

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Christmas Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1849-present
RESTRICTIONS:	None
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the McLean County Museum of History
ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

## Scope

The items are varied from a toy catalog to a collection of stories and poems in a stocking shaped book.

### Box and Folder Inventory

#### Folder 1: Cards, Letters

- 1.1 Card, 3.5" x 2" in plastic sleeve; dated December 1904, Christmas greetings from Dr. J.D. Cunningham, Osteopathist, Bloomington, IL
- 1.2 Paper photo holders, 6.5" x 8.5"; Santa Claus Village, from Association of Commerce; undated
- 1.3 Four form letter copies, 8.5" x 11" and three envelopes; Letters from Santa, sponsored by Bergner's; three letters with artwork by Esslinger.

#### Folder 2: Carols

- 2.1 Booklet, 5.25" x 8.25" in plastic sleeve; "Christmas Carols" compiled, edited and arranged by John Bach; music and lyrics of traditional carols; provided by Ives Realty Co., 309-11 S. Main, Normal, IL; assigned to Shirley Gardner
- 2.2 Booklet, 4.25" x 6" in plastic sleeve; "Christmas Carols"; music and lyrics of traditional carols; provided by Henry J. Reinders, P.O. Box 555, Bloomington, IL
- 2.3 Booklet, 9" x 12" in archival folder; "Kiddies' Christmas"; nine carols with coloring pages; copyright 1937 by Remick Music Corp.; Illustrated by Sol Immerman; assigned to Patty Kelly

#### Folder 3: Comic/Coloring Books

- 3.1 Booklet, 7" x 10"; "The Christmas Adventure" story-coloring book; provided by McLellan's Toyland; colored comics, puzzles, and coloring pages; published 1963; belonged to Sandra
- 3.2 Booklet, 7" x 10"; "Little Klinker" presented by Montgomery Ward store; colored comic, puzzles, and coloring page; copyright 1960 by Little Klinker Ventures, Chicago, IL.

#### Folder 4: Events

- 4.1 Printed article copy 8.5" x 11"; Whisman, Beth, "Uptown Normal: Cranks up the Amps for Merry Bright Holiday Lights and Fun," *50 Plus News & Views*, December 2020, p14-15. Pictures of Uptown Normal circle with lit trees and store front of Garlic Press
- 4.2 "'Showstopper' 900-figure holiday display draws fans, online views," by Sierra Henry, *Pantagraph*, December 5, 2021. Mike Holtz's Normal yard display.
- 4.3 Photo holder from Santa Claus Village, Bloomington, Illinois, nd.

#### Folder 5: Gift Ideas

- 5.1 Newspaper advertisement, in plastic sleeve; The Normalite, December 10, 1948. "Do your Christmas travel shopping early" for Greyhound bus tickets. Greyhound Terminal, Union Bus Station, 523 N. East St., Bloomington, IL.

- 5.2 Catalog, 8" x 10.5" in plastic sleeve; "Santa's Own Toy Book" from Brown Auto Stores, 111 W. Front St., Bloomington, IL, dated 1952. Variety of toys from "Tinkertoy," priced at \$1.65 to "Standing Girl Doll," priced at \$5.95; p32; sent to Occupant, 604 W. Oakland Av, Bloomington, IL

**Folder 6: Stories**

- 6.1 Book, 4" x 6.25" bound by staples and twine; "Saint Nicholas" and "Santa Claus" and "A Visit from St. Nicholas" as titles, by Clement C. Moore, LL.D., Spalding & Shepard, NY, 1849. p.12. Back page: "This is a happy re-creation of the 1849 Illustrated Edition of which only two copies are known to exist. That from which this facsimile was reproduced remains behind locked doors in New York's Fifth Avenue Library." Purchased for \$.05 and given with love from Carol & Ernie
- 6.2 Shaped book, 4" x 9" bound with ribbon, in plastic sleeve; "Christmas Stocking" and "A Christmas Stocking Full of Good Things" selected by Harriet E. Manchester, copyright 1880, Peter Paul & Bro, Buffalo, NY. Variety of stories and poems.
- 6.3 Book, 4.25" x 5.5" bound with string in plastic sleeve and card, 4" x 2" in plastic sleeve; Book: *A Rhyme of Christmas Time* verses by M. Goldsmith, copyright 1908, The Ullman Mfg. Co, NY. Story with illustrations by variety of artists, "M. Harmony," "Wall," and "Katherine Gassaway," but most unnamed. Card: "This book is presented to you as a happy reminder of the Christmas of 1917 with the compliments of the Principal and of the President of Brown's Business College." Owned by Dorothy Hibarger. See Hibarger Bessie Family Collection for extensive letters and diary by Dorothy Hibarger.
- 6.4 "The Christmas Edition" of *The Stanford Mail*, Dec 26, 2021. Includes "A Visit from St. Nicholas" and "The Origins of Rudolph."