

**McLean County Museum of History**

**James Proctor Brown Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1951-1972
RESTRICTIONS:	
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

**Brief History**

James Proctor Brown was born in 1911 in Morristown, Hamblen County, TN, and died in Bloomington, IL in 1989. He married Lucinda Zelia McAfee in 1939. His wife, 'Lue' was born in Richmond ,Wayne County, IN 1911 and died in 1992 in Normal, IL.

They are listed in Bloomington City directories from 1955 through 1971. They lived at 504 Manchester Road until 1965; from 1965-71, they listed as rural route 2.

James Proctor Brown was a commercial artist. He is listed in the Bloomington City Directories as "artist/ office worker" from 1955 to 1971 with Biddle Advertising Company. About 1962 he partnered with Dr. Wilson M. Baltz to establish B&B Enterprises, a company that sold embroidered emblems of State and National Parks under the name "Trailblazers."

Lue Brown was President of the Newcomers Club in 1955. She was a co-owner with Vera Killion of Landmark Gallery (Antiques, Art and Gifts) at Center and Chestnut Streets in Le Roy

as shown on an undated Christmas card from the Gallery. Lue Brown is listed as a real estate saleswoman with Hal Riss Real Estate in 1964 and 1965. She was also a special educator for home bound students.

## **Scope**

The collection contains newspaper clippings, personal Christmas cards designed by James Proctor Brown, Trailblazer Emblems drawn by Brown, Eastland Mall Christmas Booklets, a city directory search and a photograph of James Proctor Brown as a young man.

## **Box and Folder Inventory**

### **Folder 1: General**

- 1.1 Photograph of James Proctor Brown
- 1.2 Bloomington City Directory Search for James Proctor Brown

### **Folder 2: Pantagraph Newspaper Clippings James Proctor Brown & Son James**

- 2.1 April 16, 1972 'Brainchild hits jackpot' B & B Advertising
- 2.2 February 3, 1963 'Normal Artists to show Work at City Bank'
- 2.3 Not dated 'Emblematic of the Artist' photograph of Brown at drawing board in his home at RR2 (freelance 'emblems and patches' artist)
- 2.4 Dec 29, 1957 'Do it yourself cards gain popularity'
- 2.5 April 18, 1966 'Nigerian Minister Visits City' James Brown, son of James Proctor Brown in photo.
- 2.6 August 6, 1961 James Proctor Brown, political Science Major and son of JP Brown of 504 Manchester Road attends Mexico City College
- 2.7 December 29, 1957 Do It Yourself Cards Gain Popularity
- 2.8 June 15, 1955 James Proctor Brown, husband of retiring President (Photograph of James and Lue)
- 2.9 December 19, 1954 Mr and Mrs Arthur Engler pictured with James Proctor Brown
- 2.10 January 29, 1958 NCHS Career Day-Commercial Art. J Proctor Brown
- 2.11 August 6, 1961 'Who's Doing What'-photo of James Brown

### **Folder 3: Undated Christmas Cards**

- 3.1 Black and White scene with house, pond, mailboxes with names of Brown, Cox, Furst, Struck, Camp
- 3.2 Black and White scene of Hebron Presbyterian Church Dumplin Valley, Jefferson County, Tenn. Tree next to church has multitudes of surnames 'growing' out of it. .
- 3.3 First (2 copies) card in red and black with car that appears to be a circa 1958 Studebaker. Second card in green yuletide greetings shows a wood duck
- 3.4 Oversize card similar to 3.1 but with stylized signatures of Lue and Jim Brown RR 2 Blmg. Ill.
- 3.5 "Hep Cat Merry Christmas and Heppy New Year" The Browns...Lue...Proctor...Jim...Bill and the Cat

- 3.6 Glory to God...Lue, Proctor, Jim and Bill Brown. Green and elongated line drawing of holy family...
- 3.7 Photo of Amiens Cathedral and Madonna statue. Handsigned Lue & Proctor Brown in blue ink
- 3.8 One card red and white children skating on pond. Second card in brown and white of game birds and pond in woodland winter scene
- 3.9 Two copies of card with Stick Figures of family including cat with spoon and bowl and 'twas the night before....
- 3.10 'Plus a merry Christmas' inscribed on elongated body of cat
- 3.11 Black and white with sketches of Jamestown 1607, Plymouth 1620, Newark 1666, McAfee, Ky .Revolution 1776. Many names in bold on right hand of card show what seems to be family surname lineage(including McAfee) during those time periods.
- 3.12 Black and white simple dove with floral sketched body
- 3.13 Green and white with sketched smiling family of four on toboggan with Kitsy, the Kat in the front
- 3.14 Dark blue background filled with snowflakes. Santa pulling a reluctant reindeer. "Fer Christ's Sake it's Christmus"
- 3.15 Black and White Christmas Day 1830 Charleston and Hamburg RR trial Run " best wishes for Christmas and the 'on rushing New Year"
- 3.16 First card: dark blue background with two deer. Second card: brown and white with two small geese in flight with Merry Christmas the Browns in cursive below drawing
- 3.17 Christmas Day 1492 sketch of grounded Santa Maria from deck of Nina brown and white
- 3.18 Purple and pink night before Christmas with cat pictures signed Lue, Proctor, Jim, Bill and Kitsy
- 3.19 Red and white reindeer singing in front of Wassail bowl and obverse Santa passed out the night after Christmas after drinking bottles of old Santa Claus, Holiday Spirits, Ye Old Christmas Cheer, Handy Dandy Brandy and Rudy's Rain Deer Water.
- 3.20 Dark brown on light brown Merry Christmas The Browns-Lue and Proctor

**Folder 4: Dated Christmas Cards.**

- 4.1 1951 signed Lue, Proctor, Jim and Bill(with hand drawn portraits of family)
- 4.2 1952 signed The Browns. LuexProctor Jim & Bill and Kitsyxthe Kat
- 4.3 1957 signed Lue, Proctor, Jim, Bill and Kitsy Kat Brown
- 4.4 1959 signed The Browns Lue, Proctor, Jim , Bill ....Kitsy
- 4.5 1962 (also showing dates of 1946-1951-1957 before last date of 1962) signed: The Browns

**Folder 5: B & B Enterprises 1965 Trailblazer Emblems.**

- 5.1 Christmas Card dated 1965
- 5.2 1971-1972 Your Trailblazer Emblem List
- 5.3 Undated Trailblazer Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Card

**Folder 6: Misc. card drawing**

- 6.1 Two identical cards: One in Green and the other in blue. Cards have a drawing of a ranch style vertical sided home with a ground level garage beneath the main structure
- 6.2 Landmark Gallery Card with drawing of exterior of Gallery (Center at Chestnut Street, LeRoy, Illinois (Owners Lue Brown and Vera Killion)

**Folder 7: Eastland Shopping Center Christmas Booklets**

- 7.1 The Legend of the Enchanted Christmas Tree
- 7.2 Catching the Spirit of Christmas

**Folder 8 Pantagraph newspaper clippings Lue M. Brown**

- 8.1 December 19, 1954 Newcomers Club Elect Officers for '55 Season
- 8.2 March 6, 1957 40 Young Women enter Sororities at Wesleyan-Lue Brown Honorary initiate
- 8.3 November 3, 1955 Lue Brown of Normal Community High Special Education faculty...
- 8.4 September 26, 1954 Lue Brown, Ladies Day out Chairman
- 8.5 June 24, 1973 Women More cautious in stock investments
- 8.9 April 10, 1958 Club to send two to State Conference-Mrs. J Proctor Brown
- 8.10 February 6, 1955 Valentine Luncheon Thursday for Members of Newcomers-Club President Mrs. James Proctor Brown
- 8.11 December 19, 1954 Photograph of Mrs. James Proctor Brown who will be new president of the Newcomers Club after the first of the New Year

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