

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Exhibit Great Depression  
“Journey Through the Great Depression”  
2004-2007**

**Collection Information**

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**Brief History**

Staff worked with guest curator Illinois State University professor Sandra D. Harmon to create this exhibit.

**Scope**

Research materials such as news articles, oral histories, government reports, and correspondence along with the exhibit script and curator’s opening lecture are included.

## Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: MCHS Journey

- 1.1 Exhibit script
- 1.2 Guest curator's opening lecture, October 29, 2004. 20 pp.

### Folders 2-23: Oral History Transcripts

- Folder 2: Bittner, Walt
- Folder 3: Bloomer, Bobbie
- Folder 4: Cherry, Alice
- Folder 5: Ekstam, Carl "Bud"
- Folder 6: Ekstam, Florence
- Folder 7: Ensign, Preston
- Folder 8: Exposito, Margaret
- Folder 9: Group Interview
- Folder 10: Heggen, Stan
- Folder 11: Irvin, Francis
- Folder 12: Kirkpatrick, Melba
- Folder 13: Linneman, Bill
- Folder 14: Mann, Kenneth
- Folder 15: McCrossin, Jean
- Folder 16: Murray, Charles
- Folder 17: Penn, Paul
- Folder 18: Schwoerer, Evelyn
- Folder 19: Steele, Ruth
- Folder 20: Tripp, William
- Folder 21: Washington, Caribel
- Folder 22: Yeast, Lawrence
- Folder 23: Group Interview 8-25-03

### Folders 24-86: Other Research

- Folder 24: *No file present*
- Folder 25: Graphs/Charts
- Folder 26: Internet Sources
- Folder 27: Kerber 1931 Farm Rec.
- Folder 28: Matthew Lane Report
- Folder 29: 1989 Correspondence
- Folder 30: Depression Correspondence
- Folder 31: Gov. Rec. Program
- Folder 32: CWA
- Folder 33: Suicides/Death
- Folder 34: CCC
- Folder 35: NYA
- Folder 36: PWA

**Folder 37: WPA**  
**Folder 38: State Farm**  
**Folder 39: Lake Bloomington**  
**Folder 40: Fires**  
**Folder 41: New Airport**  
**Folder 42: Local Agencies**  
**Folder 43: The Crash**  
**Folder 44: Elections**  
**Folder 45: AAA**  
**Folder 46: REA**  
**Folder 47: Crime**  
**Folder 48: Hi-Ball**  
**Folder 49: Insects**  
**Folder 50: Roosevelt Visit**  
**Folder 51: Elections**  
**Folder 52: Fairview Sanitorium**  
**Folder 53: Economic Conditions**  
**Folder 54: Railroads**  
**Folder 55: Business**  
**Folder 56: *no file present***  
**Folder 57: Farming**  
**Folder 58: ISU/IWU**  
**Folder 59: Movies**  
**Folder 60: Local Govt/Policies**  
**Folder 61: Relief**  
**Folder 62: Business, New Construction**  
**Folder 63: Unemployment**  
**Folder 64: Hybrid Corn**  
**Folder 65: Concerts/Recreation**  
**Folder 66: Bank Holiday**  
**Folder 67: Sports**  
**Folder 68: Medicine/Illinois**  
**Folder 69: Prices**  
**Folder 70: Prohibition**  
**Folder 71: Hoboes**  
**Folder 72: Celebrations/Fair**  
**Folder 73: Pre WW II**  
**Folder 74: 25 Bank Closings/Openings**  
**Folder 75: Weather Extremes**  
**Folder 76: Buses Replace Trolley**  
**Folder 77: Lindbergh Kidnapping**  
**Folder 78: Passion Play**  
**Folder 79: Circus**  
**Folder 80: Art Expo**  
**Folder 81: Live Theater**  
**Folder 82: Business Markets**

**Folder 83: Unions & Strikes**  
**Folder 84: Assoc. of Comm. Act.**  
**Folder 85: Soap Box Derby**  
**Folder 86: Misc.**