

William Brigham Collection

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Collection Information

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Brief History

William Brigham was born in 1874 near Cooksville, IL. He married Emma Wissmiller in 1902, and died in 1959.

Brigham attended Illinois Wesleyan University in 1898 and 1899. Following his studies, he taught in rural and village schools for 17 years. He was assistant county superintendent for 18 years, before he was elected as superintendent. He held this post for 16 years. He also attended Illinois State Normal University during summer terms from 1907-1924.

Brigham was involved in many different fields including helping school children and the Boy and Girl Scouts in nature studies, bird watching, local history, Native American lore, and handicrafts. He meticulously researched the French and Fox battle site near Arrowsmith, IL, the Grand Kickapoo Stockade, and school histories in McLean County. The McLean County Historical Society made him the lifetime president emeritus in 1949. A school building in McLean County District Unit 5 was named after him in 1956.

He also belonged to the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, Illinois Archaeological Society, and the Illinois Academy of Science.

Scope Note

This collection contains manuscripts, photographs, notes, correspondence, scrapbooks, personal research on French and Fox Battle site and on the Grand Village of the Kickapoo, family papers, books, and various other publications.

The material was donated by Mr. Brigham's family.

Box 1: Personal

Folder 1: Previous Finding Aid

- 1.1.1 Handwritten inventory, 4 pgs
- 1.1.2 Typed finding aid, 7 pgs
- 1.1.3 "William Brigham, School Leader, Historian, Dies," *Pantagraph*, September 28, 1959, p. 2

Folder 2: Personal Notes

- 1.2.1 Pencil drawing of castle, by Stella
- 1.2.2 Negative of Brigham-Coolidge note
- 1.2.3 Poem, "Illinois," dedicated to Hugh S. Magill, Jr., Director of Illinois Centennial Commission
- 1.2.4 Notes, on stories, Indians, poems, personal items, anecdotal stories, loan information, 32 items
- 1.2.5 Certificate from Boy Scouts of America, Wm. Brigham qualified to be Neighborhood Commissioner in the Corn Belt Council
- 1.2.7 Notebook containing handwritten notes pertaining to schools in McLean County, names and addresses, lists of items
- 1.2.8 Poem, untitled, 1 pg
- 1.2.9 Notebook, "The Paragon School Series," handwritten notes about Mosquito Grove, fossils, railroads, anecdotal stories, jokes, and statistics
- 1.2.10 Handwritten MS, "Watching the Nile and the Farmers of Egypt from a College Classroom," 7 pgs
- 1.2.11 Grade report for Wm. B. Brigham from Illinois Wesleyan University, 1899

Folder 3: Personal Memorabilia

- 1.3.1 Blank Certificate for the Kickapoo Club
- 1.3.2 Pamphlet "Historical Matter for Supplementary Reading in Advanced Grades and High Schools in McLean County, 1917 by Henry McCormick
- 1.3.3 Flyer "Good Schools in Bad Times" (1930s?)
- 1.3.4 Postcard with survey for educators
- 1.3.5 Sympathy card
- 1.3.6 "How Many Can You Answer," advertisement for Webster's Dictionary
- 1.3.7 Flyer for Boys and Girls Club festival
- 1.3.8 Religious Tract from the New York Bible Society
- 1.3.9 1957 T.B. Christmas seals
- 1.3.10 Treasurer of Township stubs
- 1.3.11 Bank checks
- 1.3.12 Church Program, First Methodist Episcopal Church, 1938
- 1.3.13 Father-Son Banquet Programs F.F.A. 1940
- 1.3.14 Scutzen Ticket 1880
- 1.3.15 B. F. Goodrich Handout
- 1.3.16 Defense Bond Pledge, 1942
- 1.3.17 Alien Record Card
- 1.3.18 Ogle County School Receipt (Blank)
- 1.3.19 Tax Receipt, City of Bloomington, 1943

- 1.3.20 Fee Bill for Medically Indigent 1936
- 1.3.21 Illinois Dept. of Registration and Education Photo form
- 1.3.22 Kiwanis Award
- 1.3.23 Sing-along sheet
- 1.3.24 Referendum card
- 1.3.25 1 envelopes of stamps
- 1.3.26 Notes about the Woman's Club of LeRoy (1944) and notes about campsites of Illini Indians
- 1.3.27 "The Past, The Present, The Future of Two Honored McLean County Families, The Funks, and The Stubblefields," by C.C. Hassler
- 1.3.28 "Mr. E.W. Lenders," 1 pg
- 1.3.29 Calendar, 1961 with recipes
- 1.3.30 Kiwanis International certificate to William B. Brigham stating he was guest speaker, 1946
- 1.3.31 Wesley News
- 1.3.32 "Friendship," poem by Wm. B. Brigham
- 1.3.33 Photograph of unknown male, 1934
- 1.3.34 Program, Annual Closing Entertainment of the Orange Literary Society, 1902
- 1.3.35 Program, Annual Meeting of the McLean County Historical Society, 1964
- 1.3.36 Photocopy of newspaper photograph, tree dedication
- 1.3.37 Letter from Wm. B. Brigham, "Patriotic Instructor, Daughters of the Union Veterans, and Friends
- 1.3.38 Photocopy of "Corn Dollar, 1942"
- 1.3.39 Photocopy of handwritten notes
- 1.3.40 "Community Profile," about William B. Brigham
- 1.3.41 Notes on order form

Folder 4: Personal Correspondence

- 1.4.1 Letter from Laidlaw, G.E. to Brigham, 1915 concerning Kickapoo Club
- 1.4.2 "An Answer" dedicated to John McRae by Brigham, 1918
- 1.4.3 Letter from Laidlaw, G.E. to Brigham, 1920, response to "An Answer," 1920
- 1.4.4 Letter from Shepperd, James to Brigham, 1932, description of Gold Corn found near Tremont
- 1.4.5 Letter from Magill, Lewis to Brigham, 1932, describing an "Indian Artifact" (rabbit's foot) from Colorado
- 1.4.6 Telegram from Mrs. Bertram E. Brigham to Wm. Brigham, 1931, informing of death of Bertram
- 1.4.7 Letter to F.E. Wright from Walter Chute, 1935, on starfish
- 1.4.8 Telegram from Elmer to Brigham, 1938, requesting money
- 1.4.9 Letter from Gladys to Mildred and Glenn, 1943
- 1.4.10 Letter from Cecilia Peikert to Brigham, 1946, list of artifacts, acknowledging receipt
- 1.4.11 Letter from Hiser, Pearle to Brigham, 1954, Inquiry on Lawndale Township
- 1.4.12 Letter from Alice Williams to McLean County Teacher, 1943, tribute dinner for Brigham
- 1.4.13 Letter from Nellie B. Dooley to Brigham, 1944, Downs Cornet Band, photocopy
- 1.4.14 Letter from Wayne C. Townley to Brigham, 1944, thanks for exhibit
- 1.4.15 Letter from Edna to William and Emma, 1945
- 1.4.16 Letter from Edward Kirkpatrick to Brigham, 1947, thank you letter

- 1.4.17 Letter from Wayne W. Wantland to Brigham, 1947, thank you letter for artifacts from IWU
- 1.4.18 Letter from Mrs. Wm. Frey to Brigham, 1948, Sigma Kappa thank you letter
- 1.4.19 Letter from Mary Kraft to Brigham, 1948, thank you letter from Girl Scouts
- 1.4.20 Postcard to Brigham, First Methodist Church, St. Joseph, Missouri
- 1.4.21 Invitation from Wesley Methodist Church
- 1.4.22 Letter from Harry Spooner to Brigham, 1949, congratulations on lifetime presidency of McLean County Historical Society
- 1.4.23 Christmas Greetings from Bertram and Lillian Brigham, 1952, 1 pg
- 1.4.24 Christmas Greetings, 1955, 4 pgs
- 1.4.25 Invitation to party for donations and gifts to the Museum Committee of Illinois
- 1.4.26 Thank you letter from H. Don Marquardt to Brigham, about rocks
- 1.4.27 Letter from Walter(?) Scott to "My Dear Billie" written on Northshore Hotel, Evanston, Illinois stationary

Folder 5: Personal News Clippings (Photocopies, unless otherwise noted)

- 1.5.1 "Knott, Stone Elected to State Society Posts," *Fairbury Blade*, November 8, 1951
- 1.5.2 "Notice of Indian Election," no source, 1956
- 1.5.3 "The Bogey of Growing Old," no source, no date
- 1.5.4 Newspaper photograph, "Superintendents Check Education Association Accounts, no date
- 1.5.5 "Voters OK Building New LeRoy School," no source, no date; also "66 Miles on 1 Gallon of Gas?" February 1931
- 1.5.6 "An Ideal Country School," *Educational Press Bulletin*, June 1918
- 1.5.7 "Much Ado About Nothing," by Edith Squier, *The LeRoy Journal*, February 17, 1950
- 1.5.8 "Mystery of Man's Origin in America May Be Solved by New Fossil Discovery," by Malcom McDowell, no source, no date
- 1.5.9 "The Nature Column," by Frank W. Aldrich, *Pantagraph*, "More About Indians," no date
- 1.5.10 "Silver Chimes Clock Lures Tourists to Pioneer Museum," no source, no date, original
- 1.5.11 "Postal Service is Abominable," no date, no source, original
- 1.5.12 "Indian Office to Horton Soon," *Horton Herald* (Horton, Kansas), March 17, 1938, original
- 1.5.13 "He Never Felt Stephen Douglas Was an Ornament," *Chicago Daily Tribune*, August 7, 1957
- 1.5.14 "Memories of Heroism Revered in State Parks," no source, no date
- 1.5.15 "Walter Husted Recounts Indians' Murderous Forays," no source, no date
- 1.5.16 "Walter Kellers Collectors of Antique Clocks," *Reporter Dispatch* (White Plains, NY), August 4, 1949
- 1.5.17 Front page of *Bloomington Advertiser*, December 29, 1948
- 1.5.18 "Millions Hear Cripple Creek Mill Program," *Pantagraph*, March 13, 1951
- 1.5.19 "1949 Jobless Pay at Half Million," *Pantagraph*, July 5, 1949
- 1.5.20 Sports news
- 1.5.21 "Paradise Found in Guatemala Jungle," no source, no date; also "Dr. Crane's Worry Clinic"
- 1.5.22 "Merna Citizens Mostly of Irish Decent," *Pantagraph*, January 21, 1929
- 1.5.23 "Students Uncover Indian Relics in Forest Preserve," no source, no date

- 1.5.24 Newspaper photograph, no source, no date
- 1.5.25 "Wrecked 'Saucer' and Body of Midget Pilot are Found," no source, no date
- 1.5.26 "US Bonus Up Soon," no source, no date
- 1.5.27 "Danvers Farmers Haul Water as Wells, Cistern Run Dry," *Pantagraph*, October 11, 1956
- 1.5.28 "Log Cabins, Cheap Land, Arguments on Slavery Signs of "Good Old Days,"" *Pantagraph*, February 24, 1929
- 1.5.29 "Regular Tonkawa Marathon Dance," no source no date
- 1.5.30 "Disabled Veterans Install New Officers," no source, no date, photographs
- 1.5.31 "Historical Group Honors Brigham," *Pantagraph* January 20, 1949
- 1.5.32 "Artistic Ability Best Gift Says 90 Year Old Painter," *Pantagraph*, August 9, 1961
- 1.5.33 "William Brigham Elected to IWU Academy of Science," no source, no date
- 1.5.34 "Reads History in Rocks," *Pantagraph*, no date, photograph
- 1.5.35 "Brothers Came First as Settlers in 1823," *Pantagraph*, no date
- 1.5.36 Newspaper photographs, "Brigham Honored at 'His' School"
- 1.5.37 "Timber Tract, One of Beauty Spots About Illinois," *Pantagraph*, March 12, 1928
- 1.5.38 "William B. Brigham Presents Rock Collection," "Brigham Gives Rock Collection to Wesleyan," and "Mr. Brigham Elected to IWU Science Academy," June and October 1947
- 1.5.39 "Funk's Grove is Favored as Park," *Pantagraph*, no date; "Walter Dill Scotts, Wed 50 Years, to Be Feted,"
- 1.5.40 "Pageant Shows Lexington's Past," newspaper photographs, *Pantagraph*, July 10, 1955
- 1.5.41 "Early Settlers To Hold Reunion," *Pantagraph*, no date
- 1.5.42 "Isaac Funk and Robert Stubblefield; McLean County Pioneers; are honored," *Pantagraph*, October 3, 1924
- 1.5.43 "Large Boulder to Be Dedicated," *Pantagraph*, no date

Folder 6: The Brighams

- 1.6.1 "The Brighams, Compiled from tradition and the Brigham Family History Published in 1907," by William B. Brigham, published Bloomington, Illinois, 1948, with handwritten notes
- 1.6.2 Letters 1949 (2 items)
- 1.6.3 "The Brighams, Compiled from tradition and the Brigham Family History Published in 1907," by William B. Brigham, published Bloomington, Illinois, 1948, 4 copies
- 1.6.4 "The Brighams, Compiled from tradition and the Brigham Family History Published in 1907," by William B. Brigham, published Bloomington, Illinois, 1948, handwritten original
- 1.6.5 "The Brighams, Compiled from tradition and the Brigham Family History Published in 1907," by William B. Brigham, published Bloomington, Illinois, 1948, bound with correspondence and items

Folder 7: Brigham Family History

- 1.7.1 "Mr. William M. Brigham," by Mr. Wm. B. Brigham, no date, 1 pg
- 1.7.2 "Decendants (sic) of Elizabeth Brigham Pointdexter, typed copy, no date, 1 pg
- 1.7.3 "Decendants (sic) of Elizabeth Brigham Pointdexter, handwritten copy, no date, 2 pgs
- 1.7.4 "My Grand Children," _____ B. Stipp

- 1.7.5 "The Name and Family of Brigham," compiled by The Media Research Bureau, Washington, DC, 11 pgs typescript
- 1.7.6 Photocopy of probate court record for Benajah Brigham, William B. Brigham, executor
- 1.7.7 Will of Benajah Brigham, January 2, 1923, photocopy
- 1.7.8 Note on General Wm. Orme Camp 29, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, no date

Folder 8: Wissmiller Poetry

- 1.8.1 14 items, songs and poetry, originals and photocopies

Folder 9: Wissmiller Memorabilia

- 1.9.1 4 photocopies of published poems
- 1.9.2 First Methodist Episcopal Church program, March 13, 1898
- 1.9.3 *The Home School*, June 1893, by J.S. Wren
- 1.9.4 Photograph, unidentified woman
- 1.9.5 Drawing
- 1.9.6 "Esther Pleading for Her People" Westminster Lesson Card
- 1.9.7 2 cards with girls painting
- 1.9.8 Notebook with spelling tests (?)
- 1.9.10 "Book of Useful Information, 30 pgs
- 1.9.11 Note on circle of cardboard about printing
- 1.9.12 Specimen of College Currency, Champaign Business College
- 1.9.13 Christmas Card
- 1.9.14 Miniature 1891 Almanac
- 1.9.15 Flyer for Fourth of July Celebration
- 1.9.16 "Tried and True, a drama in three acts," program
- 1.9.17 Parker's Supplementary Reader, Number 37, September 1894
- 1.9.18 Parker's Supplementary Reader, Number 38, October 1894
- 1.9.19 Parker's Supplementary Reader, Number 41, January 1895
- 1.9.20 Programme, handwritten
- 1.9.21 Pressed flower and leaf
- 1.9.22 See **Wissmiller Calling Cards and Valentines, Box 4**

Folder 10: Brigham/Wissmiller Correspondence

- 1.10.1 20 letters 1898; of the courting variety from William Brigham to Emma, letters include small drawing, pressed flowers, envelopes

Folder 11: Abraham Lincoln

- 1.11.1 Ninetieth Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Famous Lost Speech and the birth of the Republican Party in Illinois, May 29, 1946, program
- 1.11.2 "This is Abraham Lincoln," booklet with stamps of Abraham Lincoln, 1941
- 1.11.3 "Celebration of the Fifty-eighth Anniversary of the Organization of the Republican Party, 1856-1914," program for dinner held at Coliseum.
- 1.11.4 Book containing a copy of the autobiography of Lincoln with editorial notes, newspaper clipping, and

Box 2 Native American History

Folder 1: Prairie Bandits

- 2.1.1 Typed MS "Prairie Bandits," 6 pgs
- 2.1.2 Notebook, includes handwritten MS, "Prairie Bandits," with jokes, newspaper clippings, and notes for a McLean County Indian map
- 2.1.3 Handwritten notes for "Prairie Bandits," 7 pgs include notes about Jesse James

Folder 2: "Good Old Times"

- 2.2.1 "Extracts From the Good Old Times in McLean County, Illinois," by E. Duis, pertaining to Indians of McLean County, Illinois, compiled and typed by H.G. Fugate, 1935
- 2.2.2 "Primitive Agriculture of the Indians," Office of Indian Affairs Bulletin 1 (1921), 3 pgs
- 2.2.3 "Buffalo Hunting in 1936," The American Guide Project of the Works Progress Administration, third series, 2 pgs

Folder 3: Notes on Local Indian History

- 2.3.1 12 note cards pertaining to local Indian history, concerns arrowheads, games and sports, Kannekuk, Indian corn, "Nomenclature of Indian Arrowheads," diagram
- 2.3.2 "Indians," 4 pgs, and "Indians Battlefields," 4 pgs
- 2.3.3 "Downs Boy Searches Fields, Comes Up With Indian Relics," no date
- 2.3.4 "The Nature Column: Indian Ornaments of Stone," by Frank W. Aldrich, no date

Folder 4: Illinois Wilderness

- 2.4.1 "The Illinois Wilderness," typed MS, 4 pgs, no date; brief history of Illinois, Native Americans and settlement of Illinois

Folder 5: Radio Speech 1946

- 2.5.1 "Historic Interest in McLean Co.," 5 pgs typed MS, radio broadcast on WJBC given by William Brigham, introductory remarks by Edward Kirkpatrick

Folder 6: Notes on Abraham Visit Kickapoo

- 2.6.1 Handwritten notes, "Paul Abraham Visits the Indian Reservation West of Horton, Brown Co., Kansas, September 1955," 1 pg

Folder 7: McLean County History Lesson

- 2.7.1 Outline of Illinois History Lesson from 1840 to present, includes notes and bibliography, and maps, 6 pgs

Folder 8: American Indian Day 1943

- 2.8.1 "American Indian Day," handwritten MS, 7 pgs, radio speech for WJBC

Folder 9: Collecting Artifacts

- 2.9.1 "Collecting Artifacts," handwritten MS, 2 pgs, concerning Native American relics and fraud

Folder 10: Indian Life in McLean County

- 2.10.1 "Indian Life in McLean County," typed MS, 4 pgs, includes handwritten editing marks, and handwritten notes

Folder 11: Funk's Grove Pow-Wow

- 2.11.1 "Funks, Pow-Wow," typed MS, 2 pgs includes first page handwritten, retells story of Funk visit to Oklahoma and talk with Native American

Folder 12: Mill Stones

- 2.12.1 Annual Meeting of the McLean County Historical Society, June 4, 1964, on inside of program: "Moore's Water Mill is No More," article appeared in *Atlanta Argus*, February 6, 1914
- 2.12.2 "Story of the First Mill Stones," handwritten MS, 2 pgs
- 2.12.3 Various typed and handwritten notes, 5 pgs, include Moore's Mill Marker, Isaac Baker, John Caton
- 2.12.4 Letter from Wayne C. Townley to William Brigham, May 1956, concerning plaque (Moore's Mill Marker)

Folder 13: Story of Seed

- 2.13.1 "The Story of Seed," handwritten MS, 2 pgs
- 2.13.2 Letter from the *Pantagraph* to Mrs. Dodds, November 1968

Folder 14: Echoes of the Past

- 2.14.1 "Echoes of the Past," handwritten MS, 4 pgs; was to be written as part one of a series of reminiscences of Brigham

Folder 15: McLean Centennial

- 2.15.1 "The Golden Years McLean Centennial Pageant 1855-1955," 24 pg script

Folder 16: Arrowsmith Battlefield

- 2.16.1 Untitled MS, 4 pgs, concerning French, Fox and Sac, Starved Rock
- 2.16.2 "The Arrowsmith Battlefield," by William B. Brigham, typed MS, 12 pgs including title page and bibliography
- 2.16.3 "the Arrowsmith Battlefield," by William B. Brigham, typed MS, 13 pgs including title page and bibliography
- 2.16.4 "Notes," typed, 1 pg
- 2.16.5 Untitled MS, 7 pgs, concerning Arrowsmith Battlefield
- 2.16.6 Untitled MS, 9 pgs, concerning Arrowsmith Battlefield
- 2.16.7 "Found: The Battlefield of 1730," typed MS, 5 pgs, concerning Arrowsmith Battlefield, history

Folder 17: Arrowsmith Publications

- 2.17.1 "Arrowsmith Battlefield," by William B. Brigham, 1 pg article with picture (7 copies) one contains two extra pictures; an aerial shot and a map
- 2.17.2 Plan of the Fox Fort Located between the Illinois and Wabash Rivers, diagram
- 2.17.3 "Etnataek, the Arrowsmith Battlefield," article by William B. Brigham, with maps (3 copies)

Folder 18: Arrowsmith Notes

- 2.18.1 Handwritten notes, 6 pgs, notes are about French in Illinois, Louise Kellogg, Arrowsmith Battlefield marker
- 2.18.2 Bibliography of works concerning French and Native Americans
- 2.18.3 Outline of Arrowsmith Battlefield paper, 2 pgs
- 2.18.4 Notes, 5 pgs, contains Native American words and locations of settlements
- 2.18.5 Hand drawn map of Arrowsmith Battlefield

Folder 19: Arrowsmith Correspondence

- 2.19.1 Postcard from State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1936, thanks to Brigham for gift
- 2.19.2 Letter from Philip H. Messerschmidt of Pere Marquette Railway Company to Brigham, 1938, thanking him for booklet and bullets also writes of battleground in Michigan
- 2.19.3 Letter to FWA to Brigham concerning booklet "Arrowsmith Battlefield"

Folder 20: Arrowsmith News clippings

- 2.20.1 "Describes Battlefield Search," *Pantagraph*, October 26, 1951, p. 3
- 2.20.2 "Indian-French Battle Site Marked," *Pantagraph*, photograph, September, no year (2 copies)
- 2.20.3 "Fix Arrowsmith Area as Site of Indian Battle," *Chicago Tribune*, 1937
- 2.20.4 "French-Indian Fight Site to Be Marked," *Pantagraph*, September 13, 1951, p. 25
- 2.20.5 "Will Describe Early Battle," no source, 1937
- 2.20.6 "Archaeological Meeting Big Success—Dr. Ruyle," *The Local Record* (Fairbury, Illinois), August 15, 1941

Folder 21: Kickapoo Stockade

- 2.21.1 "The Grand Kickapoo Village and Its Stockaded Fort," by William B. Brigham, 1948, original copy; 29 pgs, includes editing marks
- 2.21.2 "The Grand Kickapoo Village and Its Stockaded Fort," by William B. Brigham, 1948, typed MS 15 pgs, 3 pgs handwritten notes
- 2.21.3 "The Grand Kickapoo Village and Its Stockaded Fort," by William B. Brigham, 1948, revised copy; typed MS 11 pgs, 2 pgs handwritten notes titled: The Aftermath"
- 2.21.4 "The Grand Kickapoo Village and Its Stockaded Fort," by William B. Brigham, typed MS, 14 pgs (2 copies)

Folder 22: Kickapoo Stockade II

- 2.22.1 "The Grand Kickapoo Village and Its Stockaded Fort," by Wm. B. Brigham, 1948, first copy (2 copies)
- 2.22.2 1905 Stockade Survey; missing

Folder 23: Correspondence on Kickapoo Stockade

- 2.23.1 Notes, on Indian campsites, Indian Corn, relics, cloth, artifacts, trade
- 2.23.2 Envelope from Illinois State Normal University Museum
- 2.23.3 Letter from Cassell Kingdon to Brigham, 1948, photograph of Kickapoo Fort
- 2.23.4 Letter from Harold Brigham to William Brigham, 1948, also contains response from Hazel Hopper concerns questions about French against Kickapoo Villages in 1812
- 2.23.5 Letter to Brigham from Harry E. Pratt, 1952, concerning editing a manuscript

- 2.23.6 Letter to Brigham from Joe Bauxar, 1952, concerning questions about Kickapoo Villages in Illinois
- 2.23.7 Letter to Brigham from Thorne Deuel, 1952, concerning *Transactions* and locations of Kickapoo Villages
- 2.23.8 Letter to Brigham from Cassell Kingdon, 1949, concerning Kickapoo Village and questions about French
- 2.23.9 Letter to Brigham from Cassell Kindgon, 1949, concerning manuscript on Kickapoo Village and some suggestions and comments

Folder 24: Notes on Kickapoo Village

- 2.24.1 Handwritten notes, 7 pgs, about Kickapoo, Iroquois, Mascoutin, French, Old Town Village, Early Settlers
- 2.24.2 "McCullough McLean County Cattleman, Dies," November 18, 1957, also includes handwritten article, "Why and How He Became a Cattleman"

Folder 25: Kickapoo Newspaper Clippings

- 2.25.1 Newspaper photograph, Village Relics, Wm. B. Brigham, *Pantagraph*, March 29, 1949
- 2.25.2 "Brigham Says Etnataek Was Arrowsmith Battlefield," *Pantagraph*, March 29, 1949
- 2.25.3 "Kickapoo Onetime Indian Villiage," *Pantagraph*, May 22, 1949
- 2.25.4 "Much Ado About Nothing," by Edith Squier," *Leroy Journal*, April 1, 1949

Folder 26: Indian Publications

- 2.26.1 Pamphlet "Indian Symbols and Their Meaning as Used on our Guaranteed Sterling Silver and Genuine Turquoise Jewelry," no date, includes story of turquoise and symbols
- 2.26.2 Indian Arts and Crafts of the Southwest," by Bertha P. Dutton, no date
- 2.26.3 Dickson Mounds Pamphlet
- 2.26.4 Cahokia Mounds Pamphlet
- 2.26.5 "Pimiteoui" by Ernest E. East, no date
- 2.26.6 "An Indian Ballad" by Seba Smith, no date
- 2.26.7 "Historical Trails Through New Mexico, The Land of Enchantment," and "Caronado's Quarto Centennial," 1940
- 2.26.8 "Town Meeting," Bulletin of American's Town Meeting of the Air, August 21, 1947, contains article "Are We Giving Our American Indians a Square Deal?"
- 2.26.9 American Indian Collectors Guide by Allen Brown, contains "Types of Projectile Points," and diagrams of implements and tools
- 2.26.10 Announcement of Publication for "Indians of Today" by Marion E. Gridley
- 2.26.11 "Indians of Northern Illinois," by Harry L. Spooner, published through First State Bank of Princeton, 16 pg booklet, some information on French in Illinois, Fox, and Kickapoo
- 2.26.12 "Historical Sketch of Ft. Recovery," by Martha E. Rohr
- 2.26.13 "A Little General Information on Short History American Indians and Indian Nature Free-Masonry," by American Indian Association, 1925
- 2.26.14 "Buried Deposits of Hornstone Disks," by J.F. Snyder, 1894

Folder 27: McLean County and Galena Lead Mines

- 2.27.1 "McLean County and the Galena Lead Mines," by William B. Brigham, typed MS, 3 pgs
2.27.2 "McLean County and the Galena Lead Mines," by William B. Brigham, typed MS, 6 pgs

Folder 28: Early Settlers

- 2.28.1 "Early Settlers," school lesson, 7 pgs, contains information about families, Native American History, and history of Illinois

~~Folder 29: Stubblefield, John and George—Contents moved to Price Collection & Stubblefield vertical file in 2016.~~

Folder 30: An Ancient Indian Fort (Kickapoo Stockade)

- 2.30.1 "An Ancient Indian Fort," by J. H. Burnham, 1905, 8 pgs (2 copies) *Although this typescript says "by J.H. Burnham," it clearly was not. Museum Executive Director Greg Koos advised that it may have been written by Brigham. The handwriting on the notes matches Brigham's so it was moved to Brigham Collection in 2016. The document dates to the dedication of a monument at the site.*

Loose Items

Note Book No. 1 of the Kickapoo Club, Bloomington, Illinois, 1914; contains articles written about Cahokia Mound, article written by William Brigham, and pictures

Note Book No. 1 of the Kickapoo Club, Bloomington, Illinois, 1914; encased in National Geographic Magazine cover, includes newspaper clippings, handwritten note from *LeRoy Journal*, map titled: McLean County History Map,

Journal of the Illinois State Archaeological Society, January 1948, Vol. 5, No. 3; article on Wm. Brigham on pg 32

Envelope with index cards for Scrap book of Mclean County Towns

Journal of Illinois State Historical Society, October, 1935, vol. 28 no. 3; Brigham annotation of Stanley Faye article: "The Foxes' Fort—1730; French-Fox Battle-site; Brigham did not agree with this article

Indian Mounds and Villages in Illinois, Bulletin No. 2 Illinois Archaeological Survey, 1960; "The Grand Kickapoo Village and Associated Fort in the Illinois Wilderness by William B. Brigham with editorial notes by J. Joe Bauxar, pg. 91

Box 3: School History

Folder 1: Maps

- 3.1.1. McLean County History Map, no date, includes locations of schools and Indian Villages
- 3.1.2 Hudson, Illinois Plat Map, 1839, copy
- 3.1.3 Historical McLean County map, includes present county boundaries showing groves, streams, important roads, trails, Indian campsites, villages, and historic places as of 1835
- 3.1.4 Reduced Copy of Peter Folsom's Map of McLean County, Published in 1856
- 3.1.5 Notes on McLean County 1832
- 3.1.6 Blank Township School Map
- 3.1.7 Map of McLean County, Illinois published by McKnight and McKnight, no date

Folder 2: School District Maps

- 3.2.1 Map Pct 17, wd 3
- 3.2.2 Map Pct 12, wd 2
- 3.2.3 Map Pct 16, wd 3
- 3.2.4 Map Pct 13, wd 7
- 3.2.5 Map Pct 14, wd 7
- 3.2.6 Map, of Northwest McLean County and Woodford County, showing high school district lines
- 3.2.7 Bloomington RFD (Rural Free Delivery) District Map, no date, copy
- 3.2.8 Parts of McLean and Woodford Counties detailing properties attached and detached to Unit 5 and District 87, May 1948
- 3.2.9 Final Report by School Survey Committee McLean County May, 1948

Folder 3: Stumptown School and Downs School

- 3.3.1 *1908 Manual and Guide Book of Downs Public Schools*, original and photocopy
- 3.3.2 Plat map T.21-22N., R.3E.
- 3.3.3 Letter to Brigham from A. Bellville (Downs, Illinois) discussing school houses surrounding Downs, Illinois, 1926, photocopy and original
- 3.3.4 Description of Stumptown Long Ago Given From Memory by Blind Woman, *Pantagraph*, October 27, 1928
- 3.3.5 "Boyhood Days at Stumptown," by S.W. Ballard, original booklet and photocopy
- 3.3.6 "The Stumptown School," by Frances A. Young, photocopy of handwritten copy, and typed copy
- 3.3.7 Letter to Brigham from S.W. Ballard, January 18, 1930, includes his article: "Early Teachers of Horr School, Later and at Present, Known as Stumptown School, in Dawson Township," typed and original copies
- 3.3.8 "Notice of Sale of School Properties," for Mt. Prospect, Whitcomb, Gillum
- 3.3.9 "Notice of Sale of School Properties," for Lone Star, Fairtown, White, Center, Lone Oak

Folder 4: Walker School

- 3.4.1 "Wagons West: One Hundred Twenty Years—A Story of Progress!" by the pupils and teachers of Walker School

- 3.4.2 Pamphlet, untitled, includes history of Illinois, Blooming Grove, First Settlers, and schools, 10 pgs
- 3.4.3 Letter to the Superintendent or Teacher from B.C. Moore (County Superintendent) March 26, 1912, concerning standard examination periods
- 3.4.4 Article about Walker School (9), handwritten
- 3.4.5 Postcard for Walker School Reunion, 1949
- 3.4.6 "Little Red Schoolhouse Becomes Rural Home," *Pantagraph*, July 14, 1957, includes many pictures

Folder 5: Diploma

- 3.5.1 Common School Diploma for Oren Stubblefield, 1906

Folder 6: School News clippings

- 3.6.1 "'Old Chicago Trail' Now Nearly Obliterated, Being Retraced in This Vicinity," *Pantagraph*, April 26, 1931, includes pictures, original and photocopy
- 3.6.2 "Stumptown's Title Held by School—Town Gone Many Years," *Pantagraph*, includes photo, copy
- 3.6.3 "Describes Stumptown as an Active Village," no source, no date
- 3.6.4 "Description of Stumptown Long Ago Given From Memory of Blind Woman," no source, no date
- 3.6.5 "Calls Roll of School of 1873," no source, no date
- 3.6.6 "Schools of Money Creek," *Pantagraph*, December 1916
- 3.6.7 "Great Bloomington Fire of 1900," no source, no date
- 3.6.8 "First Woman to Graduate from Illinois Wesleyan," *Bulletin*, June 13, 1907
- 3.6.9 "Sam Jones," no source, no date
- 3.6.10 "Lobbyists Helpful, Homer Caton Says," *Pantagraph*, July 11, 1951
- 3.6.11 "County Schools Get \$446,151 State Aid," no source, no date
- 3.6.12 "Mrs. Adelaide Young," *Pantagraph*, no date, (obituary)
- 3.6.13 "Unit District 5 to Unite Drives," "BHS Seeks Broader Agriculture Study," *Pantagraph*, September 27, 1949
- 3.6.14 "Lend an Ear," no source, February 1948, concerns students' opinions of end of year examinations
- 3.6.15 "Prairie Men and Timber Men of Downs, Old Town," no source, no date
- 3.6.16 "Past and Present of Central Illinois Towns," no source, no date
- 3.6.17 *The Daily Bulletin*, June 13, 1907

Folder 7: School History Scrapbook

- 3.7.1 "Outline of Work for McLean County Schools," by Wm. B. Brigham, 1930-31
- 3.7.2 "Seventh Year Final- March 27, 1915" questions for exam
- 3.7.3 Penmanship book, Willie Schrock
- 3.7.4 "Village of Oak Grove White Oak Township," by I.H. Yoder and "Maple Grove School #192," by Christian Ropp
- 3.7.5 "History of the Village of Oak Grove, McLean County, Illinois," no source, no date, 3 pgs, with letter from I.H. Yoder, original and typed versions
- 3.7.6 Christmas card from Wm. B. Brigham and his assistants, 1940 and no date, and Christmas Greetings 1929-1930

- 3.7.7 "Suggestions and Outlines for the Work in the Schools of McLean County for the Year 1928-1929, Particularly for Rural and Smaller Graded Schools," includes schedules and lists of information to be studied; also 1927-1928
- 3.7.8 Application Blank for examination
- 3.7.9 Schedule of a Common School, attendance record kept by Brigham for Price School
- 3.7.10 Grade reports, 3 items
- 3.7.11 Trustees' Annual Report, 1898-1899 and 1923
- 3.7.12 Eighth Year Final, 1914, Seventh Year Final, 1916, and Eighth Year Final, 1911
- 3.7.13 "Bloomington's Most Important Job," brochure for new school buildings
- 3.7.14 "The Bloomington Cog," (Rotary Club Weekly) program includes securing enough teachers for schools, handwritten note to Dad attached, "Mink Coats Old Hat as Root of Trouble," March 7, 1952 attached
- 3.7.15 "State Teachers' Pension Retirement Fund Law," 1921
- 3.7.16 McLean County School Boards and Administrators Conference, 1955, program
- 3.7.17 Political advertisement, 1934, with handwritten notes on back
- 3.7.18 Letter to Brigham from R.W. Fairchild, February 1943, invitation from President of ISNU to dinner party

Folder 8: Notes on School History

- 3.8.1 105 pages of notes on McLean County School History, includes outline, partial drafts, notes, names, lists of superintendents, timelines, and biography

Folder 9: School Publications

- 3.9.1 "Directions and Suggestions to School Officers and Teachers for Making School District Budgets Under New Distribution Law," Circular No. 176, issued by Francis G. Blair, September 1923
- 3.9.2 Unit Five Newsletter, February 1960, 2 copies
- 3.9.3 "1905 Manual and Guide Book McLean Public Schools"
- 3.9.4 "1910 Catalogue, Gridley Public Schools Second Edition"
- 3.9.5 Composition Notebook, containing lists of books ordered

Loose Items

Specimen and Exhibit Book Prepared for the McLean County Public Schools; from the Price School in Bloomington Township, District 82; 1910-1911; contains daily schedule, list of enrolled students, contains artwork, needlework, math problems, word problems, and photographs; Wm. B. Brigham was the teacher

The Story of McLean County and Its Schools; by William B. Brigham, 1951; includes newspaper clippings throughout book, handwritten notes in margins, on first pages, and throughout, indicating present state of school houses

School History, bound notebook with handwritten notes about school histories of McLean County

A Study of Report Cards, three ring binder with report cards from schools in the Midwest, early 20th century.

Box 4: Oversize Scrapbooks and Miscellaneous

Small blue bound booklet, contains handwritten notes, and anecdotes and jokes

Small box of Emma Wissmiller calling cards and Valentines

Scrap Book, Wm. Brigham; 17 pgs, includes car registration cards, membership cards, ticket stubs

John Martin's Book, The Child's Magazine, September 1932

Christmas Cards and Post Cards includes Corn Show and Price School

Scrapbook; contains newspaper articles, handwritten notes, list of names (1870s)

Ledger Book; contains index and short essays about each topic

Autograph Book; Emma Wissmiller, 1891

In Flanders Fields, McRae Putnam, 1919; inscribed to daughter from Wm. Brigham

American Years, Harold Sinclair, Doubleday, Doran and Co., 1938; autographed to Wm. Brigham; includes notations and newspaper articles

Scrapbook; "To Our Pilot from the Crew," includes list of names, Christmas cards, photographs, newspaper clippings, Thank You cards, Congratulations cards, certificates, letters

Scrapbook; "'T' Towns of McLean County (Clippings)," contains newspaper clippings of various towns in McLean County, newspaper photographs

Scrapbook; Black cover; contains photographs of trip to India, Europe, certificates, newspaper clippings and photographs, Christmas cards, Thank You cards, some local photographs, letters

Small Photograph Scrapbook; photographs include family photos, Bloomington fire pictures, McLean County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument (Miller Park), circus

A History of Heyworth, by Charles A. Marker, Heyworth Star Print, 1926; signed by author, 44 pages, with handwritten notes about schools in back

"The Farm Tractor in the Dakotas," Farmers' Bulletin 1035, United States Department of Agriculture, 32 pages

Box 5: Drafts of McLean County and Its Schools

Folder 1: Draft 1 of McLean County and Its Schools

- 5.1.1 1947-1948 directory of public officers of McLean County, Illinois and General Information
- 5.1.2 Newspaper clipping "Public Sale of School Properties Thursday July 21, 1949"
- 5.1.3 First Draft of McLean County and Its Schools approx. 24 pages

Folder 3: McLean County Pioneer & History Essays

- 5.3.1 "Introduction"
- 5.3.2 "Our County in the Wars" (2 copies)
- 5.3.3 "Looking Over the Fence"
- 5.3.4 "Water Supply for the Farms"
- 5.3.5 "From Trail to Pavement in McLean County"
- 5.3.6 "Pioneer Homes"
- 5.3.7 "From Homespun to Bobby Socks"
- 5.3.8 "The Coming of the Railroads"
- 5.3.9 "Abandoned or Ghost Towns"
- 5.3.10 "Finances and Banking"
- 5.3.11 "County Buildings"
- 5.3.12 "Government"
- 5.3.13 "Farm Organizations"
- 5.3.14 "Agricultural Development"
- 5.3.15 "The McLean County Home Bureau"
- 5.3.16 "McLean County Newspapers"
- 5.3.17 "Libraries in McLean County"
- 5.3.18 "Churches of McLean County"
- 5.3.19 "McLean County Historical Society"
- 5.3.20 "The Prairie"
- 5.3.21 "McLean County Had Swamps, Too"
- 5.3.22 "McLean County Physical Features"
- 5.3.23 "Growth of McLean County, Bloomington, and Normal"
- 5.3.24 "The State Farm Insurance Companies"
- 5.3.25 "Places of Historic Interest"
- 5.3.26 "Hybrid Seed Corn" 2 drafts

Loose Items:

McLean County and Its Schools, corrected copy

McLean County and Its Schools, copy for the printer

Photograph Index

**Photographs are in various boxes: Photograph Collection Subjects William Brigham Collection box, Kickapoo Indians, Schools; and Photograph Collection People: Brigham. This is an index for some of the photographs included in this collection.

William Brigham Collection: People (Identified) **Not all these photographs are identified**

1922 Art Association of Lilly
Leonard (Baby) Bliss
B. Brigham – Co. “C” 33rd Ill. Vol. Inf.
Jacob Wissmiller (Group Photo)
Morgan Jones
Wm. Brigham (5 photos)
Arrowsmith Dig (5 photos – 3 negatives)
Kickapoo Fort, Monument (Brigham & H. L. Spooner)
Tree in Funks Grove
Arrowsmith Site
Lead Shot from Arrowsmith
Brigham Drawing Kickapoo Stockade
Arrowhead Collection

William Brigham Collection: School Photographs

Bloomington #7 (yaller cat)
1931 McLean County #46 (Evergreen)
1917 Ben Funk School
Unidentified
Unidentified
1948 #184 (Pleasant Ridge) Mayday picnic
1911 Price School Post Card
1900 Interior Price School
1917 School Bus District 11 ½ (Horse Drawn)
1912 Fletcher School
1905 Group Photo
 Price School Group Photo
 Bloomington High School
 Bloomington #4 (Gothic)
 3 Brigham (stuck together)
1909 Corn Map from Teachers Institute
1912 #154

William Brigham Collection: Publication Photographs

Group photos with Bird houses
 1898 Pleasant Ridge School
 1918 Danvers Garden Club Plot and Workers
 1918 Lexington Grade School with Bird Houses
 1929 School Dedication
 1919 Trimmer Sunshine Bond at Van Dolah Park
 1917 Last Day of School – Garfield Community
 1930 #52 Salt Creek (Group Photo)

Abandoned
Unidentified Group
#118 Excelsior School
1929 Unidentified Interior (eating)
Produce Judging
Unidentified
1918 Lake School
Group Photo w/ school
Anchor (8 Birdhouse contest)
Group Photo
#180 Merry-go-round
Group photo w/ school
1924 Dist. #73 Shirley Birdhouse contest
Group Photo w/school
Group Photo w/school
1929 Arrowsmith High (tree planting)
1925 #82 Price School (Last Day)
#84 Group photo w/school
1923 #124 Mosquito Grove
Tree planting
Elsis
1918 Group Photo w/school
Group Photo w/school
1935 #253 Group photo w/school
Arrowsmith Bird House
Group Photo w/school
Group Photo w/school
#208 Wilcox Group photo w/school
Field Trip
1918 Moore's Mill
Group Photo w/school
Reconstructed Cabin
1918 Miller Park Monument & Hasbrouch
Old Chicago Trail
Dawson Monument
Market Street Well
1952 School Bus
#147 "Little Red School"
#205 Hefner
1929 Tree Planting
#106 Lone Star
1932 Fletcher Spring
Guide to Photo numbers

Oversize Photographs

1917 Price School
1913 Miller Park Monument
1915 "Corn Palace" at Knight Coliseum