess Bonnie," Souvenir Programme, May 18, 19, and 20, 1911.
- 2.3 Child Welfare programs, December 5, 1911 to May 1, 1912.
- 2.4 City Welfare programs, October 1, 1912 to April 1, 1913.
- 2.5 "Oh, Oh, Cindy!" Revusical comedy at Chatterton Theater, October 1 and 2, 1920.
- 2.6 "Professor Bullfrog's School," water pageant, April 9 and 10, 1942.
- 2.7 "Festival of Nations," November, 11, 1950.
- 2.8 "Festival of Nations," Dinner menu, November 11, 1950
- 2.9 "In Orbit," The YWCA Hiplets present, water show, May 3 and 4, 1973.
- 2.10 "Daydreams," water show, April 25 and 26, 1974.
- 2.11 "YWCA Puppets on a String," water show, date unknown.
- 2.12 "Circle of Women," Tenth Anniversary, February 15, 2013.

Folder 3: Women of Distinction

- 1.3.1 Invitation and nomination form, Fourth Annual Women of Distinction Awards Dinner, 1993.
- 1.3.2 Program, Women of Distinction Awards Dinner, May 26, 1994.
- 1.3.3 Invitation, Sixth Annual Women of Distinction Awards Dinner, 1995.
- 1.3.4 Program, 16th Annual YWCA Women of Distinction Awards Banquet, May 26, 2005.
- 1.3.5 Program, 18th Annual YWCA Women of Distinction Awards Banquet, May 17, 2007.
- 1.3.6 Program, 20th Annual YWCA Women of Distinction Awards Banquet, May 21, 2009.
- 1.3.7 Invitation postcard, 27th Annual YWCA Women of Distinction Awards Banquet, May 17, 2016. (2 copies)

Folder 4: 1982 Collection

- 1.4.1 Pamphlet, "YWCA Child Care."
- 1.4.2 Pamphlet, "Total Fitness," New total fitness service center.
- 1.4.3 Pamphlet, "Dance."
- 1.4.4 Pamphlet, "Gymnastics."
- 1.4.5 Pamphlet, "Swimming."
- 1.4.6 Pamphlet, "When a Close Relationship becomes a Violent One."
- 1.4.7 Pamphlet, "Afraid to exercise?" (due to health problems)
- 1.4.8 Pamphlet, "Encore, The YWCA Postmastectomy Group Rehabilitation Program."
- 1.4.9 Pamphlet, "YWCA Senior Services, 1982 – Trips and Tours program."
- 1.4.10 Booklet, "YWCA Child Care Program," 12 pp.
- 1.4.11 Report, Total number of Program participants."
- 1.4.12 Booklet, "YWCA of McLean County, Senior Services."
- 1.4.13 Newsletter, "YWCA of McLean County, October 1982."
- 1.4.14
- 1.4.15

Folder 5: Newspaper Clippings, 1970 – 1980

- 1.5.1 "Five Pontiac men receive 'Outstanding' recognition," 11 Jun 1970, *Pontiac Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.2 "'Bill Harris Day' set for June 17th," 11 Jun 1970, unknown newspaper.
- 1.5.3 "Opposed to Railroad Discontinuance," 15 Aug 1970, *Pontiac Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.4 "Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Grant's," undated, *Pontiac Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.5 "A Noble Effort," 27 Jul 1971, unknown newspaper, reprinted from *Streator Times-Press*.
- 1.5.6 "Names Ewing to Humiston Haven board," 24 Dec 1971, *Pontiac Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.7 "New Chamber Officers," 11 Jan 1972, *Pontiac Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.8 "Phase II Seminar," 25 Jan 1972, *Pontiac Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.9 "Urban Planners View Pontiac," 4 Mar 1972, *Pontiac Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.10 "Thomas Ewing heads Chamber of Commerce," undated, unknown newspaper.
- 1.5.11 "Hunsicker won't run," 29 Oct 1973, unknown newspaper.
- 1.5.12 "Thomas Ewing seeks 38th District seat," undated clipping from unknown newspaper.
- 1.5.13 "Former Local Man to See Nomination for State Rep.," 27 Dec 1973, *The Atlanta Argus*.
- 1.5.14 "Ewing, Grotberg, Fennessey win," undated clipping from unknown newspaper.

- 1.5.15 “Tim Hall, Tom Ewing, county favorite sons, win,” undated, *Pontiac Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.16 “Pontiac’s Tom Ewing wins Republican nod,” 20 Mar 1974, *Pontiac Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.17 “Retiring State Representative Honored,” 6 Jun 1974, *The Atlanta Argus*.
- 1.5.18 “Ewing, Hoxsey, Breslin win legislative race, 3 Nov 1976, *Pontiac Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.19 “Chief City Development Corporation Board Members,” 12 Feb 1977, *Pontiac Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.20 “1976 legislative meetings informative and helpful,” 12 Feb 1977, *Pontiac Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.21 “Route 116 improvement begun,” 12 Feb 1977, *Pontiac Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.22 “Chief city Development, Pontiac Properties continue,” 12 Feb 1977, *Pontiac Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.23 “Past Executive vice presidents,” 12 Feb 1977, *Pontiac Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.24 “Atlanta Christian Church sponsors Dinner to Honor Local Firemen,” 24 Feb 1977, unknown newspaper.
- 1.5.25 “Thank You,” undated “thank you” from T. Ewing to voters, unknown newspaper.
- 1.5.26 “House passes blood test bill, much to its surprise,” 18 May 1977, *Chicago Tribune*.
- 1.5.27 “House soundly defeats ‘lifeline’ utility measure,” 19 May 1977, unknown newspaper.
- 1.5.28 “House rejects welfare aid increases,” 19 May, 1977, *The State Journal-Register*.
- 1.5.29 “Enthusiasm diminishes for Sunset legislation,” 19 May, 1977, *The State Journal-Register*.
- 1.5.30 “New faces in party leadership?” 19 May 1977, *The State Journal-Register*.
- 1.5.31 “Three legislators announce they will seek reelection,” 22 Oct 1977, *Pontiac Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.32 “General Assembly not only paycheck: Legislators list financial interests,” undated, from press clipping service.
- 1.5.33 “Republican Picnic,” 20 Jul 1978, *Dwight Star and Herald*.
- 1.5.34 “Legislative Report – 1978 from your 38th District Republican Team,” undated, newspaper supplement circulated in multiple regional newspapers.
- 1.5.35 “Ewing, Hoxsey win GOP nominations,” 22 March 1978, *The Daily Leader*. (Pontiac)
- 1.5.36 “At home builders dinner,” 16 March 1978, *The Daily Times* (Ottawa).
- 1.5.37 “Illinois House endorsements,” 21 Mar 1978, *Chicago Tribune*.
- 1.5.38 “Ewing is Appointed to Investigate Money Losses in State,” 6 Jul 1978, unknown newspaper.
- 1.5.39 “Robert Jones big winner,” 22 Mar 1978, *The Daily Leader*.
- 1.5.40 “Key to Thompson plan: Committee scuttles spending limit bill,” 7 Jun 1979, *Chicago Tribune*.
- 1.5.41 “Property Tax Legislation Blocked,” 30 Jun 1979, *The State Journal-Register*.

Folder 6: Miscellaneous Programs, Catalogs, Writings 1960 - 1970

- 1.6.1 “Pontiac, Illinois,” promotional booklet, undated, from Ewing’s 1970 folder.
- 1.6.2 “Pontiac Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting, Agenda,” 11 Mar, from Ewing’s 1970 folder.
- 1.6.3 Letter and response card from Outstanding Young Men of America, Sep 1970.
- 1.6.4 Winston Churchill College, Fourth Annual commencement and Closing Ceremonies, 23 May 1971.

- 1.6.5 Biographical Summary, Thomas Ewing, Candidate for the Illinois House of Representatives, 1974 campaign.
- 1.6.6 Letter of congratulations from Jim Thompson, 12 Nov 1976.
- 1.6.7 Letter of congratulation from Gov. Dan Walker, 18 Nov 1976.
- 1.6.8 Illinois Republican State House Dinner Program, 15 Nov 1977.
- 1.6.9 1977 Inauguration of Jim Thompson Program, invitations, and tickets. (in envelope)
- 1.6.10 House Resolution 360 on Television Violence, 23 Jun 1977.
- 1.6.11 Report and Recommendations to Gov. James R. Thompson and the 80th General Assembly, March 1977.
- 1.6.12 Seconding Speech for George Ryan, Nominee for Speaker of the House, 10 Jan 1979.
- 1.6.13 Campaign pamphlets for third term.
- 1.6.14 Inauguration invitations to multiple events for 1979.
- 1.6.15 Campaign pamphlets: "Tom Ewing, Civic-Minded Attorney," undated.
- 1.6.16 Voting card from 1978 general election.
- 1.6.17 Joke photo sent to Senator Grotberg from T. Ewing.
- 1.6.18 U.S. Capital Historical Society 1979 Calendar.
- 1.6.19 Program for Joint Session of 80th General Assembly with Pres. Jimmy Carter. (2 copies)
- 1.6.20 *Illinois Home Builder*, Mar 1978, T. Ewing interview page 6.
- 1.6.21 Publication of Livingston County Historical Society, presenting important dates in County history.

Folder 7: Fairmont W64-A-1 Derrick Car Service Instruction and Parts Lists

- 7.1 Fairmont Railway Motors, Inc. Bulletin 542, Mar 1946, 4 pp plus covers.

Folder 8: GM&O Time Table No. 2

- 8.1 Eastern Division, effective 12 Oct 1947. "For the government and information of employees only." Two copies, albeit the second is partial.

Folder 9: Childers' 1951 Accident

- 9.1 "Investigation of motor car collision wherein motor car operated by Signalman W.E. Tabb struck motor car operated by Section Foreman J.H. Childers near mile post 138 the afternoon of August 16 1951; held August 24, 1951 at 9am CST in Rm 16, Union Station, Bloomington, IL," 11pp.
- 9.2 Agreement for Childers to employ James A. Dooley of Chicago as attorney in an accident claim against GM&O, 8 Mar 1952. Payment is contingent upon recovery. ½ page.
- 9.3 Letter from Jas A. Dooley at Chicago to Jas Childers at McLean advising that claim will be settled for \$5,000, 2 Jun 1958. Attached are two copies of GM&O Final Settlement & Release.

Folder 10: Childers' Leases from Railroad

- 10.1 Correspondence from Asst/ Chief Engineer Carothers (sp?) to James Childer (sic) at McLean concerning fully executed lease for property on which former section house purchased by Childers is located, 26 Jun 1951. Attachments: property lease (4pp incl layout) and agricultural lease (3pp incl layout)

- 10.2 Invoice to Mary Childers at McLean from Illinois Central Gulf Railroad for \$240 for 1987-88 for McLean residence lease, 20 Feb 1987.
- 10.3 Lease extension rider from Illinois Central Gulf Railroad for McLean residence lease to Mary Childers, 12 Nov 1986.
- 10.4 Correspondence from Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company to Mary Childers at McLean concerning recent sale of leased property to Chicago, Missouri & Western Railway Company, 1 May 1987.
- 10.5 Correspondence from Southern Pacific Transportation Company to Mary Childers at McLean concerning their purchase of land from CM&W Railroad, 27 April 1990.
- 10.6 Correspondence from Southern Pacific Transportation Company to Mary Childers at McLean concerning her application for lease, 22 May 1990.
- 10.7 Correspondence from Chicago, Missouri & Western Railway in Chicago to Mary Childers at McLean concerning reviewing lease for possible continuation, 18 May 1987.
- 10.8 Lease Rental invoice from Southern Pacific Transportation Company to Mary Childers at McLean, 25 May 1990.

Loose Foreman's Time Books, Etc.

Includes 24 small notebooks.

21 are foreman's time books, 1936-38 and 1942-49, 1953, 1955, 1960. Another small spiral bound notebook with Childers' working notes. Another book covers some agricultural entries (undated) and a final book is a published agreement "between the Alton Railroad Company and Its Employes (sic) represented by Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employes (sic) effective 1 April 1938" (30pp) plus a 10 pp Vacation Agreement dated 17 Dec 1941.