

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Emmett-Scharf Electric Co. Collection**

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## Brief History

Emmett – Scharf Electric Co. opened for business on April 20, 1922 with Fred Emmett as the electrical manager and Ed Scharf the bookkeeper. They ran a successful business at 317 N. Center Street, Bloomington, IL and were partners until Emmett's death in 1939. In 1963 Ed Scharf sold the business to their foreman electrician, Pierce George Johnston. George Johnston and his wife Ruth ran the business until his death in 1972. His sons, George Jr. and Richard, took over the business and operate it today (2018).

## Scope

The collection includes a copy of the original partnership agreement, various business cards, electrical certification tags, business brochures and advertisements, correspondence, invoices, bills, canceled checks and an agreement with State Farm.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: General

- 1.1 Photocopy of Partnership Agreement, April 18, 1922, between T. E. Emmett and Ed Scharf
- 1.2 Emmett – Scharf Electric Co. business brochure, undated.

### Folder 2: Business Cards

- 2.1 Ed. Scharf, Emmett – Scharf Electric Co.
- 2.2 P.G. Johnston, manager, Emmett – Scharf Electric Co.
- 2.3 Richard L Johnston, manager, Emmett – Scharf Electric Co.
- 2.4 Lew Baldwin, Electrical Contractor
- 2.5 R. N. Jenkins, Painting Contractor, Interior and Exterior
- 2.6 Jack Williams, Lander VanGundy Agency Insurance-Bonds
- 2.7 George A. Long, Long's General Building Maintenance
- 2.8 Mrs. Tellis A. Harper, Cateress
- 2.9 WM. Schlotter, Bloomington-Normal Adequate Wiring Bureau
- 2.10 Dr. William C. Tinervin Dentist

### Folder 3: Electrical Certification Tags and Advertisement

- 3.1 Electrical Certification Tags issued by the City of Bloomington (3)
- 3.2 Advertisement, Maurice O Kalahar, Electrical Contractor

### Folder 4: Correspondence

- 4.1 January 29, 1930 from Belle Plumb Lee regarding rent check lost
- 4.2 February 1, 1930 to Belle Plumb Lee sending new rent check
- 4.3 February 15, 1930 from Belle Plumb Lee regarding stop payment on rent check
- 4.4 February 19, 1930 to Belle Plumb Lee regarding rent check
- 4.5 February 24, 1930 from Belle Plumb Lee regarding found rent check
- 4.6 July 26, 1930 from Belle Plumb Lee returning lost rent check

- 4.7 September 12, 1930 from Thor E Wetzler Co
- 4.8 November 7, 1930 from H. B. Knapp
- 4.9 December 15, 1930 from Chas. E. Hall, General Contractor
- 4.10 March 20, 1931 from Square D. Company
- 4.11 August 13, 1937 to Mr. Dan Tracy, International President, International Brotherhood Electrical workers
- 4.12 August 18, 1937 from Mr. Dan Tracy, International President, International Brotherhood Electrical Workers
- 4.13 August 8, 1938 to homemakers regarding a new electric dry shaver
- 4.14 August 25, 1944 to Midwest [illegible] Co. of Milwaukee.
- 4.15 September, 3, 1947 to Riverside Box Co.
- 4.16 June 9, 1955 from Mr. F. L. Washburn
- 4.17 June 10, 1955 from Earl J. Judd, Secretary Judd Electrical Service Co.
- 4.18 September 12, 1955 to Lawson Crystal, Inc
- 4.19 February 13, 1956 from Henry W. Capen, Capen Insurance Agency
- 4.20 May 11, 1956 from John Felmley, Felmley – Dickerson Co.
- 4.21 June 25, 1956 to Master Electric Service Co.
- 4.22 October 28, 1957 from Adlai H. Rust, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company
- 4.23 December 3, 1957 from Henry W. Capen to Dr. Harold R. Martin, Second Presbyterian Church cc: to Emmett –Scharf Electric Co.
- 4.24 February 1, 1958 from John W. Kleinsteiber
- 4.25 February 5, 1958 to Tennessee Valley Associates Inc.
- 4.26 April 19, 1958 to Charles W. Cox
- 4.27 May 7, 1958 from Electrical Contractors Association of Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, Local 197
- 4.28 September 30, 1958 to Graybar Electric Co.
- 4.29 December 16, 1958 from Chas. E. Hall, Tilden Hall Hotels
- 4.30 Undated from Waldo Grandstaff
- 4.31 Undated from Gen. Lawton Camp No. 7, United Spanish War Veterans

**Folder 5: Invoices/Reciepts**

- 5.1 October 13, 1926 Bloomington Battery Service Co.
- 5.2 October 29, 1926 Bloomington Battery Service Co.
- 5.3 October 29, 1926 Bloomington Battery Service Co.
- 5.5 October 30, 1926 A. M. Augustine
- 5.4 October 30, 1926 Heyworth Electric Light & Power Co.
- 5.5 September 7, 1934 Mr. Lewis Baldwin
- 5.6 September 8, 1934 Mr. Lewis Baldwin
- 5.7 October 1, 1934 Mr. Lewis Baldwin
- 5.8 November 10, 1934
- 5.9 June 18, 1937 Lew Baldwin
- 5.10 April 21, 1937 L. Baldwin
- 5.11 July 19, 1936 Lew Baldwin
- 5.12 March 18, 1938 Lew Baldwin
- 5.13 [June 26, 1984?] Lew Baldwin

5.14 August-September 1934 receipts (7) from Sears, Roebuck and Co.

**Folder 6: Bills**

- 5.15 September 1, 1930 Mr. Bertha Powell
- 5.16 June 4, 1969 McLean Co. Electrical Contractors Association
- 5.17 August 29, 1969 Mr. Ed. Scharf
- 5.18 September 30, 1969 Ed Scharf Estate

**Folder 7: Canceled Checks**

- 7.1 May 2, 1922 Bloomington Printing Company
- 7.2 September 7, 1954 Pay Roll

**Folder 8: Permits and Contracts**

- 8.1 City of Bloomington Permit to Install Sign, Blatz Brewing Co. June 20, 1936
- 8.2 Contract with State Farm for Electrical work in the five-story addition to the Office Building of the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Bloomington, Illinois, May 19, 1934
- 8.3 Contract with State Farm and General Electric to purchase large electrical lamps, April 1, 1957

**Folder 9: Labor Tickets**

- 9.1 Hartsburg-Emden School, August 23, 1950—December 13, 1951
- 9.2 Heyworth School, November 18, 1950—November 15, 1951
- 9.3 Gailey Eye Clinic, December 29, 1950—August 15, 1951
- 9.4 Normal Elementary School, South and Washington, November 27, 1953—September 28, 1955
- 9.5 Stanford Grade School, October 27, 1953—October 11, 1954
- 9.6 Delevan High School, September 25, 1954—March 4, 1955
- 9.7 Danvers Elementary School, December 31, 1954—October 11, 1955
- 9.8 Normal Community High School, Interior Remodeling Job, June 28, 1954—November 15, 1954
- 9.9 Gibson City High School, Alteration Job, June 28, 1954—September 8, 1954
- 9.10 Chenoa Elementary School, June 25, 1955—December 28, 1955
- 9.11 Alpha Iota House, Illinois Wesleyan University, November 14, 1955—April 27, 1956
- 9.12 Illinois Reading Circle, March 25, 1956—May 15, 1956
- 9.13 Saybrook High School, August 29, 1957—April 15, 1959
- 9.14 Wesley Methodist Church, October 27, 1958—April 22, 1959
- 9.15 Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church, August 26, 1954—October 26, 1959
- 9.16 West Construction Company, Prairie Traveler Motel, June 4, 1959—December 1, 1959
- 9.17 West Construction Company, December 31, 1958—June 1, 1959
- 9.18 Prairie Travelers Motel, June 23, 1959
- 9.19 Marhoefer Packing Company, 410 S. East Street, June 10, 1959
- 9.20 Kays Drug, December 27, 1960—June 12, 1961
- 9.21 Admin?, February 1, 1960

- 9.22 National Bank of Bloomington, September 20, 1961—April 29, 1962
- 9.23 Cooksville Elementary School, October, 26, 1961—April 5, 1962
- 9.24 Forrest High School, August 1, 1961—February 23, 1962
- 9.25 Admin?, January 15, 1962
- 9.26 Admin?, January 22, 1962
- 9.27 Certificate of Payment, Forrest High School, August 1, 1961—September 16, 1961

**Folder 10: Customer Account Records**

- 10.1 Iveso, A.T., 305 N. Gridley
- 10.2 Reilly Electric Corp, N. Madison St.
- 10.3 Rush, Adlai H., 31 Country Club Place
- 10.4 Rush, Adlai H., 31 Country Club Place
- 10.5 Thompson, Ralph R. 112 E. Beecher

**Folder 11: Payroll Documents**

- 11.1 Pierce G. Johnston, December 18, 1961, Christmas Extra
- 11.2 Robert A. Nordine, December 18, 1961, Christmas Extra
- 11.3 Ori Shields, December 18, 1961, Christmas Extra
- 11.4 Jack G. Kidwell, December 18, 1961, Christmas Extra
- 11.5 Loyde Henry, December 18, 1961, Christmas Extra
- 11.6 Hugh G. Tromp, December 18, 1961, Christmas Extra
- 11.7 Terry Powell, December 18, 1961, Christmas Extra
- 11.8 Vanley F. Carby, December 18, 1961, Christmas Extra
- 11.9 Robert E. Troxel, December 18, 1961, Christmas Extra
- 11.10 Pierce Geo Johnston, December 14, 1962, Extra
- 11.12 Robert A. Nordine, December 14, 1962, Extra
- 11.13 Ori W. Shields, December 14, 1962, Extra
- 11.14 Loyde A. Henry, December 14, 1962, Extra
- 11.15 Hugh Gene Tromp, December 14, 1962, Extra
- 11.16 Terry Powell, December 14, 1962, Extra
- 11.17 Vanley F. Carby, December 14, 1962, Extra
- 11.18 E. Scharf, February 24, 1963
- 11.19 Pierce G. Johnston, February 24, 1963
- 11.20 Robert Andrew Nordine, February 24, 1963
- 11.21 Ori Shields, February 24, 1963
- 11.22 Loyde A. Henry, February 25, 1963
- 11.23 Huge G. Tromp, February 25, 1963
- 11.24 Terry Powell, February 25, 1963
- 11.25 Vanley Ferris Carby, February 25, 1963
- 11.26 Thomas Allen Blakney, February 25, 1963
- 11.27 Ronald Thomas Peterson, February 25, 1963
- 11.28 Ronald Dean Umbright, February 25, 1963
- 11.29 Clifford W. Dawson, February, 25, 1963
- 11.30 Bernie O. Blakney, February 25, 1963
- 11.31 Gerald Lee. Rukrup, February 25, 1963

- 11.32 George L. Lehman, February 25, 1963
- 11.33 William Larry Brewer, February, 25, 1963
- 11.34 Heinz W. Doering, February 25, 1963
- 11.35 John A. Slava, February 25, 1963
- 11.36 Payroll Log April 28, 1922

**Folder 12: Labor Documents**

- 12.1 Minutes McLean County Electrical Contractors Association Committee and Local 197 I.B.E.W. Committee May 24, 1960
- 12.2 Work Stoppage Report, June 13, 1957

**Folder 13: Miscellaneous**

- 13.1 Statement from Federal Insurance Company listing works to be completed January 26, 1957
- 13.2 Receipt of purchase Don Stone Ford Country, October 2, 1970
- 13.3 Information For Procedures for Rehabilitation Loan Fund with Bloomington Unlimited, Inc. 7 sheets in Blm Unlimited envelope. Undated.