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## Brief History

William F. “Bill” Kemp has served as Librarian/Archivist for the McLean County Museum of History since 2003. He has delivered numerous papers at conferences on Illinois History, as well as publishing articles in journals and magazines on Illinois history. He frequently teaches American History courses at Heartland Community College. Kemp serves on the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Historical Society. He has an MS in Public Affairs Reporting, University of Illinois–Springfield and a MA in History, Illinois State University.

Kemp’s 2000 ISU master’s thesis, *The Illinois Natural History Society: 1858-1871*, is available in the Library stacks.

In December 2005, he began penning a local history column published in each Sunday’s *Pantagraph*. This “Page from Our Past” column quickly gained popularity and garnered attention for the Museum. The well-researched and vividly drawn essays not only illuminate the past but often link to current events. Kemp received the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award in 2009 for his contributions to local history. And, in 2012, the Illinois State Historical Society recognized the quality and impact of his weekly column with their Award of Superior Achievement.

## Scope Note

This collection includes Kemp’s essays and articles on McLean County and Illinois history.

**Folder 1: “Community Profile: It Isn’t Just the Suburbs Anymore,”** *Illinois Issues*, Vol. XXV, No.3, March 1999, pp. 20-25. (Urban sprawl in Bloomington-Normal)

**Folder 2: “The Establishment of Starved Rock State Park,”** *Journal of Illinois History*, Vol. 2, summer 1999, pp123-144.

**Folder 3: Cattle and Hog Droving**

- 3.1 “Cattle and Hog Droving During Illinois’ Pioneer Era,” paper delivered to 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Illinois History Symposium, Dec. 2002, 17 pp.
- 3.2 “Beef Cattle,” transcription of *Weekly Western Whig*, 12 Nov. 1851.
- 3.3 “From the Valley Farmer: What Pork will a Bushel of Corn Make?” W. M. Jackson, *Intelligencer*, 16 Nov. 1853, 2 pp.
- 3.4 “David Harpster Dead: First Man to Drive Cattle from Illinois to Ohio,” *Pantagraph*, 31 Oct. 1898.

**Folder 4: Minor League Baseball**

- 4.1 “Minor-league miracles: The story of ‘Three-I’ baseball where champion and spitballs ruled,” *Illinois Heritage*, March-April 2003, pp. 8-12
- 4.2 “Minor League Baseball during the Great Depression: The 1935 Illinois-Indiana-Iowa League Season,” paper delivered to 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois History Symposium, Dec. 2003, 18 pp.

**Folder 5: Wolf Slaying**

- 5.1 “Fountains of Sympathy Run Dry: Wolf Killing in McLean County,” paper delivered to 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois History Symposium, Dec. 2005, 15 pp.
- 5.2 “Wolf Hunt Near Potosi,” *Pantagraph*, 16 Mar 1874.
- 5.3 “Wolves and Wild Dogs,” *Pantagraph*, 13 Feb 1875.
- 5.4 Untitled on wolf killing sheep, *Minier News*, 9 March 1894.

**Folder 6: “The Motor Age Meets the Outdoors,”** *The 66 News*, Winter 2010-11, pp. 7-8 (Automobile camps)

**Folder 7: “That’s the Spirit,”** *Illinois Heritage*, Nov-Dec 2011, pp. 9-13 (on Simeon West and Spiritualism)

**Folder 8: “Fairgrounds on the Move for Much of Bloomington’s History,”** *Glacial Deposits*, Vol. 40, 2011-12, pp. 38-42.

**Folder 9: Normal Theatre**

- 9.1 “Opened in 1937, Normal Theater Now Twin City Icon,” 2014. Longer version of previously published *Pantagraph* column.
- 9.2 Normal Theatre event timeline, 2014.

**Folder 10: Maplewood Neighborhood History**

- 10.1 Maplewood: From Country Club to Residential Neighborhood A Brief Illustrated History, October 2015. 14 pp.
- 10.2 Maplewood: Its History and Engibhros An Aillustrated Tours, Sep 24, 2017.

**Folder 11: Normal 1-5-0 History Boards (Fall 2015)**

- 11.1 The Dillon Family and Normal's Draft Horse Trade
- 11.2 Baseball Hall of Famer Clark Griffith (1869-1955)
- 11.3 Twin City Streetcars
- 11.4 Maplewood Country Club
- 11.5 Normal as a 'Dry' Town
- 11.6 Airport in North Normal

**Folder 12: Major League Baseball**

- 12.1 "The 'beefy twirler' of Bloomington: Jack Powell, big league workhorse of the deadball era," *Illinois Heritage*, Sep-Oct 2015: pp 27-29.

**Folder 13: Alfred Montgomery**

- 13.1 "Alfred Montgomery: Unconventional 'farmer-painter' of corn," *Illinois Heritage*, Sep-Oct 2016: pp 30-34.

**Folder 14: Social Justice Walking Tour**

- 14.1 Heavy illustrated handout for 9 Jun, 2018 tour. 24 pp.

**Folder 15: ParkLands Foundation Newsletters**

- 15.1 Aug 2021 on the birth of ParkLands
- 15.2 xyz

Folder 16: Available for expansion

- 16.1 abc
- 16.2 xyz

Folder 17: Available for expansion

- 17.1 abc
- 17.2 xyz

Folder 18: Available for expansion

- 18.1 abc
- 18.2 xyz

**Folder 19: Miscellaneous**

- 19.1 "Freight House Picked Up and Moved in 1926, "*Structural Mover*," Vol. 29 No. 4, Dec 2011, pp. 36-37 (Chicago & Alton Railroad)
- 19.2 "Bloomington Forgotten Stage for Lincoln Oratorical Fireworks," *Bloomington Center for Performing Arts* program for *The Rivalry*, 2012, pp. 26-7.

- 19.3 Report on Warlow Family Farmhouse in Allin Twp, Dec. 2015. Prepared prior to fire department burning it for training.
- 19.4 Barn Keeper Barn Tour (Allin Township), 10 Sept 2016. Essays by Kemp.
- 19.5 "Florence Fifer Bohrer," *Illinois Heritage*, Jan-Feb 2017, pp. 9-10.
- 19.6 Barn Keepers Barn Tour (Hudson Township), 9 Sep 2017. Essays by Kemp. Plus correcting email from Kemp, Sep 27, 2017.
- 19.7 "Eastern McLean County Bus Trip," Don Meyer and Bill Kemp, 31 Aug 2019.

#### **Folder 20: Book Reviews**

- 20.1 *The Tour to End All Tours: Story of Major League Baseball's 1913-1914 World Tour,* in *Material Culture*, Vol. 38, No. 1, Spring 2006.
- 20.2 'Graphic' history: review of *On the Ropes* by Jas Vance and Dan E. Burr published in *Illinois Heritage*, Vol 16, Issue 5, Sep-Oct 2013, pp36-37, 2013.

#### **"Page from Our Past" (Folders 21-28)**

All items were published in the Sunday *Pantagraph* as part of a regular column on local history.

#### **Folder 21: 2005-06 "Photo/Page from Our Past" Columns**

- 21.1 "Irvin Theater was prominent downtown," December 18, 2005.
- 21.2 "Free meal leads to holiday tradition" (John Geltmacher dinners for poor children), December 25, 2005.
- 21.3 "Griesheim Building was downtown sky-scraper," January 1, 2006.
- 21.4 "Mattress company was praised for manufacturing methods" (Dodge-Dickson), January 8, 2006.
- 21.5 "Martin Luther King Jr. visited before winning Nobel prize" (February 1961 visit to IWU), January 15, 2006.
- 21.6 "Brothers led Bellflower to win" (African-Americans Jesse and Joe Ward and the 1914 McLean County Basketball Tournament champions), January 22, 2006.
- 21.7 "Spiritualist gave land to county for West Park" (Simeon H. West), January 29, 2006.
- 21.8 Modernization spelled the end of Rogers Hotel," February 5, 2006.
- 21.9 "Bloomington mourns Lincoln" (Good Friday indignation meeting), February 12, 2006.
- 21.10 "The Duke vows State Farmers in '54" (Duke Ellington at the Consistory), February 19, 2006.
- 21.11 "Baby Bliss met tragic end" (celebrity fat man Leonard H. Bliss), February 26, 2006.
- 21.12 "Hollywood legends brought local author's novel to silver screen" (Harold Sinclair's *Horse Soldiers*), March 5, 2006.
- 21.13 "BHS last crowned state champs in 1916" (basketball), March 12, 2006.
- 21.14 "Minister revives career after fall from grace" (Henry O. Hoffman), March 19, 2006.

- 21.15 “Flu epidemic hit Bloomington hard” (1918-1919 influenza pandemic), March 26, 2006. “Sen. Lester Hunt, victim of McCarthy-era politics” (U.S. senator raised in Atlanta, IL commits suicide), April 2, 2006.
- 21.16 “Tornadoes bedeviled area for generations,” April 9, 2006.
- 21.17 “Baseball Hall of Famer Griffith started out here” (Clark Griffith), April 16, 2006.
- 21.18 “Adoption marks long journey for boy” (ISSCS resident Frank Niehaus), April 23, 2006.
- 21.19 “2 killed during 1946 railroad strike” (Toledo, *Peoria* and Western near Gridley), May 7, 2005
- 21.20 “Government Center retains modernist feel” (Bloomington Federal Savings & Loan), May 21, 2006
- 21.21 “Civil War unknown soldier laid to rest in Saybrook” (Cheney’s Grove Township Cemetery), May 28, 2006
- 21.22 “Bloomington’s unconventional chemist and candy-maker” (Justin J. Alikonis), May 14, 2006.
- 21.23 “Marksman guided royalty” (Logan County’s Adam H. Bogardus), June 4, 2006.
- 21.24 “Insane inmate carved works of art from soap” (John B. Leoni), June 11, 2006.
- 21.25 “End of the wolf in McLean County” (extirpation of the wolf in Illinois), June 18, 2006.
- 21.26 “Living fence once defined countryside” (Osage orange), June 25, 2006
- 21.27 “John L. Wolcott was Bloomington’s pioneer undertaker,” July 2, 2006.
- 21.28 “Joe Landis wrote fiery opinions,” July 9, 2006.
- 21.29 “Victory Hall helped neglected boys,” July 16, 2006.
- 21.30 “Showman had passion for weird” (film producer Kenneth Gordon Murray), July 23, 2006.
- 21.31 “Swine sanitation system boosted local ag reputation,” July 30, 2006
- 21.32 “Dutch elm disease scarred area landscape for decades,” August 6, 2006.
- 21.33 “Slot machines posed dilemma in early 1900s,” August 20, 2006
- 21.34 “Signature bird long absent from Central Illinois” (prairie chickens), August 27, 2006.
- 21.35 “Corn cribs disappearing from Cornbelt landscape,” September 3, 1906.
- 21.36 “Old Pillsbury house lost to urban renewal” (109 E. Olive St.—site of current city hall), September 10, 2006
- 21.37 “Local area home for orphan train riders,” September 17, 2006.
- 21.38 “Lawyer turned Civil War general still remembered” (William Ward Orme), October 1, 2006.
- 21.39 “Hall of Famer led Bloomington to championship” (baseball pitcher Burleigh Grimes), October 8, 2006.
- 21.40 “Steam locomotive a Miller park fixture since 1959,” October 15, 2006.
- 21.41 “Twin Cities’ ties to New Deal run deep” (Normal Public Library), October 22, 2006.
- 21.42 “Funk made history as 3rd-party governor candidate” (Frank H. Funk’s 1912 gubernatorial campaign), October 29, 2006.
- 21.43 “Private Joe goes to the governor’s mansion” (Joseph Fifer), November 5, 1906.
- 21.44 “Princes, paupers rode the rails in Bloomington,” November 12, 2006.

- 21.45 "Street cars reached end of line in 1936," November 19, 2006
- 21.46 "Voice of unity settled in Saybrook" (Gilbert Henderson Bates), November 26, 2006
- 21.47 "Automatic gate makes a fortune" (William Richard White), December 3, 2006.
- 21.48 "WWII ship named for local surgeon" (John J. Meany), December 10, 2006.
- 21.49 "Great ice storm of 1924 paralyzed area," December 17, 2006.
- 21.50 "Local staging of Dickens' 'Carol' truly a classic" (Delmar D. Darrah's adaptation at the Consistory), December 24, 2006.
- 21.51 "The draft horse that made Normal famous" (Dillon family), December 31, 2006.

**Folder 22: 2007 "Page from Our Past" Columns**

- 22.1 "Prizefighter, performer visited Bloomington" (John L. Sullivan), January 7, 2007.
- 22.2 "No 'underground' story at farmhouse" (Towanda Meadows), January 14, 2007.
- 22.3 "Danvers' Willow Bark Institute had 'wonderful cure,'" January 21, 2007.
- 22.4 "Populist lawyer Benjamin fought monopolies" (Reuben Moore Benjamin), January 28, 2007.
- 22.5 "Spreading the Gospel through Oil of Gladness" (African-American minister and entrepreneur George Hoagland), February 4, 2007.
- 22.6 "Reminiscences marked Lincoln centennial," February 11, 2007.
- 22.7 "Bloomington center stage for Lincoln's reawakening" (1854 speeches on the Kansas-Nebraska Act), February 18, 2007
- 22.8 "Businessman ruled swath of colonial Philippines" (Edward Y. Miller), March 4, 2007.
- 22.9 "Renowned Irish tenor graced Coliseum stage in '24" (John McCormick), March 11, 2007.
- 22.10 "Settlers remember Deep Snow," March 18, 2007.
- 22.11 "Wakefield's guaranteed to cure all" (patent medicine manufacturer Cyrenius Wakefield), March 25, 2007.
- 22.12 "Eccentric Bloomington artist garnered acclaim with corn" (Alfred Montgomery), April 1, 2007.
- 22.13 "Remnants all that's left of 3rd courthouse," April 8, 2007.
- 22.14 "Suicides show 19th-century despair," April 15, 2007.
- 22.15 "Cemetery all that remains of vast McLean Co. prairie" (Weston Cemetery), April 22, 2007.
- 22.16 "Paul Moratz: The 'up-to-date' architect," April 29, 2007.
- 22.17 "Indian conflicts led to settlers' militias, stockade" (Black Hawk War), May 6, 2007.
- 22.18 "Mother Jones played key role in bitter 1917 streetcar strike," May 13, 2007.
- 22.19 "Wild West eccentric 'Buffalo' Jones born here" (Charles Jesse "Buffalo" Jones), May 20, 2007.
- 22.20 "Monument honored county's Civil War dead" (Franklin Park soldiers monument), May 27, 2007.

- 22.21 "Local Germans faced hardship during WWI," June 3, 2007.
- 22.22 "Patton cabin oldest building in McLean County," June 10, 2007.
- 22.23 "Highland Park Gold Course site of old German brewery" (Meyer Brewing Co.), June 17, 2007.
- 22.24 "Hemp once grown around Lexington to support war" (World War II), June 24, 2007.
- 22.25 "Cemeteries offer links to Spirit of '76" (Revolutionary War soldiers buried in McLean County), July 1, 2007.
- 22.26 "K-mart arrival hastened exodus of downtown retailers," July 8, 2007.
- 22.27 "History of subdivision tied to long-gone plant" (Meadows Manufacturing Co.), July 15, 2007.
- 22.28 "Radio minister spoke 'person-to-person' for almost four decades (WJBC's Rev. R. J. Zehr), July 22, 2007.
- 22.29 "Lafayette Apartments have been a Washington St. landmark for 87 years," July 29, 2007.
- 22.30 "1887 train wreck near Chatsworth one of worst in U.S.," August 5, 2007.
- 22.31 "Cigar-making industry once thrived in Bloomington," August 12, 2007.
- 22.32 "Miller Park Lake weathered racism, pollution," August 19, 2007.
- 22.33 "Camp meetings set frontier ablaze with fervor" (pioneer religious revivals), August 26, 2007.
- 22.34 "Labor Day occasion to commemorate lost railroad workers" (workplace fatalities), September 2, 2007.
- 22.35 "Eastern McLean County was site of 1730 massacre of Fox Indians," September 9, 2007.
- 22.36 "Lincoln knew about the Know Nothings" (Lincoln and the anti-immigrant American Party), September 16, 2007.
- 22.37 "Firemen made ultimate sacrifice in '28 fire" (J.E. Will & Co. furniture store), September 23, 2007.
- 22.38 "Prairie fires sparked fear, awe among early settlers," September 30, 2007.
- 22.39 "Corn-husking contests once drew tens of thousands," October 7, 2007.
- 22.40 "Kids gathered milkweed pods for WWII effort," October 14, 2007.
- 22.41 German pride reached its height with 1913 festival," October 21, 2007.
- 22.42 "Heberling Co. specialized in 'household necessities,'" October 28, 2007.
- 22.43 "Early settlers witnessed 'The Night the Stars Fell'" (1833 Leonid meteor shower), November 4, 2007.
- 22.44 "Historic 11/11/11 storm cut swath of destruction" (Brick / Fifer School), November 11, 2007.
- 22.45 "Corn Bowl was short-lived Thanksgiving gridiron tradition" (held at IWU, 1947-1955), November 18, 2007.
- 22.46 "Illinois hog, cattle drives predated Wild West" (Isaac Funk), November 25, 2007.
- 22.47 "Bloomington-born artist known for snow scenes" (R.W. Woiceske), December 2, 2007.
- 22.48 "Industrial Age's lifeblood was mined on west side" (McLean County Coal Company), December 9, 2007.
- 22.49 "Story of Moore's Mill 'grist' for history," December 16, 2007.



- 22.50 "Bloomington canteen served troops on Christmas in 1944" (World War II Red Cross canteen at C&A station), December 23, 2007.
- 22.51 "Goforth rang in Jazz Age new year" (George C. Goforth's orchestra), December 30, 2007.

**Folder 23: 2008 "Page from Our Past" Columns**

- 23.1 "Smallpox played havoc with area," January 6, 2008.
- 23.2 "From rat killing to opera old Coliseum saw it all," January 20, 2008.
- 23.3 "Ewing key figure during area's 'age of concrete'" (Davis Ewing Concrete Co.), January 27, 2008.
- 23.4 "McLean County named for long-forgotten Southern Illinoisan" (John McLean), February 3, 2008.
- 23.5 "Trotter Fountain' work of Lorado Taft," February 10, 2008.
- 23.6 "Radio whiz Paul Rhymer put Twin Cities on the air" ("Vic and Sade" radio show creator) February 17, 2008.
- 23.7 "'Porkers wail of anguish' once heard near South Hill" (Bloomington Pork Packing Co.), February 24, 2008.
- 23.8 "Trio of 1932 fires set Twin Cities on edge" (Bon-Go, Jefferson School, and Holy Trinity Catholic Church), March 2, 2008.
- 23.9 "Liveries offered wide variety of services," March 9, 2008.
- 23.10 "Logging cleared way for Lake Bloomington" (construction of the lake, 1929-1930), March 16, 2008.
- 23.11 "Scenic drops lend sense of epic to Passion Play" (history of the hand-painted canvass backdrops), March 23, 2008.
- 23.12 "Prairie School landscaper left his mark" (landscape designs for Ewing Manor, Sunset Road and elsewhere), March 30, 2008.
- 23.13 "Famed 19th century ballplayer 'Old Hoss' came from Bloomington" (Hall of Fame pitcher Charles Radbourn), April 6, 2008.
- 23.14 "Bloomington family recalls surviving Titanic sinking" (Albert and Sylvia Caldwell), April 13, 2008.
- 23.15 "Garcia' essayist Hubbard got his message to millions" (Elbert Hubbard and "A Message To Garcia"), April 20, 2008.
- 23.16 "Thousands lined track to see Lincoln's funeral train," April 27, 2008.
- 23.17 "Post-war years ushered in age of DDT pesticide," May 4, 2008.
- 23.18 "Cambodian invasion, Kent State sparked month of campus unrest" (May 1970 protests at Illinois State University), May 11, 2008.
- 23.19 "Railroads' arrival in 1854 momentous event in city history," May 18, 2008.
- 23.20 "One-room schoolhouses dotted Central Illinois" (last one-room schools, Covell and Dale, which closed in May 1960), May 25, 2008.
- 23.21 "Bloomington's Kelso Sanitarium promised to cure variety of ills," June 1, 2008.
- 23.22 "End of vaudeville spelled doom for Majestic Theatre," June 8, 2008.
- 23.23 "Bloomington's 'Great Fire' of 1900 quickly swept through 45 buildings," June 15, 2008.
- 23.24 "Illinois once 'emporium' of malaria," June 22, 2008.

- 23.25 “Stevenson came home to stump on Independence Day ’56” (Adlai E. Stevenson II and his second bid for the presidency), June 29, 2008.
- 23.26 “Livingston’s longtime fixture of downtown’s retail scene” (department store on the south side of the Courthouse Square), July 6, 2008.
- 23.27 “Journalist’s writings survive tragic life” (diaries of Edward M. Wilson), July 13, 2008.
- 23.28 “‘Scoop’ covered news like a hawk” (*Pantagraph* news plane), July 20, 2008.
- 23.29 “Botanical art helped make nursery one of nation’s largest” (Normal nurseryman Franklin K. Phoenix and artists William Henry Prestele and Joseph, Jr. Prestele), July 27, 2008.
- 23.30 “Telegraph brought profound changes,” August 3, 2008.
- 23.31 “Old settler reunions commemorated rich pioneer past” (Old Settlers Association of Eastern McLean County), August 10, 2008.
- 23.32 “Jazz Age dance halls looked upon as menace to society,” August 17, 2008.
- 23.33 “Bloomington Colored Giants competed in era of segregated baseball” (African-American semi-pro club), August 25, 2008.
- 23.34 “Labor Party nearly staged upset in 1919 election” (John B. Lennon and the 1919 Bloomington mayoral race), August 31, 2008.
- 23.35 “Prefabricated homes prized in postwar years” (post-World War II housing), September 7, 2008.
- 23.36 “Few locals found fortune in Klondike Gold Rush,” September 14, 2008.
- 23.37 “Evans Building once area’s ‘little Greenwich Village’” (downtown office building at the northwest corner of Main and Jefferson streets), September 21, 2008.
- 23.38 “Farmers once used local firm for portable elevators” (Portable Elevator Manufacturing Co.), September 28, 2008.
- 23.39 “Voters reject playground funding in 1926” (playground and recreation referendum), October 5, 2008.
- 23.40 “Photos offer window into Kickapoo reservation life” (local historian Milo Custer’s 1906 visit to the Kansas Kickapoo), October 12, 2008.
- 23.41 “In Adlai Stevenson’s day, election fanfare had different feel” (1900 election featuring Adlai E. Stevenson I running as vice president on the Democratic Party ticket), October 19, 2008.
- 23.42 “Bloomington minor league skipper played key role in 1926 World Series” (Bob O’Farrell, 1938 manager of the minor league Bloomington Bloomers), October 27, 2008.
- 23.43 “Area’s wealthiest man favored the humble life” (Abraham Brokaw), November 2, 2008.
- 23.44 “Fallen soldiers repatriated after WWII,” November 9, 2008.
- 23.45 “Postmasters once core of vast patronage system,” November 16, 2008.
- 23.46 “‘Dame Fashion’ Grace Jewett Austin inhabited ‘world of smiles’” (*Pantagraph* society page editor), November 23, 2008.
- 23.47 “Brown’s delivered white-collar education” (Brown’s Business College), November 30, 2008.

- 23.48 “Hunted since pioneer days, ‘Reynard’ the fox survives into 21st century,”  
December 7, 2008.
- 23.49 “December 1836 ‘Sudden Change’ a dangerous event for early settlers,”  
December 14, 2008.
- 23.50 “Christmas Seals crucial in fight against ‘White Plague’” (tuberculosis),  
December 21, 2008.

**Folder 24: 2009 “Page from Our Past” Columns**

- 24.1 “West-side coal company town had strong Swedish heritage” (Stevensonville),  
January 4, 2009.
- 24.1 “1910 gas plant explosion killed 3 in Bloomington” (Union Gas and Electric Co.),  
January 11, 2009.
- 24.2 “‘Conqueror of the Grand Canyon’ returned to Bloomington in 1896” (John  
Wesley Powell), January 19, 2009.
- 24.3 “‘Poor Farm home to society’s friendless and forlorn,” January 25, 2009.
- 24.4 “Livestock illustrator enjoyed transatlantic reputation” (Lou Burk), February 1,  
2009.
- 24.5 “Locals recalled Lincoln the man—not the myth” (Lincoln recollections),  
February 8, 2009.
- 24.6 “Bloomington was the scene for Lincoln’s famous ‘Lost Speech’” (May 29, 1856  
anti-Nebraska convention held at Major’s Hall in downtown Bloomington),  
February 15, 2009.
- 24.7 “Lincoln a well paid corporate lawyer in his hey day” (Lincoln and the Illinois  
Central), February 22, 2009.
- 24.8 “The Bulletin’s Madame Annette a most versatile journalist” (female journalist  
Anna Ferguson), March 1, 2009.
- 24.9 “Urban renewal of ’60s, ’70s reshaped south downtown,” March 8, 2009.
- 24.10 “Before railroads, stage lines crisscrossed the prairies,” March 15, 2008.
- 24.11 “‘Whiskey Insurrection’ of 1855 embroiled Bloomington mayor” (Franklin Price),  
March 22, 2009.
- 24.12 “Alpheus Pike recalled horrors of Civil War’s Andersonville prison,” March 29,  
2009.
- 24.13 “Flax: A forgotten fiber of the frontier,” April 5, 2009.
- 24.14 “Bloomington once a stop on electric railway system” (interurban—Illinois  
Traction System / Illinois Terminal Railroad), April 12, 2009.
- 24.15 “Central Illinois played part in helping S.F. quake survivors” (April 18, 1906  
earthquake), April 19, 2009.
- 24.16 “Horse racing once a big draw” (racetracks in Bloomington), April 26, 2009.
- 24.17 “‘Bunion Derby’ passed through Normal” (First Annual International  
Transcontinental Foot Race), May 3, 2009.
- 24.18 “Railroad shops center of deadly 1920 typhoid outbreak” (January-March 1920  
epidemic at C&A Shops), May 10, 2009.
- 24.19 “Local gambler ‘broke the bank’ at Monte Carlo” (William N. Darnbrough), May  
17, 2009.

- 24.20 “Imposing Miller Park monument dedicated Memorial Day 1913” (Dwight Frink-designed McLean County Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Monument), May 24, 2009.
- 24.21 “Bloomers-Commies 26-inning epic one for the record book” (at the time, longest game—by innings—in professional baseball) May 31, 2009.
- 24.22 ‘Barnes symbol of past amid present sprawl” (Bloomer Line station stop in Towanda Township), June 7, 2009.
- 24.23 “‘The Gumps’ cartoonist got start in Bloomington” (R. Sidney Smith), June 14, 2009.
- 24.24 “Bloomington park has more than State Farm in its history” (G.J. Mecherle Park, formerly Houghton/Lake/Bon-Go/Shalain/Circus parks), June 21, 2009.
- 24.25 “War-weary locals celebrate Independence Day in 1866” (July 4 at Dimmitt’s Grove), June 28, 2009.
- 24.26 “Sawmills indispensable to pioneer communities,” July 5, 2009.
- 24.27 “Turner Hall lost monument to German pride” (Bloomington Turnverein 1883 hall), July 12, 2009.
- 24.28 “Morris Ave. soap box derby drew thousands” (1937 derby and champion Mark Eugene Millard), July 19, 2009.
- 24.29 “Underground Railroad myths obscure history of movement,” July 26, 2009.
- 24.30 “Wild West legend Pawnee Bill got start in Bloomington” (Gordon William Lillie), August 2, 2009.
- 24.31 “Durley Hall once center stage of city’s theater scene” (nineteenth century theater in Bloomington), August 9, 2009.
- 24.32 “Tractor show of 1916 put future on display,” August 16, 2009.
- 24.33 “Mesmerizing bird’s eye views offer a window into the past” (1867 and 1873 bird’s eyes of Bloomington), August 23, 2009.
- 24.34 “Williams Oil-O-Matic plant beat plowshares into swords” (World War II), August 30, 2009.
- 24.35 “Coal miners toiled in dangerous, often deadly environment,” September 2, 2009.
- 24.36 “Airship pays visit to Bloomington” (September 1910 appearance of George E. Yager’s “The Comet”), September 13, 2009.
- 24.37 “Redbird-Titan gridiron rivalry came to an end in 1969” (Illinois State-Illinois Wesleyan football series, 1887-1969), September 20, 2009.
- 24.38 “Jesse Fell key in Lincoln’s ‘autobiography,’” September 27, 2009.
- 24.39 “Swank Tilden-Hall Hotel razed in 1961,” October 5, 2009.
- 24.40 “Man-made giants, grain elevators, towered over the Midwest prairie,” October 12, 2009.
- 24.41 “Depression-era mayor besieged by jobseekers” (Great Depression unemployment and Bloomington Mayor Louis Wellmerling), October 19, 2009.
- 24.42 “Wooded groves dotted prairie landscape,” October 25, 2009.
- 24.43 “Patent medicine makers claimed to cure all” (Zera Waters, Bliss H. Howe and Henry S. Woodard), November 1, 2009.
- 24.44 “First World War claimed lives of local aviators” (Lee J. Roebuck; Louis Eddy Davis; Allington Joyce Jolly), November 8, 2009.

- 24.45 “Funk Tried to break political glass ceiling” (Mary Bedell Funk, who ran for office in 1936, 1940 and 1942), November 15, 2009.
- 24.46 “‘Wooden’ lung ingenious contraption for polio” (St. Joseph’s Hospital and Eureka Williams 1949 wooden iron lung), November 22, 2009.
- 24.47 “Lincoln, Douglas sparred in Bloomington (1858 U.S. Senate campaign and debates), November 29, 2009.
- 24.48 “Palatial Snell residence fell to wrecking ball” (J. Thornton Snell house on 1200 block N. Main St., razed in 1937), December 6, 2009.
- 24.49 “Booker T. Washington Home offered safe haven for black children,” December 13, 2009.
- 24.50 “Downtown sidewalks ‘dressed in holiday style’” (Christmas shopping 1955), December 20, 2009.
- 24.51 “Skimming on steel’ favorite wintertime sport” (ice skating at Miller Park), December 27, 2009.

**Folder 25: 2010 “Page from Our Past” Columns**

- 25.1 “County clerk once Bloomington’s unofficial poet laureate” (Charles C. Hassler), January 3, 2010.
- 25.2 “Stone freight house moved in 1926” (still-standing Chicago & Alton Railroad limestone warehouse built in 1888), January 10, 2010.
- 25.3 “City welcomed Macy’s-type balloon parade to downtown (September 1939 “Noah’s Ark” parade), January 17, 2010.
- 25.4 “County hoop tourney topped local sports scene” (McLean County Basketball Tournament), January 24, 2010.
- 25.5 “Before autos, horse thieves menace to society,” January 31, 2010.
- 25.6 “Young Louise Evans caught in ‘Great War’ maelstrom” (Clara Louise Evans’ 1914 grand tour of Europe), February 7, 2010.
- 25.7 “Captain led all-black troops into ‘splendid’ fight” (Julius C. Witherspoon, the 8th Illinois United States Volunteers and the Spanish-American War), February 14, 2010.
- 25.8 “Group fought for change during depression” (C. “Hank” Mayer and the communist-inspired Unemployed Council), February 21, 2010.
- 25.9 “Carriages fueled ecosystem of business” (carriage, buggy and wagon manufacturers in Bloomington), February 28, 2010.
- 25.10 “1910 BHS team won state title with some big names” (Adlai Rust and Fred Wollrab and first of two BHS state basketball championships), March 7, 2010.
- 25.11 “Irish nationalist drew passionate crowd in 1919” (Eamon de Valera’s October 22, 1919 visit to Bloomington), March 14, 2010.
- 25.12 “Depression-era art show was really one for the ages” (1939 Central Illinois Art Exposition), March 21, 2010.
- 25.13 “Now gone, Stipp house was Bloomington’s oldest” (1830 James Allin—Dr. George W. Stipp house, 200 block of E. Grove St.), March 28, 2010.
- 25.14 “Randolph once social, commercial center for rural neighborhood” (Randolph Township station stop), April 4, 2010.

- 25.15 "Phoenix Hall site of Lincoln's last major Bloomington speech" (150th anniversary of April 10, 1860 speech), April 11, 2010.
- 25.16 "Bloomington once regional coffee roasting center" (Campbell Holton and McAtee Newell in the early 1930s), April 18, 2010.
- 25.17 "Chenoa Artist elevated folk art to fine art" (woodcarver and sculptor W.D. Neher), April 25, 2010.
- 25.18 "Great Epizootic brought commerce to standstill" (1872 horse influenza), May 2, 2010.
- 25.19 "Drain tile refashioned Corn Belt landscape" (Edgar M. Heafer), May 9, 2010.
- 25.20 "Bloomingtonians played big role in Lincoln's nomination" (1860 Republican National Convention in Chicago), May 16, 2010.
- 25.21 "Minor league Bloomington Bloomers last played in 1939" (Illinois-Indiana-Iowa League), May 23, 2010.
- 25.22 "'Masque' highlight of Normal Day 1911," May 30, 2010.
- 25.23 "LeRoy once last stop on the 'Punkin Vine'" (narrow gauge Havana, Rantoul & Eastern Railroad), June 6, 2010.
- 25.24 "Boxy Foursquare once popular home design" (American Foursquare / Corn Belt Cube), June 13, 2010.
- 25.25 Bloomington Club once gathering place for city's select," June 20, 2010.
- 25.26 "White Place one of Bloomington's signature neighborhoods" (Samuel R. White and the subdivision), June 27, 2010.
- 25.27 "Traveling in style once meant auto camping" (Forrest Park and Illinois Route 4 / U.S. Route 66 auto tourist parks), July 4, 2010.
- 25.28 "Bloomington lawyer led anti-Semitism fight" (Sigmund Livingston and the 1913 establishment of the Anti-Defamation League), July 11, 2010.
- 25.29 "Twin Cities bid farewell to favorite son Stevenson" (Adlai E. Stevenson II funeral, July 19, 1965), July 18, 2010.
- 25.30 "Fewer screens, more choices at theaters in 1940" (Irvin, Castle, Normal and Ewing movie theaters), July 25, 2010.
- 25.31 "River transportation key for 'river-less' Bloomington" (pre-railroad reliance on Pekin to ship / receive goods), August 1, 2010.
- 25.32 "River, creek crossings were often dangerous for Central Illinois pioneers" (Mackinaw River and Newcom's Ford on the Sangamon River in Champaign County), August 8, 2010.
- 25.33 "Civil War soldier was actually a woman" (Albert D.J. Cashier / Jennie Hodgers of Saunemin, Livingston County), August 15, 2010.
- 25.34 "McLean Co. 100-year celebration a big draw" (McLean County Centennial Celebration, August 27-30, 1930), August 22, 2010.
- 25.35 "Suffrage amendment passage in 1920 ended a long struggle" (early suffrage legislation and the 19th Amendment), August 29, 2010.

- 25.36 “Family wiped out in 1932 auto-train wreck” (May 15, 1932 tragedy that left Martha “Mattie” Rees and her six children dead; Illinois Central crossing in Bellflower Township), September 5, 2010.
- 25.37 “Painter Burnham embodied refined society of Victorian era” (Almira S. Ives Burnham), September 12, 2010.
- 25.38 “Mob destroyed pro-Southern paper during Civil War” (sacking of the *Bloomington Times* during the August 20, 1862, ceremony organizing the 94th Illinois), September 19, 2010.
- 25.39 “Sordid scandal swirled around Bloomington mayor” (Daniel T. Foster and the Paddy Ryan affair, 1896-1897), September 26, 2010.
- 25.40 “Lynching in 1881 low point in Bloomington history” (October 1, 1881 lynching of Charles Pierce/Howlett after murder of jailer Henry “Teddy” Frank), October 3, 2010.
- 25.41 ““Prairie Birds’ raced to Chicago to fight Great Fire of 1871” (Chicago & Alton railroad engineer Samuel Hawks and the Bloomington Fire Department), October 10, 2010.
- 25.42 “Milk wagons pulled by ‘Old Dobbin’ came to end in 1946” (end of horse-drawn, door—to-door milk deliveries), October 17, 2010.
- 25.43 ““Lucky Lindy’ bailed out over rural McLean Co. in 1926” (airmail pilot Charles Lindbergh’s November 3, 1926 emergency parachute drop over Covell), October 24, 2010.
- 25.44 “Bloomington once fertile ground for governor candidates” (the 900 block of N. McLean St. and the Franklin Park homes of Joseph Fifer, Frank Funk and Adlai E. Stevenson I), October 31, 2010.
- 25.45 “Prolific architect A.L. Pillsbury called Bloomington home,” November 7, 2010.
- 25.46 “Horse-drawn omnibuses served city” (Omnibus and hack lines; driver Absalom “Ab” Hawkins), November 14, 2010.
- 25.47 “Lincoln’s last visit to Bloomington came 150 years ago” (November 21, 1860, St. Louis, Alton and Chicago railroad trip to Chicago, with stops in Lincoln, Bloomington and Lexington), November 21, 2010.
- 25.48 “Adam’s Ark a favorite gathering place” (Adam Guthrie’s cigar shop), November 28, 2010.
- 25.49 “In 19th century, rabies was menacing,” December 5, 2010.
- 25.50 “Welsh farmers one of area’s unheralded immigrant groups” (area northeast of Lexington, including Salem Church and Prairie Hall School), December 12, 2010.
- 25.51 “Local firm lent Santa hand in 1930s” (“Midget Town” building blocks sets built at Charles E. Hall’s planing mill), December 19, 2010.
- 25.52 “New Year’s once topped Christmas” (popularity in eighteenth century of New Year’s Day calling), December 26, 2010.

**Folder 26: 2011 “Page from Our Past” Columns**

- 26.1 “Evangelist Billy Sunday rocked Bloomington in 1908” (five-week revival, late December 1907 to early February 1908), January 2, 2011.

- 26.2 “Bloomington’s first airport was north of Normal” (local aviation in the late 1920s / early 1930s), January 9, 2011.
- 26.3 “‘Ghost Signs’ offer window to past (Johnson Transfer; 801 W. Washington St.; America’s Cup Coffee), January 16, 2011.
- 26.4 “Normal ‘subway’ surviving artifact of streetcar past” (School St. viaduct under Union Pacific / Amtrak), January 23, 2011.
- 26.5 “Pantagraph sports editor officiated historic Bears game” (Fred “Brick” Young), January 30, 2011.
- 26.6 “Landmark Major’s Hall razed for parking” (Site of “Lost Speech” demolished in 1959), February 6, 2011.
- 26.7 “Black soldiers served as ‘sable arm’ of Union Army (55th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment and the 29th Regiment Infantry U.S. Colored Troops), February 13, 2011.
- 26.8 “The Richardson was one of the area’s finer boarding houses” (proprietor Mary L. Alsop), February 20, 2011.
- 26.9 “First Castle Theatre spanned vaudeville, nickelodeon eras,” (Castle, 1904-ca.1916, located at the northwest corner of East and Washington streets), February 27, 2011.
- 26.10 “ISU’s Old Main was dedicated 150 years ago,” March 6, 2011.
- 26.11 “‘Great Commoner’ delivered rousing St. Pat’s address” (William Jennings Bryan’s March 16, 1899 Coliseum speech), March 13, 2011.
- 26.12 “Bloomington hotel had eventful life before burning down” (Ashley House / Windsor Hotel), March 20, 2011.
- 26.13 “Maple sweetened sometimes bitter frontier” (pioneer sugar camps), March 27, 2011.
- 26.14 “Normal’s Griffith helped establish opening day tradition” (Washington Senators owner Clark Griffith and the ceremonial opening day first pitch by the sitting U.S. president), April 3, 2011.
- 26.15 “Bloomington scene of bitter 1922 railroad strike” (July-October 1922 strike of 1,800 C&A shop workers), April 10, 2011.
- 26.16 “Adlai Stevenson witness to 1925 tornado devastation” (Stevenson as Pantagraph reporter covering Tri-State Tornado), April 17, 2011.
- 26.17 “LeRoy statue ode to Native American spirit” (Simeon H. West’s “Wausaneta” Kickapoo chief statue dedicated January 1, 1912), April 24, 2011.
- 26.18 “Pickle company ‘sour’ subject of the tasty kind” (cider, vinegar and pickle processing, featuring Gustave B. Gehlert’s Bloomington Cider and Vinegar Co., and the Bloomington Pickle Co.), May 1, 2011.
- 26.19 “Rough-and-tumble days in rural Stumptown” (violence in a rural community in Padua—now Dawson—Township), May 8, 2011.
- 26.20 “Farm work could take deadly turn at moment’s notice” (farm fatalities in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries), May 15, 2011.
- 26.21 “Poor lost souls haunt county’s potter’s field” (McLean County Poor Farm Cemetery), May 22, 2011.



- 26.22 “Cemetery plane crash mars 1948 Memorial Day celebration” (Bloomington Cemetery—now Evergreen Memorial—and the death of passenger and World War II veteran Chester H. Frahm), May 29, 2011.
- 26.23 “Pone Hollow once a tumbledown neighborhood” (immediately south of downtown Bloomington), June 5, 2011.
- 26.24 “Early Chinese immigrants faced prejudice in Bloomington” (Ah Moo Long and other laundrymen), June 12, 2011.
- 26.25 “Diesel revolution came to Alton Railroad in 1936” (Baltimore & Ohio’s No. 50 and the Abraham Lincoln passenger train), June 19, 2011.
- 26.26 “Mother Miller’s chicks were famous layers” (Emma “Mother” Miller and Miller Hatchery), June 26, 2011.
- 26.27 “Bloomington born on the Fourth of July” (James Allin and the sale of the first city lots, July 4, 1831), July 3, 2011.
- 26.28 “Phil-Kron memories recall drive-in heyday” (Bloomington’s only drive-in theater, 1947-1984), July 10, 2011.
- 26.29 “Fell and Hovey witnessed First Bull Run debacle” (July 21, 1861, 150th anniversary of battle, and Jesse Fell and Normal University President Charles Hovey), July 17, 2011.
- 26.30 “Stewart House a rare brick building” (Samuel Stewart’s 1834 brick house in Randolph’s Grove, razed in 1969), July 24, 2011.
- 26.31 “Deadly heat wave one for the records” (July 1936), July 31, 2011.
- 26.32 “Polish ‘prince’ lifelong temperance advocate” (Col. John Sobieski, who lived in Bloomington in the late 1860s to mid-1870s), August 7, 2011.
- 26.33 “Wunderlich mysterious driver of the 1920s” (Gerald White Wunderlich, Roaring Twenties racecar driver, 1889-1937), August 14, 2011.
- 26.34 “First non-native residents likely captives” (1815-1818 captivity of Cannon-Starks Massacre survivors by Kickapoo, supposedly taken to Grand Village northeast of LeRoy), August 21, 2011.
- 26.35 “Hungarian mill known for its ‘Kossuth’ flour” (Bloomington’s flour mills and millers Thomas J. and George H. Cox), August 28, 2011.
- 26.36 “Synagogue sign of Jewish community’s strength” (Old Moses Montefiore temple, corner of Prairie and Monroe streets), September 4, 2011.
- 26.37 “‘Age of Anxiety’ raised interest in shelters” (nuclear fallout shelters, late 1950s / early 1960s), September 11, 2011.
- 26.38 “Irish ‘Forty Acres’ speaks to city’s railroad past” (west side Bloomington neighborhood—Perry’s Addition), September 18, 2011.
- 26.39 “Letters reveal rigors of Civil War soldiering” (Pvt. William H. Horine of the 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry), September 25, 2011.
- 26.40 “Award-winning journalist recalls children’s paradise on East Grove” (Paul Scott Mowrer and 418 E. Grove St.), October 2, 2011.
- 26.41 “Lincoln linked to early Bloomington hotel” (Pike / Landon House, southeast corner of Center and Monroe streets, 1854-early 1860s), October 9, 2011.
- 26.42 “Standpipe once skyline sentinel of B-N” (“water tower” at Division St. water works, 1876-1912), October 16, 2011.

- 26.43 "Bloomington airport born of FDR's New Deal" (October 28, 1934, dedication of Municipal Airport), October 24, 2011.
- 26.44 "Bloomington's skilled 19th century surgeon" (Dr. William Hill, 1829-1906), October 31, 2011.
- 26.45 "George Simons first of WWI dead returned home" (George Robert Simons, Normal resident, died October 9, 1918 in France of pneumonia), November 6, 2011.
- 26.46 "May 1901 fire ravages Gridley" (May 3, 1901 fire that decimates much of the village's commercial district), November 13, 2011.
- 26.47 "Bloomington's Central Station response to Great Fire of 1900" (station built in 1902 at 220-228 E. Front St.), November 20, 2011.
- 26.48 "Homegrown ice helped make Bloomington cool place to live" (Manufactured Ice and Cold Storage Co.), November 27, 2011.
- 26.49 "Illinois Wesleyan grad one of immortalized 'Four Chaplains'" (George L. Fox, Methodist minister, killed in sinking of USAT Dorchester troopship, February 3, 1943), December 4, 2011.
- 26.50 "Bloomington playwright once toast of New York" (Rachel Crothers, 1878-1958), December 11, 2011.
- 26.51 "Pantagrapher once visited Santa's home" ("Danny Dare" columns of November-December 1927), December 18, 2011.
- 26.52 "First Civil War Christmas subdued affair" (Christmas 1861), December 25, 2011.

**Folder 27: 2012 "Page from Our Past" Columns**

- 27.1 "'News Boy's Offering' long-gone New Year's tradition" (newsboys), January 1, 2012.
- 27.2 "Normal J.W. Bowles hawked miracle kidney and liver cure" (Joseph W. Bowles of Normal Ave. and his National Kidney and Liver Cure patent medicine), January 8, 2012.
- 27.3 "Bloomington brothels popular with Chanute airmen in WWII" (red light district, East Moulton and South Wright streets), January 15, 2012.
- 27.4 "Historic cannon sacrificed for WWII scrap drive" (Spanish-American War cannon Franklin Park), January 22, 2012.
- 27.5 "FDR birthday balls helped raise funds, awareness in polio battle" (Great Depression-era fundraisers organized by Charles S. Kirkpatrick), January 29, 2012.
- 27.6 "Intestinal worms were once a common menace to all classes," February 5, 2012.
- 27.7 "Bloomington's Leonard Swett once a frequent visitor to Lincoln White House," February 12, 2012.
- 27.8 "Township's population dwindles" (Lawndale Township and rural depopulation), February 19, 2012.
- 27.9 "'My Store' was the Walmart of its day" (Oscar Mandel and the five-story department store at the corner of Center and Grove streets), February 26, 2012.
- 27.10 "Golden Gloves big draw in '30s" (annual boxing tournament during Great Depression), March 4, 2012.
- 27.11 "Street names a window into city's past," March 11, 2012.

- 27.12 “Catholic temperance societies battled ‘Wild Irish’ stereotype,” March 18, 2012.
- 27.13 “Major’s Female College was an early Bloomington school for young women” (William T. Major and nineteenth century female boarding / finishing schools), March 25, 2012.
- 27.14 “‘Dread executioner’ cholera was once on the march in Central Ill.,” April 1, 2012.
- 27.15 “‘Aviatrix’ Amelia Earhart twice came through Bloomington area” (visits of May 31, 1931 and April 6-7, 1936), April 8, 2012.
- 27.16 “Impact of Titanic disaster was felt in Bloomington-Normal area,” April 15, 2012.
- 27.17 “From a Bloomer to a Tiger, ‘Rotund Robert’ fan favorite on the diamond” (outfielder Robert Fothergill, who played for the 1920 Bloomington Bloomers of the Three-I League before enjoying a successful Major League career), April 22, 2012.
- 27.18 “Kiwanis Club spearheaded gardens for area unemployed in Depression” (community garden movement, 1932), April 29, 2012.
- 27.19 “Normal’s rich past dealt a blow with razing of Fell house in 1980” (Jesse W. Fell “Greenwood” house last located at 502 S. Fell Ave., Normal), May 6, 2012.
- 27.20 “Notorious con man Lord Houghton swindled Bloomington’s wealthiest” (infamous scam from the mid-1840s or early 1850s), May 13, 2012.
- 27.21 “Honey bees sweetened 19th century life” (pioneer bee hunters and beekeeping), May 20, 2012.
- 27.22 “Voters backed establishment of Miller Park in 1887,” May 27, 2012.
- 27.23 “Bloomington a popular site for 1912 presidential hopefuls” (primary visits by Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt), June 3, 2012.
- 27.24 “United Nations, Twin Cities once shared close ties” (Adlai E. Stevenson II, U.S. ambassador to the UN, 1961-1965), June 10, 2012.
- 27.25 “Bloomington made quick rebound from fire of 1900” (Business Men’s Association’s Jubilee-Carnival, June 18-22, 1901), June 17, 2012.
- 27.26 “Widespread counterfeiting menace to 1850s commerce” (spurious, altered and wildcat bank bills), June 24, 2012.
- 27.27 “‘Teachers’ Regiment’ faced hard slog through Arkansas” (33rd Illinois Regiment and the June-July 1862 campaign in eastern Arkansas, including the Battle of Cotton Plant), July 1, 2012.
- 27.28 “Friends Meeting House stands as a reminder of Bentown’s Quaker past (Benjaminville Friends Meeting House and Burial Grounds), July 8, 2012.
- 27.29 “Fell Park in Bloomington led the way in child’s play” (Fell Avenue Playground), July 15, 2012.
- 27.30 “Shirley ‘cut’ split little town in two back in 1909” (railroad “cut” through end moraine at Shirley), July 22, 2012.
- 27.31 “Bloomington’s west side first site for county fairgrounds” (“old” grounds one-half mile east of Chicago & Alton mainline between Market and Washington streets), July 29, 2012.
- 27.32 “Bloomington-born Frederic Goudy was a titan of typeface,” August 5, 2012.
- 27.33 “‘Good old days’ sometimes rotten to the core,” August 12, 2012.

- 27.34 "Built for professional baseball, Fans' Field ended as county fairground," August 19, 2012.
- 27.35 "Lincoln helped Davises cope with loss of child" (August 1, 1850 death of infant Lucy Davis), August 26, 2012.
- 27.36 "Harvey Hogg early martyr to Union cause" (2nd Illinois Cavalry and Hogg's death in Bolivar, Tenn., August 30, 1862), September 2, 2012.
- 27.37 "President Andrew Johnson received rude reception in 1866" (Johnson's "Swing Around the Circle" and the September 7, 1866 stop in Bloomington), September 9, 2012.
- 27.38 "It was always 'Happy Hour' with wholesaler" (Campbell Holton and Campbell Holton & Co., wholesale grocer), September 16, 2012.
- 27.39 "Lifelong bachelor marched to beat of different drummer" (William C. Hobbs, 1800-1861), September 23, 2012.
- 27.40 "First brick street myth endures in Bloomington" (inaccurate historic marker located on the southwest corner of the Courthouse Square), September 30, 2012.
- 27.41 "Melville Stone was a titan of newspaper business" (1848-1929, Hudson-born founder of *Chicago Daily News* and longtime general manager of Associated Press), October 7, 2012.
- 27.42 "Bloomington rose from ashes of October 1855 fire" (destruction of the south side of the Courthouse Square), October 14, 2012.
- 27.43 "Oakland School a modernist architectural gem" (District 87's Oakland Elementary, dedicated in October 1951), October 21, 2012.
- 27.44 "FDR's 1936 campaign included Bloomington stop" (October 14, 1936 whistle stop of President Franklin Roosevelt), October 28, 2012.
- 27.45 "Spurning favorite son Stevenson, Bloomington like 'Ike'" (Dwight Eisenhower's October 2, 1952 campaign stop in Bloomington), November 4, 2012.
- 27.46 "Popular culture once embraced racist blackface minstrel shows" (Earl Goforth, 1880-1959), November 11, 2012.
- 27.47 "Billiards proved popular and controversial after Civil War" (Bloomington billiard saloons and halls in the 1870s), November 18, 2012.
- 27.48 "Royce 'block' loomed over busy Bloomington corner" (southeast corner of Center and Front streets, built in 1859-60; torn down in late 1950s, early 60s), November 25, 2012.
- 27.49 "McLean regiment saw first action at Battle of Prairie Grove" (94th Illinois at the December 7, 1862 Battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas), December 2, 2012.
- 27.50 "Margaret Illington's career an emotional roller coaster" (stage name for Bloomington-born actress Maud Light, 1879-1934), December 9, 2012.
- 27.51 "Sleigh bells once sweet sound on wintry streets" (East Washington St. scene and sleighing carnivals, nineteenth century), December 16, 2012.
- 27.52 "Santa's Normal Theater visit one holiday highlight of 1950," December 23, 2012.
- 27.53 "Locals rang in 1941 with resolutions," December 30, 2012.

**Folder 28: 2013 "Page from Our Past" Columns**

- 28.1 “Music school once cultural force in Bloomington” (Oliver Ross and Farie Delle Stevick Skinner and the O.R. Skinner School, 1907-1924), January 6, 2013.
- 28.2 “Meadows plant churned out washing machines” (Meadows Manufacturing Co., Bell St., Bloomington, 1920-1955), January 13, 2013.
- 28.3 “‘Modern’ grocery store opened during Depression” (C.H. Payne’s third market, located at the southeast corner of East and Locust streets, opened September 1939), January 20, 2013.
- 28.4 “‘The Oaks’ apartments born of the Great Depression” (301 E. Grove St., Bloomington), January 27, 2013.
- 28.5 “From saddles to luggage, business lasted 120 years” (harness maker M.L. Moore, son John W. and grandson Louis, in business from 1951 to 1971), February 3, 2013.
- 28.6 “Funk known for condemnation of ‘Copperheads’” (Isaac Funk’s February 1863 anti-Copperhead speech on the floor of the Illinois Senate), February 10, 2013.
- 28.7 “C.U. Williams & Son led Bloomington into auto age” (1911 showroom and garage, 207 E. Washington St.; and 1916 Castle Theater / garage, 209 E. Washington), February 17, 2013.
- 28.8 “Teenage Chicago bond thief nabbed in Heyworth in 1921” (William “Willie Dalton; reward shared by James Dennis, Paul E. Draper and Heyworth Marshal John Draper, late February 1921), February 24, 2013.
- 28.9 “Chase v. Stephenson step toward ending school segregation” (Illinois Supreme Court case, 1874, involving Dement School, Danvers Township), March 3, 2013.
- 28.10 “Ice cutters harvested ‘crystal treasure’ from lakes, ponds” (brothers John and W.A. Monroe), March 10, 2013.
- 28.11 “B-N St. Patrick’s Day parades dates to 1860s” (early parades, processions and banquets), March 17, 2013.
- 28.12 “Franklin ‘Square’ Bloomington’s first park” (established 1856), March 24, 2013.
- 28.13 “IAA final resting place for ‘Lady’ (short-haired collie buried on the grounds of the Illinois Agricultural Association, 1961), March 31, 2013.
- 28.14 “Area once rolled out welcome mat for ‘The Great Agnostic’ (Robert Green Ingersoll, 1833-1899; lived in Peoria, 1857-1877), April 7, 2013.
- 28.15 “Sunday movies come to Bloomington in 1928” (April 3, 1928 referendum to end “blue law” ban on “Sunday shows”), April 14, 2013.
- 28.16 “Blind IWU student first local scout to reach Eagle rank” (Albert Barnhard, Illinois Wesleyan University Class of 1924, first blind Eagle Scout in the U.S.), April 21, 2013.
- 28.17 “Maplewood County Club ‘Roaring Twenties’ hop spot” (Normal country club, southeast of Linden St. and Jersey Ave., 1919/1920 to early 1940s), April 28, 2013.
- 28.18 “Normal-born Richard Hovey well-known poet of 1890s (1864-1900; son of Charles Hovey, for Normal University president), May 5, 2013.
- 28.19 “Newt Plumm once *Pantagraph*’s ‘special leased liar,’” (alter ego of *Pantagraph* reporter and columnist Stanley W. Bishop, 1878-1951), May 12, 2013.

- 28.20 “Cuban ‘Chico’ Hernandez was star of 1938 Bloomers” (Cuban-born Salvador Jose Ramos Hernandez, catcher for Bloomington’s team in the Illinois-Indiana-Iowa League), May 19, 2013.
- 28.21 “Great work of location fiction turns 75” (Harold Sinclair’s American Years, published in May 1938), May 26, 2013.
- 28.22 “Student killed leading black troops in Civil War (Normal University student Charles M. Clark, a white officer of the 9th Louisiana Infantry, African Descent, killed at Milliken’s Bend, LA, June 7, 1863), June 2, 2013.
- 28.23 “Pullman prototypes built in Bloomington” (George Pullman and St. Louis, Alton and Chicago Railroad carpenter Leonard Seibert and the conversion of two StLA&C day coaches into Pullman sleeping car prototypes, 1859), June 9, 2013.
- 28.24 “Early Bloomington views offer glimpse of promise” (pre-railroad, 1830s and 1840s, observations of Bloomington), June 16, 2013.
- 28.25 “Elizabeth Irons Folsom award-winning short story writer (former Pantagraph reporter earn O. Henry Award in 1924), June 23, 2013.
- 28.26 “Local veterans recall Gettysburg 50, 75 years after landmark battle” (Charles Luth, 82nd Illinois Infantry and George Peterson, 4th Ohio Cavalry), June 30, 2013.
- 28.27 “Death takes Bloomington opera diva at age 27” (Marie von Elsner a.k.a. Marie Litta, 1856-1883), July 7, 2013.
- 28.28 “Inventor never got rewards of pencil business” (Charles R. Keeran, 1883-1948, and the Eversharp mechanical pencil), July 14, 2013.
- 28.29 “LeRoy, Congerville sites of CCC camps” (Great Depression / New Deal Civilian Conservation Corps), July 21, 2013.
- 28.30 “Late 19th century salesmen ‘drummed up’ business” (traveling salesmen and *The Daily Leader* column “Among the Drummers”), July 28, 2013.
- 28.31 “Traveling clairvoyants claimed to possess miraculous powers” (visits to Bloomington in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries), August 4, 2013.
- 28.32 “Great Race of 1968 one-of-a-kind event” (Musicland owner Michael Iseberg’s promotional stunt, August 23-24, 1968), August 11, 2013.
- 28.33 “Danvers’ tavern reminder of Great Depression bank failure” (Farmers State Bank of Danvers, established 1911), August 18, 2013.
- 28.34 “German vineyards turned area into ‘wein’ country” (19th century’s Herman Schroeder and William Schmidt), August 25, 2013.
- 28.35 “Bloomington’s Labor Day parade dates to 1800s,” September 1, 2013.
- 28.36 “Normal once center for commercial tomato, corn canning” (Thomas Champion, Bloomington Canning Co., Isadore Lutz, and the Rich Canning Co.), September 8, 2013.
- 28.37 “Stevenson’s values carried forward in lecture series” (Adlai E. Stevenson Lecture Series, 1966 to present), September 15, 2013.
- 28.38 “Eyer never met an event he couldn’t organize” (Lloyd E. Eyer, 1885-1951, organizers of some 60 Bloomington parades), September 22, 2013.
- 28.39 “Bloomington was once the ‘capital of the aerial kingdom’ (Fred, Howard and Harry Green as the “La Van Brothers” and “The Flying La Vans”), September 29, 2013.

- 28.40 “War memorial drinking fountain flows once more” (American War Mothers memorial on the east side of the Museum Square, dedicated October 19, 1948), October 6, 2013.
- 28.41 “Charlie Kirkpatrick source of Oct. 17 mystery” (Charles S. Kirkpatrick and the “mystery” of the October 17, 1896 football game between Bloomington High School and Illinois State Normal University), October 13, 2013.
- 28.42 “‘Magnetic player board’ once World Series tradition” (used by The Pantagraph in the 1920s and 1930s), October 20, 2013.
- 28.43 “Nobel Prize winner in physics from Bloomington (Clinton J. Davisson, 1881-1958; received Nobel in 1937), October 27, 2013.
- 28.44 “Eleanor Roosevelt visited here in 1937” (November 9-10; talk before the Business and Professional Women’s Club and tour of the Illinois Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Children’s School), November 3, 2013.
- 28.45 “First telephone calls in Bloomington made in 1877” (December 1877 visit by W.A. Stent of Bell Telephone Co. and Western Electric Co.), November 10, 2013.
- 28.46 “Notable local connections to Gettysburg Address” (150 th anniversary of speech, Ward Hill Lamon and Leonard Swett), November 17, 2013.
- 28.47 “Bloomington’s Jones claimed to be ‘magnetic healer’” (William D. Jones and the National School of Magnetic Healing), November 24, 2013.
- 28.48 “Biasi’s Drug Store enjoyed longtime downtown presence” (Edward C. Biasi, John L. “Jack Ingold, and store, 1922-1997), December 1, 2013.
- 28.49 “Spirits high for Depression-era Christmas” (December 1936 in Bloomington-Normal), December 8, 2013.
- 28.50 “Christmas of 1878 featured ‘coasting carnival’” (sledding), December 15, 2013.
- 28.51 “‘Prairie Bird’ fire company held Christmastime balls” (Bloomington’s first volunteer fire company and fundraising dinner dances, 1854 to late 1860s), December 22, 2013.
- 28.52 “Bloomington welcomed Frederick Douglass” (visits by the abolitionist, author, editor, social reformer and statesman in 1859, 1866, 1868 and 1873), December 29, 2013.

**Folder 29: 2014 “Page from Our Past” Columns**

- 29.1 “Runaway horses often left path of destruction,” January 5, 2014. Plus Sep 2020 email regarding correction about Allen H Dillon.
- 29.2 “19th century oyster craze overtakes Bloomington” (oyster saloons of the 1850s), January 12, 2014.
- 29.3 “Bank weathered anti-German hysteria, Great Depression” (German-American State Bank, later American State Bank, 1902-1980s), January 19, 2014.
- 29.4 “‘Sunday Eye’ a lively, illustrated take on the news” (Bloomington weekly, 1878-1899), January 26, 2014.
- 29.5 “Tin can xylophone fascinated audiences for decades” (Julia LeBeau, 1903-1994, and her homemade xylophone), February 2, 2014.
- 29.6 “Joe Johnson, self-appointed courthouse ‘traffic director’” (Joseph J. Johnson, 1890-1976), February 9, 2014.

- 29.7 ““Four-legged firemen’ once indispensable to Bloomington department” (Bloomington Fire Department), February 16, 2014.
- 29.8 ““Old Hoss’ Radbourn embodied baseball’s coarser past” (Hall of Fame inductee Charles Radbourn, 1854-1897), February 23, 2014.
- 29.9 “Post Office mural dates to Great Depression” (Albert Pels’ 1938 mural “Development of the State Normal School” in the Normal Post Office), March 9, 2014.
- 29.10 “Merna once a center of Irish Catholic life” (unincorporated hamlet in Towanda Township), March 16, 2014.
- 29.11 “Quaker Elizabeth Coale unafraid to speak out” (Elizabeth Edwards Coale, 1826-1926, of the Benjaminville area), March 23, 2014.
- 29.12 “Controversy marked opening of street railway” (establishment in 1867 of the Bloomington and Normal Horse Railway Co., and the debate over the use of steam “dummies” in Bloomington), March 30, 2014.
- 29.13 “German paper under suspicion during WWI” (German-language Bloomington Journal and publisher John B. Gummerman forced to print in English. April 1918), April 6, 2014.
- 29.14 “Once rundown, Normal Theater now a gem” (grand opening, November 19, 1937, and subsequent history), April 13, 2014.
- 29.15 “Easter meant fancy hats for the most fashionable” (Seibel Bros. and other Bloomington milliners), April 20, 2014.
- 29.16 “National Guard called up during Korean War” (Col. Richard T. Dunn and the Bloomington-based Guard unit, 144th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion), April 27, 2014.
- 29.17 “Building has served McLean for nearly a century” (Mount Hope Township Hall, dedicated December 1, 1917), May 4, 2014.
- 29.18 “Strawberry season once succulent start to spring” (strawberry festivals, 1850s and 1860s), May 11, 2014.
- 29.19 “Fears of ‘lost manhood’ led to quack cures” (male virility patent medicines and quack treatments), May 18, 2014.
- 29.20 “King Rex ruled short-lived ‘masqued’ carnival” (“Mardi-Carnivals” of 1897 and 1898), May 25, 2014.
- 29.21 “Prohibition’s end marked ‘wet’ period for ‘dry’ Normal” (Normal’s prohibition history ending with pro-wet advisory referendum of February 26, 1973), June 1, 2014.
- 29.22 “Zoo’s iconic Katthoefer Animal Building a century old” (opened in March 1914 at Miller Park Zoo), June 8, 2014.
- 29.23 “O’Neil’s ‘showground’ entertained on west side” (private tract, including pavilion, south of city-owned O’Neil Park, 1920s to early 1970s), June 15, 2014.
- 29.24 “Tornadoes, violent thunderstorms old threat in Central Illinois,” June 22, 2014.
- 29.25 “Bloomington celebrated centennial with spirit of 1876” (U.S. Centennial, July 4, 1876), June 29, 2014.



- 29.26 “Actor Edwin Booth graced Bloomington stage” (Shakespearian actor’s three visits to Durley Hall: 1873, 1888, and 1890), July 6, 2014.
- 29.27 “Penney’s said goodbye to downtown in ’66” (JC Penney’s downtown Bloomington tenure in the Braley-Field Building, 1937-1966, southwest corner of Center and Jefferson streets, west side of the Courthouse Square), July 13, 2014.
- 29.28 “Bloomington witness to Eastland ship disaster” (July 24, 1915, disaster and the loss of 840-plus passengers; witnessed by McLean County Circuit Clerk John G. Allen; article includes other local connections), July 20, 2014.
- 29.29 “Native American pageants once a tradition” (Boy Scout Indian pageants at Corn Belt Council’s Camp Heffernan, Lake Bloomington, early 1930s to 1957), July 27, 2014.
- 29.30 “Bloomington’s love affair with ice cream goes way back,” August 3, 2014.
- 29.31 “Bloomington inescapably linked to race riot” (Springfield Race Riot of August 14-15, 1908), August 10, 2014.
- 29.32 “Every week was ‘Baby Week’ during boom,” (National Baby Week, April 25-May 1, 1954 and the baby boom generation), August 17, 2014.
- 29.33 “More to Hazle’s legacy than Ewing Manor” (Hazle Buck Ewing, d. 1969, as a community philanthropist), August 24, 2014.
- 29.34 “Widespread industrial unrest was the talk of Labor Day 1920” (September 6, 1920 speech by William Z. Foster, labor organizer and future Communist Party leader at Lake Park), August 31, 2014.
- 29.35 “German community held 1868 ‘tournament’” (May 25-26, 1868 Turner festival; Gen. John McNulta featured speaker on second day), September 7, 2014.
- 29.36 “Last Bloomington Civil War vet died in 1940” (Benajah Brigham of Company C, 33rd Infantry, died August 5, 1940), September 14, 2014.
- 29.37 “Academy welcomed 19th century stage greats’ (Frederick Niergarth’s Academy of Music, 1868-1871, near the corner of Main and Market streets, downtown Bloomington), September 21, 2014.
- 29.38 “Gridley’s obscured in local legend and lore” (Asahel and Mary Gridley and 20th anniversary of the Evergreen Cemetery Walk), September 28, 2014.
- 29.39 “Ex-Pantagraph publisher covered Korean War” (Davis Merwin, 1900-1973; publisher 1925-1935), October 5, 2014.
- 29.40 “Roller skating all the rage in 19th century” (mid-1870s to mid-1880s, Phoenix Hall, Elisha W. Tillotson & Henry C. Fell, and others), October 12, 2014.
- REPEAT of January 4, 2009, article on the Swedish coal mining neighborhood of Stevensonville, October 19, 2014.*
- 29.41 “19th century Halloween all tricks, no treats” (tradition of unhinging fence gates, plugging chimneys, etc.), October 26, 2014.

- 29.42 “Morris Tick an early adopter of recycling” (Jewish immigrant Morris Tick and Morris Tick Co. Inc., 1892-2013), November 2, 2014.
- 29.43 “Vets enjoyed bonuses during Depression” (June 15, 1936 distribution of World War I veteran “bonus baby bonds”), November 9, 2014.  
*REPEAT of November 21, 2010, article on Abraham Lincoln’s last visit to Bloomington on November 21, 1860, October 19, 2014.*
- 29.44 “Moraines unmistakable vestige of last ice” (the Wisconsin glacial episode and the Bloomington moraine), November 23, 2014.
- 29.45 “Goodfellows’ spreading cheer since 1920s” (Pantagraph Christmas charity Goodfellow Fund, 1927 to present), November 30, 2014.
- 29.46 “‘Stag night’ brought men downtown for Christmas shopping” (Bloomington Retail Bureau’s annual men’s holiday season shopping night, late 1950s, early 1960s), December 8, 2014.
- 29.47 “Christmas traditions gain foothold before Civil War” (Christmas in the 1850s and the influence on the local German community in popularizing the holiday), December 14, 2014.
- 29.48 “Christmas a special time at children’s home” (1941 holiday season at the Illinois Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Children’s School), December 21, 2014.
- 29.49 “War’s end aided New Year’s Eve celebration” (events on or around December 31, 1945), December 28, 2014.

**Folder 30: 2015 “Page from Our Past” Columns**

- 30.1 “Lake Bloomington tower an aviation relic” (revolving beacon tower, 1939/1940-1950, located at southwest corner of lake), January 4, 2015.
- 30.2 “Humane society fought for animals, kids” (local humane society in 19th century Bloomington), January 11, 2015.
- 30.3 “Lexington earned county tourney title in ’50” (McLean County Basketball Tournament, 1911 to present), January 18, 2015.
- 30.4 “Reported quakes date back to pioneers” (earthquakes in local history, including September 26, 1891, October 31, 1895, and May 26, 1909 tremblers), January 25, 2015.
- 30.5 “West Washington once a commercial hub” (1000 block featuring the Schloeffel building, Hoagland’s Oil of Gladness factory, West Side Clothing, etc.), February 1, 2015.
- 30.6 “Lincoln’s practice handled divorce cases” (Beard v Beard, Mary Jane Blue and Martin Beard, early 1850s divorce case), February 8, 2015.
- 30.7 “Warehouse district once commercial hub” (area south of downtown, 1890s to present; reference to spate of recent tear downs, including the two-building Harber Bros. complex), February 15, 2015.
- 30.8 “Ewing/Esquire a forgotten movie theater” (movie house at 108 N. Madison St., 1939-1957), February 22, 2015.
- 30.9 “In 1899, women’s hats caused a flap” (proposed 1899 Bloomington ordinance requiring women to remove hats in theaters), March 1, 2015.

- 30.10 “War correspondent a witness to history” (Chicago newspaperman Richard Henry Little, 1869-1946; born in LeRoy, raised in Bloomington), March 8, 2015.
- 30.11 “Digging uncovers story of third jail” (findings of the summer 2014 archeological dig by Fever River Research of Springfield on the 1849-1857 county jail, located on the northwest corner of the old courthouse/Museum square), March 15, 2015.
- 30.12 “Kidnappings marked Depression era” (Harley Green, kidnapped May 19, 1937, and others), March 22, 2015.
- REPEAT of May 2, 2010 article on the great hose epizootic of 1872, March 29, 2015.*
- 30.13 “Lincoln’s lecture earned tepid reviews” (“Discoveries and Inventions” lecture, delivered April 6, 1858 at Centre Hall; scheduled April 8, 1859 for Phoenix Hall, cancelled due to poor attendance), April 5, 2015.
- 30.14 “Anger, tears followed Lincoln’s death” (150th anniversary of assassination; indignation meeting), April 12, 2015.
- 30.15 “Abraham Lincoln linked to Route 66” (opening of “Cruisin’ with Lincoln on 66” exhibit, April 25), April 19, 2015.
- 30.16 “Chenoa once boasted commercial airport” (World War II veterans Howard R. and Harry E. Pick and Chenoa airport, two-and-a-half miles southwest of Chenoa, opened 1947), April 26, 2015.
- 30.17 “Lusitania sinking claimed life of local” (May 7, 1915 sinking, and the death of Hudson native Elbert Hubbard), May 3, 2015.
- 30.18 “B-N ballpark launched Hall of Famer” (South Center Street baseball park, 1997-1892, and Clark Griffith”), May 10, 2015.
- 30.19 “Lightning a menace to man and beast” (lightning strikes, including death of Bloomington attorney William H. Hanna, August 5, 1870), May 17, 2015.
- 30.20 ““Bleeding Kansas’ rallying cry at event” (May 29, 1856 Anti-Nebraska convention in Bloomington), May 24, 2015.
- 30.21 “Hedgerows once lined C. Illinois field” (the “bulldozing” of Osage orange, 1940s and 1950s), May 31, 2015.
- 30.22 “Fernwood Fells local ‘Garden of Eden’” (George J. “Jake” Smith’s 43-acre “resort” in Lexington Township), June 7, 2015.
- 30.23 “Movies doomed local opera house” (Chatterton Opera House, 100 Block E. Market St., opened April 7, 1910; later became the Illini Theatre), June 14, 2015.
- 30.24 “Peoples Bank building downtown landmark since 1911” (Arthur L. Pillsbury designed bank and office building at the southwest corner of Main and Washington streets), June 21, 2015.
- 30.25 “Towanda teen a yellow fever martyr” (Mattie Stephenson, 18 or 19 years old, DOD October 18, 1873, during epidemic in Memphis, TN), June 28, 2015.

- 30.26 “70-year-old factory opened as radio maker” (Colonial Radio, 1946-1947, 903 E. Morrissey Dr., Bloomington, plant later home to Admiral Corp. and Wildwood Industries), July 5, 2015.
- 30.27 “Staged ‘womanless weddings’ drew crowds (all-male comic plays and skits, 1910s-1960s), July 12, 2005.
- 30.28 “Miller Park has history of drowning” (including six-year-old Phyllis Hogan, at the “colored” beach, August 16, 1948), July 19, 2015.
- 30.29 “Odd Fellows thrived in fraternal era” (Independent Order of Odd Fellows, mostly Remembrance Lodge No. 77), July 26, 2015.
- 30.30 “Bloomington stop on Freedom Train” (July 14, 1948, one-day stop by the American Heritage Foundation’s train exhibiting 120-plus documents celebrating American history), August 2, 2015.
- 30.31 “Wood St. once spot for German-Americans” (South or “Dutch” Hill and German-born architect Paul O. Moratz), August 9, 2015.
- 30.32 “Popular program stopped in B-N” (WLS-AM National Barn Dance appearances in McLean County, including Nov. 29, 1930, at the Bloomington Coliseum; Oct. 20, 1936, at the Majestic Theatre, etc.), August 16, 2015.
- 30.33 “Fair celebrated bounty of countryside” (Rock Creek Fair, Danvers Township, 1874-1922), August 23, 2015.
- 30.34 “Pitcher Jack Powell, big league workhorse” (Bloomington-born, 1874-1944, most associated with the St. Louis Browns), August 30, 2015.
- 30.35 “Dial telephones sparked protest in B-N” (Wabash Telephone Co.’s conversion, 1943-1947, to dial service and the loss of switchboard operator jobs), September 6, 2015.
- 30.36 “Normal’s Tomato Festival was a juicy affair” (1948 to 1952), September 12, 2015.
- 30.37 “Van Leer chime tower nears 75th” (dedication of the Bird Colladay Van Leer Memorial Chime Tower at Broadview Mansion, Normal, September 29, 1940), September 20, 2015.
- 30.38 “Pioneer physician blazed trail in B-N” (Marie Louise DePew Crothers, 1833-1920), September 27, 2015.
- 30.39 “Union Depot gateway to wider world” (west side rail passenger station, 1913-1990; razed in 1997), October 4, 2015.
- 30.40 “ISU residence halls were modernist gems (Hamilton-Whitten and Atkin Colby complex, 1960-1962), October 11, 2015.
- 30.41 “Hobo parade a homecoming highlight” (Illinois State Normal University’s homecoming parade, 1923-1941), October 18, 2015.
- 30.42 “Squirrels long part of local landscape,” October 25, 2015.
- REPEAT of December 6, 2009 article (though enlarged by 250 words) on the J. Thornton Snell house on the 1200 block of N. Main St. razed in 1937, November 1, 2015.*
- 30.43 “Rhythm Rollers skated to local fame” (vaudeville-like roller skating dance team, most active c. 1937-mid 1940s), November 8, 2015.

- 30.44 “‘Free love’ advocate excited Bloomington” (suffragist, spiritualist, and reformer Victoria Woodhull’s visits to Bloomington, 1874, 1875, and 1877), November 15, 2015.
- 30.45 “Thanksgiving met with wartime sacrifices” (Nov. 26, 1942, the first Thanksgiving of World War II), November 22, 2015.
- 30.46 “Union POWs met for post-war reunions” (Illinois Association of Union Ex-Prisoners of War, 1879-1910s; references to Dr. Jehu Little, Lewis Ijams, Ivory Pike, and others), November 29, 2015.
- 30.47 “It was a white Christmas 100 years ago” (holiday season and Christmas Day, December 25, 1915), December 6, 2015.
- 30.48 “Theater once part of Christmas tradition” (nineteenth century theater, historical dramas to minstrel shows, on Christmas Day), December 13, 2015.
- 30.49 “German community popularized custom” (Christmas trees, 1850s-1890s, and Germans, including Herman Schroeder), December 20, 2015.
- 30.50 “In Bloomington, 1965 exited with a yawn” (New Year’s Eve 1965), December 27, 2015.

**Folder 31: 2016 “Page from Our Past” Columns**

- 31.1 “Illinois River travel breached divide,” version of August 1, 2010 article (revised and enlarged by 250 words) on pre-railroad transportation and the Illinois River “port” of Pekin, January 3, 2016.
- 31.2 “Labor leader product of west side rails” (Patrick H. Morrissey, 1862-1916, grand master of the Brother of Railroad Trainmen), January 10, 2016.
- 31.3 “Antebellum group opposed immigration,” (Know Nothing movement), January 17, 2016.
- 31.4 “Livingston’s bid Bloomington adieu in ’79 (department store on south side of courthouse square closes January 29, 1979), January 24, 2016.
- 31.5 “Doctor faced segregated Twin Cities” (Eugene G. Covington, 1872-1929, who practiced medicine locally from 1900/1901 to his death in 1929), January 31, 2016.
- 31.6 “Notorious silent film drew local protests” (local debut of D.W. Griffith’s “A Birth of a Nation,” at the Chatterton Opera House in Bloomington, January 27-29, 1916), February 7, 2016.
- 31.7 “Stage lines once cross-crossed prairies,” version of March 15, 2008 article (revised and enlarged by 250 words) on stagecoach era, February 14, 2016.
- 31.8 “Shopper flocked to ‘Dollar Day’” (biennial downtown Bloomington sales promotion, 1911-1970s), February 21, 2016.
- 31.9 “ISNU grad killed in Civil War’s aftermath” (Henry H. Pope, also a 33rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment veteran, killed serving as sheriff of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, during Reconstruction), February 28, 2016.

- 31.10 "Community kept C&A Shops in Bloomington" (1910 fund drive for 1911-1914 expansion of Shops), February 6, 2016.
- 31.11 "Dance marathons once talk of town" (late 1920s and 1930s marathon dances and walkathons), February 13, 2016.
- 31.12 "'Indian' medicine shows once popular" (C.M. Pinnell's Ke-wa-na Indian Medicine Co. and others, 1880s-1920s), February 20, 2016.
- 31.13 "Wild West legend 'born in Illinois,'" version of August 2, 2009 article (revised and enlarged by 250 words) on Bloomington-born Gordon William "Pawnee Bill" Lillie, March 27, 2016.
- 31.14 "Band was pride of local orphans' home" (Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's School "Home Band," 1897-98 to early 1960s), April 3, 2016.
- 31.15 "Famed actress Modjeska wowed locals" (Shakespearean actress Madame Helena Modjeska, 1840-1909; performances in Bloomington, 1885, 1887, 1890, and others), April 10, 2016.
- 31.16 "Hog cholera ravaged countryside in 1913" (local veterinarian Dr. Alfred G. Alverson and anti-hog serum); April 17, 2016.
- 31.17 "Rural areas dependent on small schools" (Cornell School, Arrowsmith Township, early 1860s to 1947), April 24, 2016.
- 31.18 "McLean County played its part in war" (Co. B, 4th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Mexican-American War, 1846-1848), May 1, 2016.
- 31.19 "New Deal architect visited B-N in 1935" (U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Frances Perkins' October 16, 1935 lecture, "Labor and the Modern State," at Illinois State Normal University), May 8, 2016.
- 31.20 "Stevenson faced anti-UN mob in 1963" (October 24, 1963, United Nations Day in Dallas. Texas, and Bloomington), May 15, 2016.
- 31.21 "Race central to Lincoln-Douglas debates" (conceptions of race and racial equality in Stephen A. Douglas' July 16, 1858, and Lincoln's September 4, 1858, speeches, both in Bloomington), May 22, 2016.
- 31.22 "South side firehouse built after Great Fire" (Bloomington Fire Department Engine House No. 4, 914 S. Main St., opened March 1903), May 29, 2016.
- 31.23 "Duke Ellington big draw in Twin Cities" (Ellington's nine identified visits to wider area, 1931-1972), June 5, 2016,
- 31.24 "Central Illinois once 'emporium' of malaria," version of June 22, 2008 article (revised and enlarged by 250 words), June 12, 2016.
- 31.25 "Women saw few legal protections in cases of rape" (nineteenth century courts and sexual assault, including statutory rape), June 19, 2016.
- 31.26 "Theaters early users of air conditioning" (Irvin installed air conditioning in July 1934; Normal opened in 1937 with air conditioning; and Castle, June 1938), June 26, 2016.
- 31.27 "Celebrity life of 'Baby' Bliss mired in tragedy" (Leonard H. Bliss, 1865-1912, Bloomington's celebrated "fat man"), July 3, 2016.
- 31.28 "Organ sparked conflict in Heyworth church" (Heyworth Christian

- Church, 1891 organ dispute between traditionalists and modernizers), July 10, 2016.
- 31.29 “Rediscovery of ‘Lost Speech’ debunked” (Henry C. Whitney’s version of the Lost Speech, published in McClure’s Magazine, 1896), July 17, 2016.
- 31.30 “WW I homefront featured relief efforts” (Belgian-French relief, lead by Dottie Read, Edith Davis, and other local women), July 24, 2016.
- 31.31 “Solar superstorm awed locals in 1859” (geomagnetic solar storms of August 28 and September 1-2, 1859, and the aurora borealis visible in Central Illinois), July 31, 2016.
- 31.32 “Meadowbrook symbol of postwar housing boom” (176-lot 1955-1956 subdivision southeast of Lakeside Country Club), August 7, 2016.
- 31.33 “Great Epizootic of 1872 ravaged horses,” version of May 2, 2010 article (revised and enlarged by 200-plus words), August 14, 2016.
- 31.34 “Kelso Sanitarium promised to cure all,” version of June 1, 2008 article (revised and enlarged by 250 words), August 21, 2016.
- 31.35 “Painter wowed, swindled Chicago’s high society” (unconventional corn painter Alfred Montgomery and a scandal in 1900), August 28, 2016.
- 31.36 “Notorious train robber nabbed in 1916” (outlaw James O. Storey), September 5, 2016.
- 31.37 “‘Old settlers’ group last met in 1916” (Old Settlers Association of Eastern McLean County, final two reunion picnics, 1915 and 1916), September 11, 2016.
- 31.38 “100 Bushel Club pushed yields in 1950s” (McLean County Farm Adviser Floyd Mosbacher’s McLean County 100 Bushel Corn Club, 1950s), September 18, 2016.
- 31.39 “‘Angel of the West Side’ met daycare needs” (Day Nursery and Social Settlement Association and Jane “Jennie” Thompson), September 25, 2016.
- 31.40 “Monument men set local history in stone” (Hamer J. Higgins and Jacob Jung, Sr., of H.J. Higgins & Co. / Higgins, Jung, Kleinau Co., Bloomington’s longtime cemetery monument business leaders), October 2, 2016.
- 31.41 “Confederate veterans settled here after war” (Confederates, some 25 known, buried in McLean County, including Luther Penick Chaudoin, 1842-1896, laid to rest in Heyworth Cemetery), October 9, 2016.
- 31.42 “Reporter captured interurban era’s twilight”(Pantagrapher Wilma Tolley’s Oct. 1, 1950 feature on an Illinois Terminal Railroad roundtrip from Bloomington to East Peoria), October 16, 2016.
- 31.43 “Dual church membership headache for Stevenson” (Adlai E. Stevenson II’s dual membership, beginning in 1955, in the Unitarian and Presbyterian churches), October 23, 2016.
- 31.44 “Bloomington celebrated Lincoln’s 1860 election,” October 30, 2016.
- 31.45 “End of horse era spurs revolution in barn design (barns and machine

- sheds of the 1940s), November 6, 2016.
- 31.46 “Pantagraph reporter turns sci-fi writer” (Jerry Sohl, who served as a Pantagraph feature writer from 1946 to 1958), November 13, 2016.
- 31.47 “Thanksgiving 1936 warmed Depression-era hearts” (Bloomington “Community Thanksgiving” observance and other events), November 20, 2016.
- 31.48 “Lexington center of wartime hemp cultivation” (Lexington’s World War II hemp mill and the area’s industrial hemp farmers, 1943-1945; hemp needed for rope and cordage), November 27, 2016.
- 31.49 “Christmas spirit untouched by Great Fire” (December 1900, six months after the June 19, 1900 Great Bloomington Fire), December 4, 2016.
- 31.50 “Oxen original prairie workhorses” (pioneer-era prairie breaking), December 11, 2016.
- 31.51 “Passenger pigeon once common here” (local stories on now-extinct bird), December 18, 2016.
- 31.52 “Christmas dinner a tradition at jail” (McLean County Jail, 1900-1945), December 25, 2016.

**Folder 32: 2017 “Page from Our Past” Columns**

- 32.1 “New Year’s Day 1866 marks return to normalcy” (first New Year’s after end of Civil War), January 1, 2017.
- 32.2 “Bloomington’s Fifer Bohrer first state senator” (Florence Fifer Bohrer assumes senate seat, January 7, 1925), January 8, 2017.
- 32.3 “VP-elect Stevenson prominent at 1893 inauguration” (March 4, 1893 inauguration of President Grover Cleveland—Adlai E. Stevenson I served as Cleveland’s vice president), January 15, 2017.
- 32.4 “Tiny Cropsey county champs in 1938” (McLean County Basketball Tournament), January 22, 2017.
- “First ‘long-distance talks’ made in 1877” (first telephone trials in Bloomington, December 1877), January 29, 2017 (revised and enlarged version of November 10, 2013 column).*
- 32.5 “WWI freighter ‘Evergreen City’ named for Bloomington’ (dedication, March 20, 1920, of Liberty Loan ship, christened by Margaret Fenton, librarian, Chicago & Alton Library), February 5, 2017.
- 32.6 “Winter hog drives a grueling endeavor” (pre-railroad and hog drives and “cattle king” Isaac Funk), February 12, 2017.
- 32.7 “Campaign to aid Britain comes to town” (joint appearance, December 5, 1940, by two favorite sons, Adlai E. Stevenson and foreign correspondent Edgar Ansel Mowrer, for a Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies forum at the Majestic Theater), February 19, 2017.
- 32.8 “Water-pumping windmills forerunner to wind turbines,” February 26, 2017.

*“Honeybees sweetened 19th century life in Central Illinois,” March 6, 2017 (revised and enlarged version of May 20, 2012 column).*



- 32.9 “Eddy Building among lost downtown landmarks” (office building, corner of Main and Market streets, 1894-1900), March 12, 2017.
- 32.10 “Drain tile indispensable to ‘Great Corn Belt’” (local drain tile manufacturers, 1875-1910), March 19, 2017.
- 32.11 “Clara Brian champion of farm families” (McLean County Home Bureau adviser, 1918-1945), March 26, 2017.
- 32.12 “‘American Passion Play’ first staged in the 1920s” (Delmar D. Darrah and the first two years, 1923 and 1924, of the Passion Play), April 2, 2017.
- 32.13 “4 Burger brothers served in World War I” (Lloyd, Claude, Ollie, and Dewey Burger of Mclean; Dewey killed in action, namesake, along with Ernest Benedict, of the Burger-Benedict American Legion Post 573 in McLean). April 9, 2017.
- 32.14 “McLean County’s first corn farmers also mound builders” (Noble-Wieting site north of Heyworth, circa AD 1200 Mississippian village), April 16, 2017.
- 32.15 “County jail too often destination for troubled souls” (McLean County jail and the mentally ill), April 23, 2017.
- 32.16 “‘Black Devils; earned fame in WW I” (African-American 8th Regiment, Illinois National Guard / 370th Infantry Regiment), April 30, 2017.
- 32.17 “Glove tells story of ‘Butch’ Henline” (catcher’s mitt, donated to the Museum by Bill LaBounty, Museum volunteer and member, in 2004; big leaguer Henline played for the Bloomington Bloomers in 1919), May 7, 2017.
- “Standpipe once towered over Twin Cities” (200-foot tall Bloomington standpipe, 1876-1912), May 14, 2017 (revised and enlarged version of October 16, 2011 column).*
- 32.18 “Emancipation Day once black community’s July 4” (nineteenth-century First of August / Emancipation Day celebrations), May 21, 2017.
- “Airship pays visit to downtown Bloomington in 1910” (September 1910 appearance of George E. Yager’s “The Comet”), May 28, 2017 (revised and enlarged version of September 13, 2009 column).*
- 32.19 “Davis Lodge longtime Lake Bloomington landmark” (erected in 1932; rebuilt in 2001-2002), June 4, 2017.
- 32.20 “Bloomers had some success against big league clubs” (Three-I League Bloomington Bloomers and spring training, in-season exhibition games against Major League teams), June 11, 2017.
- 32.21 “Irvin Theater Bloomington’s movie palace” (200 block East Jefferson Street, 1915-1982; razed in 1987), June 18, 2017.
- 32.22 “Bloomington home to world champion singing mouse” (“Mickey” / “Mikey,” 1937 national and international radio competitions), June 25, 2017.
- 32.23 “Independence Day 1917 marked by war, labor unrest” (World War I and the streetcar strike involving Mary Harris “Mother” Jones), July 2, 2017.
- 32.24 “‘Normal Loop’ brought growth north of university campus” (Bloomington-Normal streetcar route, 1902-1931), July 9, 2017.
- “‘Old Dobbin’ put out to pasture in 1946” (end of horse-pulled milk wagons on Bloomington streets), July 17, 2017 (revised and enlarged version of October 17, 2010 column).*

- 32.25 “Abolitionists faced rage, mob violence” (Congregationalist minister Levi Spencer in Bloomington, 1844-1848), July 23, 2017.
- 32.26 “Mickey Mouse movie club of late ’50s doubled as sitter service” (weekly summertime series of cartoons, serials, and feature-length movies at the Irvin and Normal theaters, 1956-1959), July 30, 2017.
- 32.27 “Marbles popular with young, old alike in 19th century” (includes two accounts of Abraham Lincoln playing marbles), August 6, 2017.
- 32.28 “A journey from tenant to wealthy farmer” (Walter Meers, farm manager for G.J. Mecherele and wealthy farmer in his own right, killed in an auto accident in 1950), August 13, 2017.
- 32.29 “B-N witness to 1869 total solar eclipse” (August 7, 1869 total eclipse, the first and only total solar eclipse visible in Illinois since statehood in 1818, until the August 21, 2017 eclipse visible in Southern Illinois), August 20, 2017.
- 32.30 “Back to school 1946 meant return to normalcy” (Bloomington Public Schools, one-room schools, and the two universities), August 27, 2017.
- 32.31 “Barns fast disappearing from countryside” (barn preservation efforts and the Barn Keepers annual barn tour), September 3, 2017.
- 32.32 “Beloved ‘Rags’ rode the rails to local fame” (Illinois Traction System and streetcar canine “mascot,” circa 1907-1912), September 10, 2017.  
*“Bloomington airport born of FDR’s New Deal” (October 28, 1924 dedication of Bloomington Municipal Airport, now CIRA), September 17, 2017 (revised and enlarged version of October 24, 2011 column).*
- 32.33 “Julia Vrooman brought jazz to WWI doughboys” (Julia Scott Vrooman, 1876-1981), September 24, 2017.
- 32.34 “Local nurses played vital role in WWI” (Carolyn Schertz Geneva and others), October 1, 2017.  
*“Brown’s delivered white-collar education” (Brown’s Business College, 1890s to early 1940s), October 8, 2017 (revised and enlarged version of November 29, 2008 column).*
- 32.35 “ParkLands Foundation vision of Loring Merwin” (establishment of private land trust in 1967), October 15, 2017.
- 32.36 “ISNU welcomed veterans after WWII” (Veterans’ Guidance and Counseling center and veterans’ high school, both 1945-1947), October 22, 2017.  
*“1800s Halloween all tricks, no treats” (practice of unhinging gates, plugging chimneys, tooting horns, etc.), October 29, 2017 (revised and enlarged version of October 26, 2014 column).*
- 32.37 “Weston Cemetery Prairie window to lost world” (Yates Township prairie remnant; 3.83 acres of pre-settlement total of 670,000 acres), November 5, 2017.
- 32.38 “Professor Powell leads local group to Pikes Peak summit” (John Wesley Powell and the 1867 Illinois Natural Historical Society museum collecting trip, two years before the famed Colorado River expedition), November 12, 2017.

- 32.39 “Settlers waged war of extinction against wolves” (pioneer recollections of wolf killing), November 19, 2017.  
*“Few found fame, fortune in Gold Rush” (area residents participating in the late 1800s Klondike Gold Rush), November 26, 2017 (revised and enlarged version of September 14, 2008 column).*
- 32.40 “‘Trolley Days’ raised funds for needy” (local all-day fundraisers on the local streetcar system, 1890s to 1911), December 3, 2017.
- 32.41 “Blind Bellflower man scaled academic heights” (Charles Albert Innis, 1880-1947, graduated of the University of Illinois), December 10, 2017.  
*“Downtown ‘dressed in holiday style’” (Christmas 1955), December 17, 2017 (revised and enlarged version of December 19, 2009 column).*
- 32.42 “War’s end makes Christmas ’45 extra special” (Christmas 1945 and the end of World War II), December 24, 2017.
- 32.43 “Buffaloes battled for respect on hardwood court” (African-American independent basketball team mostly active in the first half of the 1920s), December 31, 2017.

### **Folder 33: 2018 “Page from Our Past” Columns**

- 33.1 “‘Aviatrix’ Amelia Earhart twice visitor to Twin Cities” (*Earhart visits, 1931 and 1936*), January 7, 2018 (*revised and enlarged version of April 8, 2012 column*).
- 33.2 Revised: “Stipp house was Bloomington’s oldest” (*James Allin’s “dogtrot” cabin / Dr. George W. Stipp house, approximately 1830-1904*), January 14, 2018 (*revised and enlarged version of March 28, 2010 column*).
- 33.3 “‘New’ Bloomington High opened in 1959” (A. Richard Williams-designed International style high school), January 21, 2018.
- 33.4 “Fearsome ‘Sudden Change’ threatened pioneer life and limb” (December 20, 1836 weather event), January 28, 2018.
- 33.5 “Wintertime ‘coasting carnivals’ drew large crowds” (nineteenth century sledding; the Madison Street “slide” in downtown Bloomington and other popular spots), February 4, 2018.
- 33.6 Revised: “Turner Hall a lost monument to German pride” (*Turnverein hall on the 300 block of South Main Street, dedicated in 1883; torn down in 1969*), February 11, 2018 (*revised and enlarged version of a July 12, 2009 column*).
- 33.7 “Professor June Rose Colby lived ‘life of the mind’” (Illinois State Normal University professor who taught grammar, composition, and literature, 1892-early 1930s), February 18, 2018.
- 33.8 “Village Inn once popular downtown eatery” (basement restaurant at 401 N. Main St., downtown Bloomington, operated for two decades by Melton “Cotton” and Mildred “Millie” McNabney), February 25, 2018.

- 33.9 “Snowstorm brought Twin Cities to standstill in ’39” (Jan. 30, 1939, blizzard with 12 inches of snow), March 3, 2018.
- 33.10 “Silos sentinels of Corn belt since late 19th century” (silos—wood, brick, tile, and cement—and silage), March 11, 2018.
- 33.11 “Local minister became well-known columnist” (Frank Crane, who served as minister of First Methodist Episcopal, 1890-1892, later became syndicated columnist known for his “Four Minute Essays”), March 18, 2018.
- 33.12 Revised: *“Spring meant Easter parade for fashionable set” (milliners, 1880s to 1910s, including Seibel Bros.), March 25, 2018 (revised and enlarged version of a April 20, 2014 column).*
- 33.13 “Bill Conroy big leaguer during wartime” (Bloomington-born, 1915-1997, baseball catcher who played for the Boston Red Sox for three seasons during World War II), April 1, 2018.
- 33.14 “Jefferson Cafeteria symbolized bustling downtown” (cafeteria on the east side of the Courthouse Square, 1933-1969), April 8, 2018.
- 33.15 Revised: *“‘Prefab’ homes prized in postwar years,” April 15, 2018 (revised and enlarged version of September 7, 2008 column).*
- 33.16 “Evergreen Lake groundbreaking 50 years ago” (dedication ceremony, April 27, 1968, and history of City of Bloomington’s second lake), April 22, 2018.
- 33.17 “Colonial Theatre once Colfax mainstay” (opened 1917, closed early 1970s), April 29, 2018.
- 33.18 “Evidence of mastodons unearthed in Central Illinois” (Pleistocene fossil remains discovered in area, including the John Howes gravel pit one and a half miles northwest of Downs along Kickapoo Creek), May 6, 2018.
- 33.19 “Railroaders’ library once west-side hub” (Chicago & Alton Railroad Library Association, with a library building on Catherine Street, 1879-1926), May 13, 2018.
- 33.20 Revised: *“Short-lived performance hall once city’s finest,” May 20, 2018 (revised and enlarged version of September 21, 2014 column).*
- 33.21 Revised: *“Fallen sons repatriated after World War II,” May 27, 2018 (revised and enlarged version of November 9, 2008 column).*
- 33.22 Revised: *“Vaudeville’s end spells doom for Majestic Theatre,” June 3, 2018 (revised and enlarged version of June 8, 2008 column).*
- 33.23 “WWI Gen. Harbord received hero’s welcome in 1919” (James G. Harbord, Gen. John Pershing’s chief of staff, born on a farm in southern Bloomington Township, March 21, 1866), June 10, 2018.
- 33.24 “Circus train wreck takes life of local aerialist” (Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus train wreck, June 22, 1918, and the death of Jennie ward of the Flying Wards), June 17, 2018.
- 33.25 “Downtown ‘window artists’ showcased elegant fashions” (department and clothing store window dressers, 1910s and 1920s), June 24, 2018.

- 33.26 “Miller Park once home to miniature steam locomotive” (Wagner & Son working 12-inch gauge locomotive, originally owned and operated by George W. Overmyer, 1944 to late 1960s), July 1, 2018.
- 33.27 Revised: “*Depression-era art show one for the ages*” (Loring Merwin and the Central Illinois Art Exposition, March-April 1939), July 8, 2018 (revised and enlarged version of March 21, 1010 column).
- 33.28 Revised: “*Bloomington lawyer led fight against anti-Semitism*” (Sigmund Livingston, 1872-1946, and the founding of the Anti-Defamation League in 1913), July 15, 2018 (revised and enlarged version of July 11, 2010 column).
- 33.29 “It was ‘dog eat dog’ in the 19th century” (public treatment of, and Bloomington ordinances relating to, dogs, 1850s and 1860s), July 22, 2018.
- 33.30 Revised: “*Normal’s past dealt blow with razing of Fell House*” (1980 demolition of Fell’s 1856-57 “Greenwood” house), July 29, 2018, (revised and enlarged version of May 6, 2012 column).
- 33.31 Revised: “*Kent State shootings sparked month of campus unrest*” (April 1970 protests at Illinois State University and President Samuel Braden’s success in keeping the campus open); August 6, 2018 (revised an enlarged version of May 11, 2008 column).
- 33.32 Revised: “*Million-dollar cartoonist got start in B-N*” (Robert Sidney “Sid” Smith and “The Gumps”); August 12, 2018 (revised and enlarged version of June 14, 2009 column).
- 33.33 “Scibirdbird brothers early Bloomington photographers” (John S. and Joseph H. Scibird and Civil War-era photography), August 19, 2018.
- 33.34 “Northwestern president born in rural McLean County” (Walter Dill Scott, 1869-1955, born in Blue Mound Township; attended one-room Fletcher School; Northwestern president, 1920-1939), August 26, 2018.
- 33.35 “Black farm family prominent in Bellflower Township (Jesse Robert Ward and family, and U.S. Vice President Charles Fairbanks), September 2, 2018.
- 33.36 Revised: “*Tractor show of 1916 harbinger of ‘power farming’ era*” (National Tractor Manufacturers Association traveling tractor show, in Bloomington, late August 1916), September 9, 2018 (revised and enlarged version of August 16, 2009 column).
- 33.37 “Pullman Strike left Twin Cities at standstill” (“tie-up” at the Chicago & Alton Railroad yards and Union Depot, early July 1894), September 16, 2018.
- 33.38 “Sanders Clark witness to century of injustices, triumphs” (African-American woman, Lue Anna Brown Sanders Clark, 1892-1992), September 23, 2018.
- 33.39 Revised: “*Stevenson campaigned at Miller Park on July 4, 1956*” (Democratic presidential candidate Adlai E. Stevenson II), September 30, 2018 (revised and enlarged version of June 29, 2008 column).

- 33.40 “Redbirds, Titans gridiron rivalry continued through war years” (Illinois State Normal vs. Illinois Wesleyan football games, 1942-1944), October 7, 2018.
- 33.41 Revised: *“Bloomington-born Frederic Goudy titan of typeface” (famed type designer, 1865-1947), October 14, 2018 (revised and enlarged version of August 5, 2012 column).*
- 33.42 Revised: *“Railroad shops center of deadly 1920 typhoid outbreak” (Chicago & Alton Railroad Shops and the deaths of 24 shopmen), October 21, 2018 (revised and enlarged version of May 10, 2009 column).*
- 33.43 “‘Welby and Pearl’ a minstel act with local roots” (Jacob Welby Bucher and Charles Carroll Fell—the latter a son of Kersey Fell), October 28, 2018.
- 33.44 Revised: *“‘My Store’ was the Walmart of its day” (locally owned downtown Bloomington department store, early 1890s to 1931), November 4, 2018 (revised and enlarged version of February 26, 2013 column).*
- 33.45 “Memorial tablet honors ‘Great War’ dead” (Arthur F. Moratz-designed World War I tablet fabricated by Evansville, IN artist George Honig, erected in 1921 and now displayed at the Museum), November 11, 2018.
- 33.46 “Profound gratitude, relief marked Thanksgiving 1918” (end of World War I; influenza pandemic), November 18, 2018.
- 33.47 “Ellen Ferguson a 19<sup>th</sup> century suffragist, polygamist” (lived in Bloomington-Normal in the 1870s; later converted to Mormonism); November 25, 2018.
- 33.48 Revised: *“Intrepid Pantagrapher paid visit to Santa’s North Pole” (the journey to “Snow Hut Village,” as told in a series of dispatches, late November through December 22), December 2, 2018 (revised and enlarged version of December 18, 2011 column).*
- 33.49 “Local ministers traveled south for 1964 voter drive” (Rev. Ernest Norquist of First Presbyterian, Bloomington, Rev. Leo Sneed of Mt. Pisgah Baptist, and others in Hattiesburg, MS, during the prelude to Freedom Summer), December 11, 2018.
- 33.50 “Indoor baseball once popular winter pastime” (indoor version of what would become 16-inch softball; Twin City teams and leagues, 1890s to 1920s), December 16, 2018.
- 33.51 “Holidays bring turbulent year of ’68 to a close” (Christmas 1968), December 24, 2018.
- 33.52 Revised: *“New Year’s once eclipsed Christmas as favorite holiday” (lost tradition of New Year’s Day calling, 1850s to 1880s), December 30, 2018 (revised and enlarged version of December 26, 2010 column).*

#### **Folder 34: 2019-2020 “Page from Our Past” Columns**

- 34.1 “Scrappy Ironmen earned state berth in ’42” (1941-42 Normal Community High School boys’ basketball “sweet sixteen” appearance at the state finals in Champaign), January 6, 2019.
- 34.2 “‘I-house’ early Corn belt architectural style” (reference to the Silas Hubbard, Hudson, and Matthew T. Scott, Chenoa, homes), January 13, 2019.
- 34.3 “Reagan’s conservatism forged during time with GE” (Ronald Reagan, host of “General Electric Theater,” and GE “traveling ambassador,” 1954-1962, and October 1955 visit to the GE plant in Bloomington), January 20, 2019.
- 34.4 “‘Dr. Mrs. Keck’ battled male-dominated medical field” (Davenport, Iowa-based “eclectic” physician and patent medicine entrepreneur who had a “branch office” in Bloomington), January 27, 2019.
- 34.5 “TV’s early years included short-lived B-N station” (WBLN channel 15, 1953-1958), February 3, 2019.
- 34.6 “Bloomington schools integrated decade after Civil War” (1872 integration of Fifth Ward, No. 5, School, and the 1874 closure of the “Colored School”), February 10, 2019.
- 34.7 “Museum’s Lincoln letter window into legal career” (November 1, 1859 letter from Lincoln to Kersey Fell regarding settlement of a court judgment, purchased on behalf of the Museum by the Merwin Foundation), February 17, 2019.
- 34.8 “Pre-Civil War Butler House survived into 1920s” (hotel / boarding house at corner of Madison and Front streets, 1850s to early 1920s), February 24, 2019.
- 34.9 “Cliff Carroll a 19th century baseball standout” (Samuel Clifford Carroll, 1859-1923, Bloomington-raised big leaguer; Providence Grays teammate of Charles “Old Hoss” Radbourn), March 3, 2019.
- 34.10 “Cousin Emmy had deep ties to Bloomington” (country music artist Cynthia May Carter, 1903-1980, born in Kentucky but spent late 1910s and 1920s in Bloomington), March 10, 2019.
- 34.11 “Region final resting place for once-enslaved persons” (including Anna Jackson, DOD February 7, 1881, and Civil War veteran Isaac Esque, DOD August 25, 1920), March 17, 2019.
- 34.12 “Champion boxer had home in Bloomington” (Harry Forbes, bantamweight world champion, 1901-1903), March 24, 2019.
- 34.13 “Spring once meant return of prairie flowers,” March 31, 2019.
- 34.14 “‘Spanish craze’ influenced area architecture” (Spanish Revival architecture of the 1920s and the “Spanish bungalow” display on the seventh floor of Ensenberger’s furniture store), April 7, 2019.
- 34.15 “‘Pop’ Horton organized campus circus fraternity” (Clifford E. Horton and Illinois State University’s Gamma Phi Circus), April 14, 2019.
- 34.16 “Women’s Improvement League made mark on Normal” (Normal Women’s Improvement League, 1907-2007, & their role in municipal garbage pickup and Fell Park recreation programs), April 21, 2019.

- 34.17 “ISU held racially segregated spring dances” (African-American prom, 1930 through World War II), April 28, 2019.
- 34.18 “West-side Subway Club earned notoriety in late ’50s” (Louis DiBattista’s “set-up” club, 900 block West Chestnut Street, 1956-1963), May 5, 2019.
- 34.19 “Buck Mann Park a hidden west-side gem” (Stevensonville park, established 1928-1929, named for Seventh Ward Alderman William “Buck” Mann), May 12, 2019.
- 34.20 “Arrowsmith once home to small hospital” (L.M. Johnson Hospital, 1921 to 1940s), May 19, 2019.
- 34.21 “Teays River once coursed through C. Illinois” (ancient river that crossed southwestern McLean County at McLean; Mahomet Aquifer), May 26, 2019.
- 34.22 “Normal’s Dillon found baseball success in LA” (Frank “Pop” Dillon, big leaguer and then first baseman and manager for the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast League, early 20th century), June 2, 2019.
- 34.23 “Twin Cities once hosted own Chautauqua” (“Midway Park,” Houghton Lake, and IWU, early 1890s into late 1920s), June 9, 2019.
- 34.24 “Long-gone monument dedicated 150 years ago” (Franklin Park monument to McLean County’s 700-plus Civil War dead, dedicated June 17, 1869, razed December 1914), June 16, 2019.
- 34.25 “Local tractor company never gained traction” (Bloomington-based Illinois Tractor Co., late 1910s to early 1920s, makers of the ‘Illinois Super-Drive’ tractor”), June 23, 2019.
- 34.26 “Project to mark firefighter graves a lesson” (Memorial Day tradition of placing flags at the gravesites of Bloomington and Normal firefighters, including those who died in the line of duty), June 30, 2019.
- 34.27 *Revised: “Lightning a menace, past and present,” July 7, 2019 (originally appeared May 17, 2015).*
- 34.28 “Eastland Mall transformed Twin Cities” (official opening of enclosed shopping center, February 16, 1967), July 14, 2019.
- 34.29 “Sector’s Minnie Vautrin, ‘Goddess of Mercy’” (Christian missionary and educator to China; witness to the Nanjing Massacre, 1937-1938), July 21, 2019.
- 34.30 “Adam Bogardus a world champion wing shot” (national and world champion trap shooter, 1870s-1880s, from Elkhart, Logan County), July 28, 2019.
- 34.31 *Revised: “Taps for last Bloomington Civil War vet in 1940,” August 5, 2019 (originally appeared September 14, 2014).*
- 34.32 *Revised: “Bloomington inescapably linked to Springfield Race Riot,” August 11, 2019 (originally appeared August 10, 2014).*
- 34.33 *Revised: “Harvey Hogg early martyr to Union cause,” August 18, 2019 (originally appeared September 2, 2012).*
- 34.34 “Portable Elevator plant closed in 1987” (final years of Portable



- Elevator Manufacturing Co., 900 block East Grove Street), August 25, 2019.
- 34.35 “Women’s suffrage debate captivated Twin Cities” (ISNU professor Edwin C. Hewett and Susan B. Anthony), September 1, 2019.
- 34.36 *Revised: “Poor Farm home to society’s friendless and forlorn,” September 8, 2019 (originally appeared January 25, 2009).*
- 34.37 “Sojourner Truth spoke in Bloomington” (September 18, 1879 appearance at Second Presbyterian Church), September 15, 2019.
- 34.38 “Washington Home couple worked ‘through the heart’” (Louise and Napoleon Calimese and the McLean County Home for Colored Children / Booker T. Washington Home), September 22, 2019. 34.39 “Mandolin enjoyed ‘golden age’ (Bloomington Band leader Fred T. Ashton and Cropsey-born instrument designer Lloyd Loar), September 29, 2019.
- 34.39 “May Christian, forever her own woman” (Annie May Christian, 1866-1941, president of the Amateur Musical Club), October 6, 2019.
- 34.40 *Revised: “First brick street in U.S. myth endures,” October 13, 2019 (originally appeared September 30, 2012).*
- 34.41 “Halloween 1945 followed world war’s end,” October 20, 2019.
- 34.42 “Thrilling ’26 World Series captivated nation” (St. Louis vs. New York Yankees and Cardinals catcher Bob O’Farrell, later Bloomington Bloomers manager; and *The Pantagraph*’s electronic player board), October 27, 2019.
- 34.43 “Area’s deadliest cholera outbreak in 1855” (Bloomington and Waynesville; and Milo Custer’s research into area cholera mortality, published in 1930), November 4, 2019.
- 34.44 *Revised: “President Andrew Johnson gets ‘stern rebuke,’” November 10, 2019 (originally appeared September 9, 2012).*
- 34.45 *Revised: “Phoenix Hall site of Lincoln’s last speech in city,” November 17, 2019 (originally appeared April 11, 2010)*
- 34.46 “Last local Corn Bowl held in 1953” (Iowa Wesleyan College vs. Western Illinois State Teachers College, Nov. 26, 1953), November 24, 2019.
- 34.47 *Revised: “Cigar shop a place for talking (and naps),” December 1, 2019 (originally appeared November 28, 2010).*
- 34.48 “Dr. E.D. Churchill, savior to wounded GIs” (Chenoa-born and raised physician, 1895-1972, advocated use of whole blood in WW II), December 8, 2019.
- 34.49 *Revised: “First Civil War Christmas subdued affair,” December 15, 2019 (originally appeared December 25, 2011).*
- 34.50 *Revised: “Spirits high for Depression-era Christmas,” (1936 holiday season) December 22, 2019 (originally appeared December 8, 2013).*
- 34.51 “New Year’s Eve 1919 meant hope for better times,” December 29, 2019.
- 34.52 “Moraine View park opened in 1959,” January 5, 2020.
- 34.53 “After 13 years, the history column becomes history, January 12, 2020. Bill’s farewell column to A Page From Our Past.
- 34.54 *“Tin can xylophone fascinated audiences for decades,” January 19, 2020*

- (originally appeared February 2, 2014).*
- 34.55 “Joe Johnson, self-appointed courthouse ‘traffic director,’ January 26, 2020  
*(originally appeared February 9, 2014).*

**Folder 35: 2020-21 “A Piece from Our Past” Columns**

- 35.1 “Moraine View park opened in 1959,” January 5, 2020.
- 35.2 “History column becomes history,” January 12, 2020.  
*(End of regular weekly run of the column Bill pens occasional column thereafter.)*
- 35.3 “Brandtville restaurant a longtime icon,” February 2, 2020.
- 35.4 “Funeral bill a look at B-N’s rich past,” February 9, 2020.
- 35.5 “1918 flu brought Twin Cities to standstill,” March 15, 2020.
- 35.6 “Baby Fold donation spotlights architect,” April 5, 2020.
- 35.7 “Each donation a window into the past,” May 2, 2020.
- 35.8 “East Bay Camp a place to enjoy nature,” June 21, 2020.
- 35.9 “Items illuminate Earlhart’s 1936 visit,” July 19, 2020.
- 35.10 “Bloomers photo features big leaguers,” October 18, 2020.
- 35.11 “Public gathered for Christmas singing,” December 13, 2020.
- 35.12 “Old postcard tells many tales,” January 10, 2021.