

McLean County Museum of History

**Capen Insurance / Capen Family
Collection**

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Collection Information

Volume of Collection:	1 Box
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Historical Sketch

The Capen family emigrated from Dorchester, Dorset, England in 1630 and settled in New England. Henry Capen (1832-1906) was a businessman, born in Seneca Fall, New York. He lived 50 years in Bloomington. He operated a crockery and china store in Bloomington, with his father, Luman W. Capen. His son, Fred B. Capen, and grandson, Henry W. Capen, founded the Capen Investment Company (c. 1925) which later became the Capen Insurance Agency (c. 1935).

Scope Note

This collection consists of original documents in the main, with only a few carbon copies and photocopies.

Folder 1: Henry Capen Family History

- 1.1.1 Obituary: "Henry Capen is Summoned", *The Daily Bulletin*, February 19, 1906, photocopy.
- 1.1.2 Letter from Citizens Historical Associations, Indianapolis January 7, 1944 re: genealogical inquiry regarding H. W. Capen's father and mother, including receipt for services paid.
- 1.1.3 "The Family of Samuel and Hannah (Clarke) Capen" by Maxson F. Greene, July 1, 1959, 12 p.
- 1.1.4 Letter dated April 23, 1960 from Maxson Greene to Mr. Capen regarding genealogy of Capens in New York state
- 1.1.5 Letter dated May 9, 1973 from Louise Bosworth to Henry (Heinie) Capen with note of genealogical interest.
- 1.1.6 "Bloomington Normal Deaths: Mrs. Jane Capen", no date, two notes attached, one dated December 12, 1974.
- 1.1.7 Inventory of jewelry and silverware on several scraps of paper, note states "Made by Carol Lystad 5/8/77."

Folder 2: Fairbury Improvement Bonds

- 1.2.1 12 City of Fairbury Improvement Bonds, for the years 1928, 1929, and 1934, in original envelope.
- 1.2.2 Letter (August 1, 1946) Henry Capen (Capen Insurance Agency) to C. R. Voris, Treasurer, City of Fairbury attached to letter (July 30, 1946) to Capen Ins. Agency from C.R. Voris and a letter (July 29, 1946) to C. R. Voris from Capen, 3 p.
- 1.2.3 Letter (March 11, 1950) C. R. Voris to "Owners of Special Assessment Bonds" attached to 2 page letter (March 14, 1950) from Mae B. Schalla, secretary to Henry W. Capen to C. R. Voris, 3 p.

Folder 3: Capen Insurance Agency Documents

- 1.3.1 Certificate for 37 shares of the Capital Stock, issued to Fred B. Capen, November 14, 1917, with note attached dated 1976 from Ben Hiltabrand, Dr. to Heinie (Henry Capen).
- 1.3.2 Certificate from The Continental Insurance Company appointing Fred B. and Henry W. Capen as agents, 18th April 1925.
- 1.3.3 Letter with commission agreement and Agency Agreement with Continental Insurance Company, April 18, 1931, 11 p.
- 1.3.4 Certificate from Fireman's Fund Insurance Co., dated 2 January 1935.
- 1.3.5 Contract with The Travelers Insurance Company, Indemnity Company, March 8, 1935, 9 p.
- 1.3.6 Agency Agreement with New Hampshire Fire Insurance Company, November 1, 1937, 7 p.

- 1.3.7 Agency Agreement with The Travelers Fire Insurance Company, December 15, 1937, 1 p.
- 1.3.8 Agency agreement – Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company, February 14, 1943, 10 p.
- 1.3.9 Agency Agreement with The Travelers Fire Insurance Company, February 18, 1943, 1 p.
- 1.3.10 Agency agreement – Insurance Company of North America, May 1, 1944, 4 p.
- 1.3.11 Letter from American Surety Company regarding cancellation of Agency Agreement, February 16, 1948, 1 p. + 2 cards attached.
- 1.3.12 Letter with commission Schedule from American Casualty Companies, July 28, 1948, 2 p.
- 1.3.13 Agency Agreement with American Surety Company, March 1, 1949, p.2.

Folder 4: Will and Power of Attorney

- 1.4.1 Henry Capen’s Will, July 10, 1903, 5 p.
- 1.4.2 Power of Attorney: Fred B. Capen to Henry W. Capen, February 10, 1941.